

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)

Council Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2015

Library at Manning Chapel, Acadia University

Attendees:

Cynthia Ogilvie

Roger Prentice

John Tonks

John Boyd

John Churchill

Marilyn Peers

Kim Sweet

Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

Jeff White

Hugh Kirkeggard

Regrets: David Allen, David Ogilvie

Agenda

1. **Meeting** called to order by President, John Tonks at 10:05 am.
2. Addendum to & Approval of Agenda – Everyone accepted agenda as presented.
3. Approval of the Minutes of June 23 , 2015

John Churchill moved the minutes accepted as presented. **Seconded** by Roger Prentice. **Carried.**

4. Business Arising

a. No reports from the June 23 commitment to organize files and send to David Allen.

ACTION: Review the commitment made (All who have electronic files related to CABF should organize the files and send to David Allen.) at the June 23, 2015 meeting.

b. John Tonks and Lee will arrange for a meeting with FBCH to review the planned agenda (as noted in our process) for the Ordination Council; to answer any questions they have and see if they have anything they would like to add.

5. Correspondence

- a) Lee advised she had drafted the letter to Dan Gibson in response to his letter of resignation. She will check her files and confirm it has been sent.

ACTION: Lee will review her file and send letter to Dan if not already sent.

- b) From the June 23 meeting minutes, David Ogilvie stated that he will work with Dan on preparing a nominating report for our October AGM. Need to confirm with David this has done.

ACTION: David Ogilvie.

- c) Lee read a letter sent by Gary Nelson (dated June 6, 2015) complementing us on our Rushton Lecture, John Boyd on his presentation, and John Tonks' presentation about Charlie Taylor.

NO ACTION.

6. Standing Reports:

a) **Treasurer's Report**

3 cheques issued. (One to Lee for the purchase of the long expected file cabinet – to be located at FBCH.)

b) **Financial/Budget Report**

See **Attachment #1**, as presented.

Cynthia presented a draft of 2016 budget. No action except for everyone to give this draft some thought. A motion will be made at the next meeting for acceptance of the draft – or otherwise.

c) **Membership**

David Allen sent regrets.

At this time, we have not discussed the list presented by David Allen at the June meeting. This should be placed on the top of our agenda items for the next meeting.

ACTION: Secretary to add to next meeting agenda.

d) **The Bulletin**

Roger stated '*The Bulletin*' is ready for print. Roger talked briefly about the articles. **NO ACTION.**

e) **Credentials Committee Report**

Much of the communications has been done in preparation for the Ordination Council planned for Sept. 19th, for FBCH and Jenny Csinos.

Letters have been sent to the CABF churches explaining the ordination and extending invitation to appoint representative(s) and/or send a Minister.

The appointment of 6 Baptist Ministers, confirmation of the meeting agenda for September 19th, and the necessary documents from the candidate are all on schedule.

John Boyd moved the 6 Baptist Ministers to be invited to the **Ordination Council:** (1) Jeff White (2) Hedley Hopkins (3) Carol Ann Janzen (4) Adele Crowell (5) Tim McFarland and (6) John Churchill; and alternates, should any of these Ministers who decline, are: (1) Renee Clark (2) Wilma Janzen and (3) Joao Matwawana. **Seconded** by Roger Prentice. **Carried.**

It was also **moved by John Boyd** that Roger would contact **Rev. Barry Morrison** and invite him to be Lead Questioner at the September Ordination Council for Jenny Csinos. **Seconded** by Roger Prentice. **Carried.**

f) Website

John Churchill advised that he when he asks folks to check our website to ensure 'things are working well' or to check something new, he sees a good spike in usage. Also, he has had received good feedback from Ron Baxter on our website. **NO ACTION.**

g) Rushton Lecture

Roger stated he felt the Rushton Lecture was a great success. Gary Nelson's letter already addressed.

Jeff White moved that Dan Gibson be recognized as a life member (this would mean membership at no charge) and that for the Rushton Lecture 2016, we **would honour Dan Gibson as our pioneer.** **Seconded** by Kim Sweet. **Carried.** (Lee suggested we do a certificate for Dan at that time.)

h) Fall Assembly & AGM- October 2 & 3, 2015 @ Falmouth Baptist Church

Roger advised that the **brochure** that John Boyd had prepared was edited and now being printed by Gaspereau Press, at a very reasonable cost of \$200. Roger encouraged everyone to distribute the brochure – especially anywhere that we might get the attention of younger participants. Roger will place the brochure in the Chapel at Acadia and will see if he could have the brochure distributed to each divinity student.

Devotional and Communion – Gail Whalen (at Falmouth Baptist) is on board for the devotional and for the communion service.

Presenters – Dave and Jenny Csinos, John (Boyd) has talked with them and they are preparing. (The plan: Friday evening – Dave will address '*Things I had to Unlearn about Faith Formation*'. Saturday – will be the more practicable side of the session and will be interactive.

It was agreed that an **honorarium** of \$100 would be given for mileage for the weekend. And, Kim will arrange for the regular 'gift basket'. (Thank you Kim!)

Kim has been charged with the plan for the food (she does such a super job) **ACTION as noted for all.**

i) Constitution/By Laws

No report.

j) Partners Reports:

- 1) Canadian Council of Churches – no report.
- 2) Peace Development – no report.
- 3) Alliance of Baptist -**

Lee advised that she had been asked by Alliance to assist in reviewing their current Recognition and Ordination processes. Because of other commitments, Lee is unable to do so. However, she has agreed to share our processes for Recognition and Ordination. Lee felt that because she was involved in the current Ordination Council, she would be able to share her experience and offer whatever assistance that she could. Lee will update us after the Alliance Fall Board meeting.

ACTION as noted.

7. New Business

a) Nominating Committee

John Boyd resigned as Chair of the Program Committee. John stated he sees the need for *younger folks to be in these positions*. David Ogilvie needs to know this. Secretary will inform David. **ACTION as noted.**

b) Oasis 2016 – What’s coming:

- (1) Changes to the Lay Pastor training program – to become a certificate program.
- (2) Discussions on the removal of the Saint John property owned by CABF.

8. Information Items

Next meeting date – September 22, 2015, at Port Williams church – 10:00 am.

9. Adjournment: At 11:44 am.