

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms
Council Meeting **Minutes- September 20, 2016**
(Port Williams's church)

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

Absent: John Tonks

Agenda:

1. **Called to Order** opened in prayer by Roger Prentice.

2. **Addendums to and Approval Agenda**

Agenda Item:

1. Finalize plans for AGM.

3. **Minutes from previous meeting approved**

Approval of minutes of August 18, 2016, **moved by Lee** they be accepted as presented and **second by David Allen. Carried.**

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Will deal with as prepare for AGM.

5. **Correspondence**

Lee advised she will have the certificate prepared for Dan Gibson for his recognition and lifetime membership, ready for presentation at the AGM. A letter will accompany this.

David Allen prepared a letter that John Churchill sent to Milt MacLean at Burlington Baptist. At this time, there was no reply from Milt.

6. Reports

a) Treasurer's Report

- David Allen provided a Bank Summary (see Attachment #1) in advance of the meeting. This will be presented at the AGM. Membership will vote on this.
- Cheque will be issued to Gaspereau Press; once Roger advises the amount.
- David advised he would be working on requesting HST refund for the last 4 years.

b) Financial/Budget Report

David advised he will prepare a budget to be presented at the AGM.

David moved that the Financial Statement and the Budget for 2017 be presented to the membership at the AGM. **Second** by John Churchill. **Carried.**

c) Membership

In February an email is usually sent to the membership reminding everyone that membership is due. Annual membership dues often come in around AGM time.

- 62 members presently appear on the membership list (was 80 members in 2015)

d) The Bulletin

Roger advised the Fall edition is distributed. He continues to receive positive feedback for The Bulletin.

e) Credentials Committee

Roger advised the Committee continues to meet regularly. There are 2 people currently interested in speaking with the Committee: 1 is interested in ordination and 1 who is currently accredited by Convention and wants to speak with Roger.

f) Website

No report. **NO ACTION**

g) **Rushton Lecture**

We all need to start thinking about a topic and a guest speaker for June 2017.

h) **Fall Assembly & AGM**

Planning for the AGM was discussed in detail.

- After discussion it was agreed that for the 3 people participating in the panel discussion, each would be given a \$100 honorarium (the intent was to compensate for some mileage expense and a token of appreciation). Lee will prepare the thank you notes and David will issue the cheques. A 'thank you' note will be sent to Sr. Nuala Kenny.
- Lee is going to approach Sheila Stanley and Vicki Brown about joining the Council. Also, Jim Stanley will be approached – maybe a member at large.
- John Tonks to approach Harriett McCready about joining Council.
- Others suggested for members at large - Jeff Hosick, a CABF working Minister.
- We recalculated the cost to \$30 for both days or \$20 for one or either days.
- Notice of Motion has been on our website for the AGM, for 4 members at large:
 - Two (2) members for three years (2016, 2017 and 2018). Rick Manuel will be one of these members.
 - Another one (1) member, for two (2) years
 - One member for one year.

i) **Constitution/By-laws**

No report.

j) **Partners' Reports:**

1) **CCC** – no report.

2) **Peace Development** – no report.

3) **Alliance of Baptist** – Lee will be attending Fall Board meeting at the same time as CABF's AGM.

7. New Business

1) Rick advised that he is on the board for Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ). The focus of this board is poverty rights, refugees and climate control – all things that everyone agreed CABF could support.

9. Adjournment: Closed in prayer by Roger Prentice at 11:50 am.

Next meeting date: October 25, 2016 **Location:** Port Williams church.