

Meeting Minutes for ABF - May 26, 2011

Attendees:

Roger Prentice
Dan Gibson
John Boyd
Jeff White
John Churchill
David Ogilvie
Kim Sweet
Renee Clark
Lee Nicholas-Pattillo
Paul Burden - Absent

Meeting called to order and opened in prayer by Jeff White.

Agenda agreed on:

1. Spring Rushton Luncheon - June 4, 2011
2. Bulletin Update
3. Constitution Update
4. Update on the fall meeting - 40th Anniversary

1. **Spring – Rushton Luncheon – June 4, 2011**

- 63 people have registered for the luncheon
- We will add an additional 10 attendees
- David said he would do a little more promotion of the luncheon at his church
- Kim presented the program agenda and the menu (well done!); a revision has to be made to the program to include the two (2) hymns that will be sung
- Kim confirmed the role and responsibility of all who are required to do something that day

2. **Bulletin Update**

Everyone agreed the first edition by our new editor was great! Thanks so much Dan!

Dan noted that he deliberately noted our (ABF) intention of accrediting clergy; he felt others needed to know our intentions; this may generate interest by others. Also, the Bulletin was sent to Convention.

About 1600 Bulletins were printed. Dan read aloud the names and the number of Bulletins sent to each. Some churches are receiving fairly large amounts – because they insert them in their Sunday service bulletins.

We may receive some returned mail – we will deal with it. It will help us clarify some of our members and their correct addresses. We do have to review our 'Friends' list. Dan passed the list to Roger who did some editing; and then onto John Boyd.

3. Update and discussion on constitution

David passed out the revision #5.

There was discussion around a number of the articles:

- a. Article 14 – should members have more than one vote; when they are attending a meeting where a vote is required and they are a member and an assigned delegate for their church, who is also a member. After much discussion, it was determined: each member would be allowed one vote only.
- b. Articles 54, 55, 56 and 57 regarding Accreditation of Clergy. David prepared a great introduction to these articles. David acknowledged and John (Boyd) pointed out much more detail is required. There are a number of things that the Accreditation Committee (when established) will need to do.
- c. b. Articles 54, 55, 56 and 57 – definitions will have to be established to define what we mean by things like 'ordination', 'accreditation' and other terms.

Some discussion about the covenant. The covenant states how we live, how we act...discussion included consideration about whether it is the covenant or the constitution that clergy need to adhere to...nothing settled here.

Further discussion happened regarding whether or not a complete draft of the constitution should be distributed at the luncheon meeting. It was stressed that we need to ensure folks clearly understand the document is a **draft**. Some folks were unsettled that we should pass out any kind of draft document. However, with plans on how to explain this to the members and ideas on how to ensure the draft document is clearly marked, we agreed to proceed and prepare to present a draft at the luncheon.

When we distribute the draft document, we need to ensure there is a contact name when comments, questions and concerns can be addressed.

ACTION: David will prepare draft documents for the luncheon.

John (Churchill) will provide the explanation to the members.

Constitution Committee will meet on June 13th to continue work.

4. Update on the fall meeting - 40th Anniversary

Lee shared the results of research into possible locations, costs and meals. The expense for a meal (for Friday evening) can go anywhere from \$37.70 down to \$25.00. The \$37.70 meal is at the Dal Faculty Club; whereas the \$25.00 meal is a caterer going to FBCH and cooking the meal there – or cooking it at his own location. The caterer is Andy Thomson (originally from Wolville); previously worked out west and then worked at Scanways; he now has his own catering service and has good testimonies from customers.

We will have to organize servers and arrange for coffee/tea. Lee will do this with members from FBCH.

It was suggested that maybe we could consider – Swiss Chalet – a cheaper and reasonable meal.

This was discouraged. The caterer is the way to go. Lee and Kim will start organizing this.

There is no set budget – the guidelines are to be 'good and also be reasonable'.

ACTION: Lee and Kim continue with plans.

Next meeting date: June 21, 10:00 am @ Lisa's Restaurant (this location to be confirmed by Renee).