

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)
Council Minutes for meeting – April 29, 2014

Attendees:

Roger Prentice	David G. Allen	John Tonks
Cynthia Ogilvie	John Boyd	John Churchill
David Ogilvie	Kim Sweet	Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

Agenda

1. Rushton Luncheon Lecture – June 7, 2014
2. Fall Annual General Meeting at Chester - October 3 & 4, 2014
3. The Bulletin
4. Credentials Update
5. Financial Update
6. Report on Presbyterian agreement (John Tonks)
7. SUMAC Update (David Allen)

1. Rushton Luncheon Lecture – June 7, 2014

Kim informed Council that we can register for this at any time.

She and Roger will meet with Tim at Acadia in the near future to finalize the menu.

The honorarium for Dr. Pamela Mosher will be \$250 (established at the May 2009 meeting).

There was discussion regarding travel costs.

Motion: John Churchill moved that a flat rate of \$100 be set for travel expense for speakers for CABF Rushton Luncheon Lecture. **Seconded** by Cynthia Ogilvie; **Carried unanimously.**

Discussion at Council indicated that a policy should be set for travel expense. Lee will check for a possible policy model.

Notification for the luncheon is on the website and in the Bulletin.

Confirmed the following for the June 7th, Rushton Luncheon:

- **Bob Rushton** will play for the service in the chapel (Roger is working on the hymns now)
- **John Churchill** will direct the folks downstairs for lunch

- **Jeff White** will give the welcome downstairs at the lunch
- **John Tonks** will give the welcome and President's remarks (downstairs); John will include a 'notice of motion' – regarding the increase to \$20 for membership; and that membership fee is non-receipt able
- **Grace** will be said by Rev. Tim McFarland
- **John Boyd** will do the introduction for our guest speaker (Dr. Pamela Mosher)
- **Jim Stanley** from FBCH will give the thank you (and a gift) to our guest speaker (Lee Nicholas-Pattillo is the alternate here)
- **Pat Townsend** (this was confirmed by John Churchill) will present the Pioneer Story of Dorothy Lovesy
- **Dr. Carol Anne Janzen** will do the benediction
- **Programs** will be at each place setting
- **Fall Assembly** notice will be noted in the program

David (Allen) advised he now has 100 email addresses for our members. Some members also have telephone numbers. However, there are approximately 200 names on the mailing list for the Bulletin. This is quite a gap.

Kim and Cynthia advised that at the registration table at the Rushton Lecture, folks/members will be asked to advise us if they have an email address. Email addresses will be obtained and passed onto David (Allen) so he can update the records in the Sumac application (being maintained by David).

Lee gave David (Allen) the password for the existing ABF Sympatico email account. Lee advised she would: (1) check to confirm how many email accounts she can have on one account; (2) establish an email account for 'CABF@ns.sympatico.ca; (3) have email from ABF forwarded to CABF.

Action: as noted for Lee.

2. Fall Annual General Meeting at Chester - October 3 & 4, 2014

The Fall Assembly is planned to take place at **Chester United Baptist Church** (84 King Street, Chester).

The original plan was for a Friday evening (October 3) and Saturday morning (October 4).

Friday evening – 6 pm registration, followed by communion, and a reception (estimated finished time about 10 pm)

Saturday – begin at 8:30 am and go to approximately 1 pm

Kim advised she had researched and that found Kiwi Café (in Chester) would provide food for the week-end for \$35/person. This information was followed by discussion about reducing the October meeting to one day. There are pros and cons for both agendas (i.e. meeting Friday evening and Saturday or meeting only Saturday). After much discussion it was agreed to consult with members attending the Rushton Lecture Luncheon so we could hear their input.

John Boyd will facilitate the discussion at the luncheon. Following the luncheon, Council will have a brief meeting to discuss and decide on the duration of the Fall Annual General Meeting.

The honorarium for the guest speaker (Rev. Dr. Scott Kindred-Barnes) is \$500 and the flight is estimated at \$500.

John Tonks will provide a bio on Scott and the topic of his discussion/presentation.

Action as noted above.

3. The Bulletin

Roger advised a proof was ready for the most recent edition of The Bulletin. The contents of this edition: an article by Rev. Dr. Scott Barnes; news from the churches; an article on Pentecost; announcements about the Rushton Luncheon, the September meeting and membership; along with several other articles of interest. Roger advised postage has gone up therefore the cost will be a little more than previous editions. This edition should be mailed in early May.

No action.

4. Credentials Update

Roger advised the committee will be having a meeting in the near future.

There are two (2) people he knows who are interested in being recognized by us – one is a Baptist gentleman who is a lay preacher and the other is a lady from another denomination.

Roger suggested that at some point we may consider licensing for ministers.

No Action.

5. Financial Update

Cynthia provided an update (Attachment #1).

John (Tonks) advised there is no need to give the invoice from CCC any attention. He spoke with CCC and was advised to disregard the invoice.

John (Churchill) informed Council a revision is required to our Constitution regarding the potential distribution of assets in case of the dissolution of CABF. This is a formality that will be included in our Fall Annual General Meeting agenda.

Lee will consult with Gary Nelson regarding the most recent request from CRA for minutes of our 2013 Annual Meeting.

Action as noted for Lee.

6. Report on Presbyterian agreement (John Tonks)

John (Tonks) informed Council that at the General Conference of the Presbyter, the Church of Canada requested that the Presbyter have a reciprocal agreement to acknowledge one another's sacramental ministry.

John also informed Council that there is interest from a couple of folks in British Columbia at becoming members of CABF.

No action.

7. SUMAC Update

David (Allen) gave a demonstration of how he has updated SUMAC with the membership list of CABF. GREAT job and many thanks David!

Next meeting date: June 17, 2014 at First Baptist Church Halifax