

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)
Council Meeting **Minutes – January 17, 2017**
(Location: FBCH)

In attendance: John Churchill, Rick Manuel, David Allen, Roger Prentice and Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

Absent: John Tonks and Hugh Kirkegaard

Agenda:

1. **Called to Order** at 9:55 am, opened in prayer, by Roger (Prentice) who acted as Chair in absence of Chair, John Tonks.

2. Addendums to and Approval Agenda

Today's Agenda:

1. Organization charts prepared by David Allen
2. Fred Demaray re: Spring meeting in Ottawa
3. Strategic Plan
4. Members at Large

3. Approval of the Minutes of November 15, 2016

Lee moved the November 15, 2016 minutes be accepted as presented. **Second by David Allen. Carried.**

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Members at large

a. Lee advised she received an email from Marianne Thomas indicating that she was unable to commit to being a member-at-large because of duties required at home. She does however; want to assist where she can. (Emails in e-file on LNP's computer.) Lee needs to contact and have discussion with Jenny Csinos; before moving onto Ms. Harriet McCready.

Darcey Gillis' name may be added to this list of possible members-at-large, due to her current situation. (I.e. due to illness of her spouse she now attends church in Wolfville. Darcey may be transferring her membership to a Wolfville church. Need to wait and see her decision on transferring membership.)

Responsibilities of Member-At-Large:

1. attend meetings
2. accept planning for specific committee
3. participate in planning for Council events

When all positions are filled, with no overlap, we would have a Council of 15 made up of 5 Committees with 3 people on each committee.

ACTION: Lee to do as noted and advise John Churchill

b. David Allen advised he researched a number of teleconference resources. Some are n/c and some have charges associated with them. There are limitations as low as 3 users and as high as 10 users. Skype is free; call participants are added one-at-a-time and up to 10 participants in a

call. Skype was recommended by David. However, high speed internet is required and not everyone has access to this. **ACTION: David will check conference tools with the telecos.**

5. Correspondence

(a) Ed Colquhoun sent a report from his attendance at CCC's recent meeting. (**See Attachment #5**)

(b) John Boyd sent a proposal/recommendation (**See Attachment #3**) regarding costs for members to attend *The Gathering* meeting in Ottawa in the spring. The one concern about the proposal was the need for a legal perspective. John Churchill contacted a financial person during this meeting, who confirmed the proposal (from John Boyd) was doable. No decision was made at this time. This proposal requires more discussion. We need to consider how money could be distributed. **ACTION:** Will discuss at next meeting (February meeting).

6. Reports

a) Treasurer's Report

David Allen provided a Bank Summary (**see Attachment #1**) in advance of the meeting. David advised we received some of the HST rebated we applied for. Received \$71.51 reflected in today's report and \$1,200 not reflected in today's report. **David (Allen) moved** the report be accepted as presented. **Second by Lee Nicholas-Pattillo. Carried.**

No invoice from CCC for 2016; and Ed Colquhoun did not send his expense report for his attendance at CCC, as yet.

b) Financial/Budget Report

2016 was very good. (**See Attachment #2**) Everyone agreed and thanked David Allen for his good work. **David moved acceptance** of his report. **Seconded by John Churchill. NO ACTION.**

c) Membership

10 churches have membership in CABF plus 67 individual members.

ACTION: David will send reminder notice for membership to all at end of February.

d) The Bulletin

Roger advised the newest edition distributed. **NO ACTION.**

e) Credentials Committee

Meetings continue and work on process documents continue as well. **NO ACTION**

f) Website

John Churchill continues to keep our website up to date. Thank you John!

NO ACTION

g) Rushton Lecture

Date of lecture/luncheon - June 3, 2017 - See 'New Business' for idea on guest speaker.

h) Fall Assembly & AGM

January 15, 2017, Lee received the notes from Hugh (Kirkegaard) for the Fall Assembly of September 2016. Minutes need to be organized around these notes.

ACTION: Lee will do.

i) Constitution/By-laws

No report.

j) Partners' Reports:

- 1) **CCC** – David (Allen) read an email from Ed Colquhoun re his attendance at the recent meeting. See **Attachment #5**, we need to discuss.
- 2) **Peace Development** – No report.
- 3) **Alliance of Baptist** – No report.

7. New Business

Today's Agenda:

1. Rushton Lecture – June 3, 2017 - Confirmed the location is Port Williams church. John (Churchill) will advise Port Williams we have accepted their invitation. Roger will thank the chapel for holding this time for us.

Lee referred to the email Rick sent to everyone on November 16, 2016. Email suggested we consider Adam Snook, a Pastor in the Lutheran Church in Mahone Bay as our guest speaker. David (Allen) advised that Snook was a good speaker. **Moved** by Lee (Nicholas-Pattillo) that we advise Rick to contact Adam Snook and inquire about him being our guest speaker for the Rushton Lecture in June. **Seconded by John Churchill. Carried.**

ACTION: Lee will send email to Rick making request as noted.

2. Spring Assembly with *The Gathering*

As many as possible of us will attend '*The Gathering*' in Ottawa April 28 & 29, 2017. All agreed we should list questions we would like to discuss at a meeting we will request with '*The Gathering*'. Topics we considered we could address:

1. How are we (CABF) related: (a) CABF and *The Gathering* – two separate organizations; (b) CABF and *The Gathering* no longer exists (c) CABF and *The Gathering* join as one organization.
2. Share our existing structure as presented by David Allen's organization charts today. Ask about their structure.
3. Let's talk about plans for the future, between CABF and *The Gathering*.
4. Does *The Gathering* have church membership and individual membership? If 'no' are there plans to consider this? How will we 'organize memberships should we join CABF and *The Gathering* as one organization? (We realize this has not been addressed and we do not know if this will be the situation.) No matter how we join, how will membership be dealt with? If you are a member of one organization, are you a member in the other? How will/could decisions affect memberships in both organizations?
5. How can we communicate in the future? Skype? Regular meetings together? Share a website, and/or links to one another?
6. Will we share our documentation? Things like By-Laws, meeting minutes, etc.
7. Check out their partner organizations. We partner with Alliance, and CCC.
8. Will we consider appointing 'delegates' to future meetings together; and they do the same; or will this be necessary; or is the something else to consider?
9. What about participation from Brantford and Burlington churches? Have they been invited to the April meeting? If not, should they be formally invited?

ACTION: Lee will send email to Fred Demaray including request for meeting during *The Gathering* meeting in April, along with the above topics for discussion. Suggest that we would like to have the meeting at a time when their members are present.

3. College & Careers suggestion - (John Churchill)

John expressed concern about the loss of younger members within CABF. John suggests we consider a gathering for the 'college and careers' aged folks. The program could discuss life issues, following Baptists beliefs in the 21st century, plus whatever else we can consider. (Meeting was adjourning, therefore we need to revisit at February meeting.)

8. Information Items

Topics deferred to January meeting and not addressed at January meeting

1. **Proposal from John Boyd**
2. **College & Careers** (John Churchill) – revisit this because this wasn't discussed.
3. **Meeting with** – Brantford Church – should we have one before going to *The Gathering* in April?
4. **Strategic Plan** – deferred to January 2017 meeting.
5. **Pamphlet** – describing CABF + its goals and objectives + theological context + other information, is something we should consider preparing for distribution. (Deferred to January 2017 meeting.)
6. Discuss ***The Gathering*** meeting in the spring of 2017 (deferred to January 2017 meeting.)

9. Adjournment: approximately 12:50 pm.

Next meeting date: February 28, 2017 at 10:00 am

Location: Port Williams