

Minutes
CABF Council Meeting, January 12, 2016

Present: Roger Prentice, John Churchill, Cynthia Ogilvie, David Ogilvie, John Tonks, David Allen, Marianne Thomas and Lee Nicholas-Patillo.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by Chair, John Tonks who opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Agenda

3. The Minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting were corrected .

The line should have read that we received and accepted the resignation of Dan Gibson from the Council and not Dave Gibson. The correction was made. Roger Prentice moved and Marianne Thomas seconded the adoption of the corrected minutes. Motion carried.

4. Business Arising

5. There was no correspondence.

6a. Treasurer's Report:

Cynthia circulated the Treasurer's report. She made note of the fact that the attendance at the Fall Assembly has remained almost the same. In 2013 it was 45; in 2014 it was 43 and in 2015 it was 46. 31 people were in attendance for the whole time; 8 were there Friday only and there were 7 who attended Saturday only. Total in the bank: \$3107.92

Cynthia circulated the banking summary; Cynthia also gave us the CABF Church Membership List for 2015.

Cynthia moved the adoption of her report.

David Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6b. Budget:

David Allen presented the Budget for 2016 and explained the different columns and especially the shaded one. At the end of 2015 we showed a deficit due cost overruns delegate fees and expenses for attendance at Canadian Council of Churches meeting etc.

6c. Membership

There are 88 individual memberships plus the churches that are members of CABF at present.

David Allen moved the adoption of his report.

Cynthia Ogilvie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was some discussion about our new membership applicant, First Baptist Church of Brantford, Ontario. Lee has been in contact with Rev. Deborah Dempsey with regard to the requirement for membership in CABF. The proper membership protocols have yet to be fulfilled. Lee has agreed to continue the dialogue with the church and direct them to our website or will fill the necessary paperwork and put it on file.

There was also discussion around how to include First Baptist of Brantford Ontario in CABF. Copies of the minutes and the Bulletin are to be sent to them and there is to be discussion around making them members at large of Council and having them attend our meetings via Skype.

David Allen moved that the Council recommend First Baptist Church Brantford for membership in the CABF, to be brought to the body at the Rushton Lecture in June. Roger Prentice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6d. Bulletin:

The winter edition of the Bulletin is out and once again is a good read. The next edition comes out in May of 2016 with the deadline for submissions the end of March, 2016.

6e. The Credentials Committee will be meeting later today, Jan. 12/16.

6f. Website: John Churchill gave an update. The website is a work in progress.

6g. Rushton Lecture: The Rushton lecture this year will be held June 4 at Port Williams Baptist Church. It will begin at 11 am and go to 12:15 pm. The luncheon and second part of the day will begin at 12:30 pm and the day will end at 2 pm.

The suggested CABF Pioneer to be honored this year. Rev. Terry Tingley (presenter Rev. John Boyd) with Dan Gibson being honored with a Life Membership to CABF

6h. Fall Assembly: It has been decided that the topic for the fall assembly this year will be around the impending demise of the small churches. No decision has been made around whether there will be a keynote speaker or a panel discussion. Names are being considered. This is a work in progress with Elizabeth LeGassie's name being one considered to take the lead on this.

6i. Constitution: It is time to think about and begin drafting by-laws.

6j. Canadian Council of Churches:

David Ogilvie was our delegate this fall. He found the experience enjoyable and thought-provoking. One of the big issues discussed was the Right to Die legislation.

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The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 16 and will once again be held in Port Williams.

Rev. Dr. Roger Prentice closed with prayer.