

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)
Council Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2012

Attendees:

John Boyd	David Ogilvie	Kim Sweet
Cynthia Ogilvie	Roger Prentice	Dan Gibson
John Churchill	Lee Nicholas-Pattillo	

Regrets: Renee Clark, Jeff White, John Tonks

Agenda Items:

1. Review Rushton Lecture - June 2, 2012
2. Fall Session 2012
3. Update on incorporation
4. Update on marriage credential/recognition
5. Membership
6. Finances - Cynthia
7. Filing Systems for membership and for Credentialing applicants
8. Website

1. Review Rushton Lecture - June 2, 2012

Lee reported that folks from FBCH advised the luncheon was a 'big hit'; the presentation from Rex and Rita was great; John's (Boyd) tribute to Jud Levy was educational and informative; the food was great and everything was well organized.

Kim advised a gift was given to Rex and Rita that was totally Maritime oriented. The contents sounded like a delightful remembrance of the Maritimes! There is one invoice outstanding from the luncheon. Tim (MacFarlene) took the invoice. Roger advised that the cheque needs to be made payable to 'Acadia'. It was noted that Rex and Rita was a nice change of pace for the luncheon.

At Registration desk \$1,360 was taken in; 71 people attended; 68 people paid for their lunch - Tim (Acadia Chaplain) does not pay for his lunch at these luncheons; 14 memberships were paid; \$325 in donations was received; there were 10 'no shows' and 6 guests arrived who were not pre-registered. Roger sent out 240 personal invitations - each with the anniversary stamp of the Queen! Very good tracking!

Unfortunately Cam Yates (a prof at Carey Theol. College in Vancouver) was a 'no show'. He was missed.

Rex has some notes from his presentation that he can provide; and John Boyd has the poem read by Rex. John will have Rex send his notes to him (John) and John will

forward them onto John Churchill. Hopefully, John (Churchill) will get something that he can use for the website.

Discussion about preparing **one list** that contains **all the names of members**, with all the information associated with each member is required. This list should be able to be used for invitations via snail mail and email; also for financial asks, for our Bulletin distribution and anything else that may be needed.

Until such time we get a program/system that allows us to do all that is noted - Lee agreed to use the existing lists (from the various folks within the Council) and prepare one email list. Lee will also research possible programs that will allow the flexibility listed above.

Dan advised that Lee McKenna from Ontario wants our membership address list.

Thanks was expressed to all those who made the luncheon go so professionally and so smoothly! Many compliments were received about the luncheon!

Roger Prentice suggested that we might consider someone like Malcolm Evans from England as a guest speaker for next year. He is very reputable: he is principal of Bristol Law School; he is a member of Order of British Empire (OBE); and is a member of a UN committee who deals with religious persecution in the world - to name a few of his works. Perhaps we can work on developing a week-end commitment (a special lecture series) for Malcolm and his wife. His wife is a Baptist Minister - Rev. Dr. Alison Evans.

ACTION: Lee to research possible programs that will provide the flexibility noted; and Lee will manually prepare an email distribution list for current use.

Malcolm's name will be added to our existing list of potential guest speakers. (This list is in our April 2012 minutes.)

2. Fall Session 2012

Wolfville Baptist has indicated they will have our guest speaker - Brent Walker - preach on the Sunday of the week-end he is with CABF. One night at the Blomidon Inn will be paid for by Wolfville Baptist Church.

We expect Brent will arrive on Friday and rent a car. CABF will pay of 1 1/2 day car rental and pay for Bill's air travel.

Also, Mandy England-Cole from Alliance will attend the Fall Annual Meeting. She's coming from North Carolina. Mandy will preach at FBCH on Sunday following our Fall meeting.

Ladayne is coming from the Peace Fellowship. She will attend worship at Port Williams on Sunday and Sunday afternoon she will present a 3 hour workshop at Port Williams church.

CABF will pay one evening's accommodation for these three guests (i.e. Brent, Mandy and Ladayne).

More of the pamphlets prepared by John Boyd that announce the Fall Annual Meeting will need to be printed. Dan will take care of the printing requirements with our Printer. The additional pamphlets will be readied and distributed on the second Sunday in September.

Lee will use the manual distribution list that she prepares to send an electronic copy of this pamphlet to our membership.

ACTION as noted: Dan will deal with our Printer for copies of the pamphlet announcing our Fall Annual Meeting; Lee will prepare an email list to send the pamphlet to our membership.

3. Update on incorporation

There's been no contact from Gary (Nelson) since our application for our new name was filed.

ACTION: Lee will follow up with Gary.

4. New Credentialed Ministers; Update on marriage credential/recognition

Roger Prentice moved that Rev. Hugh Kirkeggard (Chaplain), Rev. Terry Tingley (Retired) and Rev. Bert Radford, (from Ontario and Retired) who have asked that CABF recognized their existing credentials, be so recognized.

Seconded by John Boyd. **Unanimously carried.**

Roger presented the most recent (dated June 20, 2012) version of the document being prepared by the Credentials Committee. (Attachment #1)

Roger explained:

- **Red** ink indicates most recent changes from the last distributed document
- **Green** ink indicates notes that require further discussion; and/or are reminders for the commit
- **This** document is still a 'work-in-progress'
- Expect to have the document completed for the Fall Annual Meeting so it can be added to the current By-Laws for the meeting and presented to the membership.
- Work is required on the Article regarding 'Special Circumstances'

Lee outlined the work done and remaining to be done regarding CABF's application with Vital Statistics.

June 4 - Lee meet with Krista Dewey at Vital Statistics to clarify a few questions.

June 8 - Lee filed application with Vital Statistics.

Lee will continue an active follow up with Ms. Dewey regarding this application.

Follow up is important. Several ministers on Council have upcoming marriages and do require their licence to marry.

ACTION: Roger and Credentials Committee continue work on the document

Lee will follow CABF's application with Vital Statistics.

5. Membership

14 new members joined CABF at the Rushton Lecture Luncheon on June 2, 2012.

Chester Baptist Church is on our existing membership list.

We are awaiting the request from Falmouth Baptist Church to join.

NO ACTION at this time.

6. Finances

Cynthia (Ogilvie) presented her report. (Attachment #2)

Cynthia has recommended that she take the 3 existing accounts (Operating, Grant and Rushton) and combine them into one account - to be named. All agreed this is a reasonable recommendation. Cynthia will continue to track the monies coming in, so she will know which account the money originated from.

Cynthia also indicated that there is an investment that is coming to an end in the near future. When it does, she will transfer that money to investments with The Foundation (i.e. the Baptist Foundation). The interest rate there is about 3%.

NO ACTION at this time.

7. Filing Systems for membership and for Credentialing applicants

It was **moved** by David Ogilvie and **seconded** by Roger Prentice, that Lee is authorized to purchase a filing system that will accommodate the tracking of our membership list (with the flexibility noted in Agenda Item #1 and our credentialed Ministers. **Carried.**

ACTION: Lee research programs for purposes note.

8. Website

John Churchill confirmed that he should have our new name added to our website.

John will get a domain name; and retain our existing domain.

John will have old email forwarded to our new address.

CCC has asked that we remain in their membership list as 'Atlantic Baptist Fellowship' for the time being. Also, they have translated our name into French for their purposes. In French we are translated as: "Alliance baptiste atlantique (ABA)".

ACTION: John Churchill to direct website work related to our new name.

Next Meeting Date: September 13, 2012 at Windsor Baptist Church

Submitted by CABF Secretary
Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

Chair, President Dan Gibson