

ABF Meeting of April 14, 2011

Meeting Minutes for ABF - April 14, 2011

Attendees:

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

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

Minutes accepted as presented.

Motion to accept minutes of February 10, 2011 meeting made by John Churchill and seconded by Roger Prentice, accepted.

Agenda agreed on:

1. Fall Speaker - Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2011
2. Spring Rushton Luncheon - June 4, 2011
3. Constitution Update
4. Bulletin Update
5. Treasurer Report

ABF Meeting of April 14, 2011

1. Fall Speaker confirmed

Jeff Haggray has been confirmed as our guest speaker.

A memo will be sent to ADC (attention Harry Gardner) to see if there is potential in Jeff meeting with ADC students.

Paula Dempsey expressed interest in folks from World Alliance being present at our Fall meeting.

We should attempt to prepare a broucher - including possible accommodations. This broucher could be sent to the New England churches. Our broucher with details of the fall meeting should be ready for our Fall luncheon.

Lee advised research is being done to determine the location, and menu for the fall meeting. This should be able to be confirmed at the next meeting.

Presently, we are considering a Friday evening meal, followed by a service.

The registration fee has not been settled as yet. We need to consider a registration fee for the week-end.

We would also like to have the broucher for the weekend (being the 40th anniversary) ready for the Rushton luncheon.

Action: Lee to complete reservations for fall meeting for next meeting.

2. Spring Rushton Luncheon - June 4, 2011

Kim will send notice to 'Friends'. She will contact Roger (he should have the list).

Karen (the guest speaker) is booked at the Blomidon Inn (\$119/night - breakfast included).

Other things that need to be done: check the site for the luncheon and how the meal, tea/coffee etc - (have consultation with caterers) will be arranged; consider name tags. Duties for the luncheon were agreed:

Registration will be done by Kim, Cynthia (Ogilvie) and Carol Ann.

David Ogilvie will do the welcome.

Jeff will do President remarks.

Dan Gibson will introduce the Guest Speaker.

Roger will give the tribute to the selected person.

John will do the Benediction.

Renee will thank the Guest Speaker.

Paul will be sure to sit at the head table.

The Chapel will be asked to have an invoice ready (with the HST broken down) so the invoice can be exchanged with a cheque from our Treasurer.

Kim has arranged a gift package for the Guest Speaker as well.

Action: Duties as assigned above.

Paul to arrange for cheque to be taken to the luncheon.

3. Constitution Update

Lee advised that we had a successful meeting with Gary Nelson. Since the meeting with Gary there are a number of issues associated with various articles that need to be discussed and agreed upon. Some discussion took place. The rest of the Council advised they were willing for the Constitution Committee (David, Jeff, John Churchill and Lee) to discuss and decide on the issues.

The Constitution Committee will meet to discuss the issues; make decisions; revise the Constitution and the Memorandum of Association for the Fellowship; present the revised documents to the Council again; and meet again with Gary Nelson.

A good draft of the Constitution should be ready to distribute to the membership at the Rushton Luncheon.

Action: As outlined above for the Constitution Committee.

4. Bulletin Update

Dan shared his ideas and content for the upcoming Bulletin. He has also requested a copy of the Constitution for the Bulletin. We are aware the Constitution will not be completed; however, Dan suggests that we put the Constitution - as much as we have - in this edition of the Bulletin - clearly marking it as '*Draft*'.

The existing '*Friends*' list will be used for distributing the Bulletin.

Also, Paul will send the list of the names of the churches who have supported the Bulletin in the pass, to Dan.

Dan will include a greeting from himself - as the new Editor.

David Ogilvie will send the most recent version of the Constitution (marked '*Draft*') to Dan for the Bulletin.

ABF Meeting of April 14, 2011

The Bulletin will be released before the Rushton Luncheon, so copies will be available at the luncheon.

Dan advised that he felt we should join the Canadian Council of Churches. (This will be included on an upcoming agenda.)

Action: Paul send list of names of churches to Dan.

David to send Constitution (Draft) to Dan.

5. Treasurer Report

Operating Budget \$63,999.52

Rushton Fund \$ 3,872.58

Grant Fund \$ 5,989.97

Cuban money not sent yet. In December 2010 we agreed to send \$2,000.

David is working and getting this sent. This money should be sent ASAP.

Next meeting date - May 24, 2011, Windsor Church

Agenda items for next meeting:

1. We need to discuss if we should ask Harvey Cox to be our guest speaker for next year's (2012) Rushton luncheon. If we use past years as the date for the Rushton luncheon it would take place on June 2, 2012.
2. Discuss if we should join the Canadian Council of Churches.