Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms Council Meeting **Minutes- May 24, 2016** (Port Williams Baptist Church)

In attendance: Roger Prentice, John Churchill, Hugh Kirkeggard, Kim Sweet, David Ogilvie, , John Tonks ,Cynthia Ogilvie, Marianne Thomas, Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

Regrets: John Boyd, Richard Manuel, David Allen

Agenda:

Opening Prayer

- 1. Appointment of Secretary
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Minutes from previous meeting approved
- 4. Business Arising from the Minutes
- 5. Correspondence
- 6. Reports
- 7. The Rushton Lecture and Luncheon
- 8. Fall Assembly and CCC
- 9. Set date of next meeting
- 10. Adjourn for lunch

Opening Prayer – Not done.

- 1. Appointment of Secretary Secretary Lee is present.
- 2. **Approval of Agenda** took agenda *as it came*. (Folks had to leave as the meeting progressed.)
- 3. Minutes from not reviewed
- 4. Business arising from the Minutes- not reviewed
- 5. Correspondence- not reviewed
- 6. Reports

<u>Bulletin</u>

Roger was congratulated on another super edition – colour cover was superb! Roger advised that folks in New Brunswick have requested additional copies. (Roger sent these!)

Credentials Committee

Roger advised the Committee had a great interview with a new candidate. John (with support from others on the committee) is working on documenting the credentials process. We are reflecting on what happened during the first ordination.

Constitution

John (Churchill) passed out a page (see Attachment #1) showing the revisions required for our current By-Laws. This page will be presented at the Rushton Lecture Luncheon, as 'A Notice of Motion' for our fall AGM.

Financial

Cynthia advised financially things are good. The next expense is the upcoming Rushton Lecture Luncheon.

Gathering re: 2017 AGM to be shared with The Gathering

Fred Demaray sent CABF an email asking if CABF could join with *The Gathering*) for their AGM in April 2017. After discussion, **John (Tonks)** advised he would contact Fred and let him know that we have an interest. John would ask Fred if he would send information about local hotels, churches and events going on, in the Ottawa area, during that time.

An agenda item we would like to add to the AGM meeting agenda: *How we work together on supporting licensing for one another?*

It was noted that *The Gathering* only has individual membership. (There is no church membership.)

Roger Prentice moved that CABF accept the invitation from The Gathering to attend their AGM in April 2017. **Seconded by John Churchill**, motion **carried**. It was agreed we would promote the dates for the 2017 AGM - April 28 – 30, 2017, in our Bulletin and on the website.

We will do this once we get additional information.

<u>Membership</u>

Burlington Baptist – John Tonks meet with Rev. Greg Rogers while he was in Ontario the end of April. John answered questions about their possible membership and about CABF in general. They have great interest in joining CABF.

7. The Rushton Lecture and Luncheon

Kim confirmed registrations and responsibilities of everyone at the lecture/luncheon. **Registration** will start at 10:00 am – Kim and Cynthia. Agreed the honorarium to Ed would be \$200 travel + \$250 for delivery = total \$450. **John Boyd** introduces Ed. **Marianne** will do 'thank you'. **Rene Clarke** will do grace. **Ron Baxter** will do benediction. **John Tonks** will do presentation to Dan. **David Ogilvie** will introduce Vickie Brown for tribute (pioneer tribute) to her Dad Rev. Terry Tingley. **Debbie Dempsey or representative from Branford** will join us for the motion regarding their membership to CABF.

8. Fall Assembly (AGM)

Date: September 30 – October 1, 2016. **Location:** After discussion about the potential of asking First Baptist Church Amherst. We decided against asking FBCA at this time. **First Baptist Church Halifax** was the location decided upon. (To be confirmed by Lee).

A communion service will take place on Friday evening. **Topic:** Physician Assisted Dying. **David Allen** to chair committee to decide who to ask to present/or have a panel on this topic. (Potential presenter: Roman Catholic Sister Nula Kenny; of David Byrne – doctor doing thesis on this topic suggested by Hugh.)

CCC (Canadian Council of Churches)

David (Ogilvie) advised he is unable to attend the Fall Meeting of CCC.

9. Set date of next meeting – June 28, 2016, Port Williams

10. Adjourned.