

Atlantic Baptist Fellowship
Meeting – November 23, 2006

Attendees:

Rev. David Ogilvie – President
Jeffrey White – Vice-President
John Churchill – Webmaster
Rev. John Boyd – Atlantic Ecumenical Council (AEC) Rep
Keith Churchill – Friends Secretary
Lee Nicholas-Pattillo – Secretary

Absent:

Paul Burden – Treasurer
Andy Crowell – Past President

Motioned by John Churchill that we pay honorariums of \$200 for guests speakers. Seconded by Jeffrey White.

Motion Carried.

Action Items:

John Churchill will approach Roger Prentice to see if he is interested in accepting the position of Bulletin Editor.

Jeff White will check with Rodger Forsman to see if he has articles ‘reserved’ that could be used in the spring edition of the Bulletin.

3. Preparation for the spring Bulletin:

- John Boyd will prepare an article on sabbatical

- David will prepare ‘a message from the new President’

- Keith will:

1. prepare a profile on Anna Robins, the spring guest speaker (from Oxford, England)

2. check to see if Anna needs accommodations (or anything else) when she comes in the spring

- Jeff as noted in #2 above.

- John Churchill will:

1. contact Craig to ‘unlock’ the website

2. change the email address so that John himself will receive the emails from visitors who submit using our website.

Topics covered during this meeting:

ABF money

Vincent (Vin) Rushton Fund

Spring Event for 2007

Bulletin

WEBSITE

Discussion on possible future activities

Dates Established

David suggested the 3 things he wants to address during this meeting:
sub committee reports from those here in attendance
spring session
look at beyond the spring of 2007

Topics discussion Notes:

ABF money is in three areas:
Operating Budget: This is the money from 'Friends' and from the churches.
This money pays for: bulletins

Marion Grant Fund: the original grant was \$32K; the balance is \$40K

Investments are in the Atlantic Baptist Foundation

Main transactions are recorded in the Operating Budget.

Susan Snowden is doing the book keeping. She is a professional. Paul will do the accounting.

Vincent (Vin) Rushton Fund: was memorial money that came to ABF; the money was used to establish the Rushton luncheon. This luncheon was once identified as the 'Friends' luncheon. The luncheon was established as an opportunity to meet throughout the year to connect as 'friends'.

There were no stipulations as to how the funds from the Rushton Fund were to be used.
Presently, we are using just the interest from the fund. It sounds like the intent is that we do not use the original money from the fund.

LNP's Question: on what kind of situation (if any) would we look to using the original money?

Most donations now go to the 'Friends' fund now.
In 2005 we have had one event in the spring.
Rather than the Rushton luncheon and a spring session.
With the luncheon being the only event, we include the necessary educational opportunities (i.e. speaker).

3. Spring Event for 2007:

Speaker is Anna Robins – June 2, 2007

In the past, we have changed dates for the spring event; sometimes based on the availability of the speaker.

Anna will be here – to teach a course at Acadia; so we do not have to pay her airfare

Anna is from London School of Theology, Oxford University

Name of Luncheon:

Friends of Atlantic Baptist Fellowship (ABF) Luncheon –
Rushton Memorial Lecture

4. Bulletin:

Keith advised we received approximately \$1,900 from the letter he sent to 'Friends'. (this amount is from Sept. to now)

This is the best response from his letter thus far!

Most 'givers' are from those folks who presently receive our 'Bulletin'.

This is the 2nd time we did this type of 'ask'.

May be good to do this again!

Last year there were a few large donations.

Some discussion about how we could extend the 'ask' to people, other than just folks who receive our Bulletin. Example: colleagues, and students; students at Divinity and students @ Dal that Tim (McFarland works with). It was thought 'privacy' was an issue here.

New Bulletin Editor: Barb Bishop ?

Barb is not able to accept at this time

Next edition of the Bulletin is due for December.

We are unable to meet this edition.

We (as the Executive) will assist in putting together articles for a spring edition, in case we don't have an Editor.

We have omitted the summer edition of the Bulletin; we now have three (3) editions: March, September and December.

For the March edition, it was suggested that members of the Executive could prepare an article:

John Boyd will prepare an article on sabbatical

David will prepare 'a message from the new President'

Keith will prepare a profile on Anna Robins, the spring guest speaker (from Oxford, England)

Jeff will check with Rodger Forsman for possible articles he may have available that could be used for the spring bulletin.

LNP asked if our readers have been advised that we will be omitting the summer edition; and suggested that if they have not been advised, then perhaps we could make note of this in the next edition (the Spring edition).

5. WEBSITE:

John Churchill is our Webmaster

John has been trying to contact Craig to 'unlock' the website

John will give Craig a telephone call (a novel idea ☺)

Also, John Boyd noted that when emails are sent to the website, the email is going to Craig. This is a concern because Craig doesn't seem to be responding to these emails. John Churchill will get this changed.

If anyone wants something placed on the ABF website, send it to John Churchill:

john.churchill@acadiau.ca

John Boyd suggested that maybe next year, when Adam returns home, he will be able to assist. Adam is very good at website design and website additions and revisions! :)

6. Discussion on possible future activities:

We have 2 events a year maybe we could consider 1 event with a wider appeal? Maybe less academic?

Is there something we can add to our assembly?

Something for youth? (John C.) Something along the lines of 'What next when I finish school – what about my career? Look at the possible resources. (John C.)

Something for music? Offer a couple choices?

David shared his experience while in Saskatchewan(Sorry, I can't make out my notes here.)
How about some alternate ways of worship for youth; other than just considering different ways of using music. (Jeff)
Native groups (Keith)
Social justice (Keith)
Support for peace and justice (Keith)
Could we have a couple of workshops:
discussion group
workshop
do something like the 'Gathering' as described by John Boyd
clergy and lay people together
Everyone agreed that we need something that has enthusiasm!
Something pertinent!
Something that will catch attention of participants!
Something that Convention does not address, we can address!
Something that is a contribution to our life style.

7.Dates Set:

Next meeting date for this committee: Thursday, January 4, 2007 @ 11:00 am – Crossroads Restaurant
June 2, 2007 is the spring ABF Session
October 19 and 20th is the Fall Session