

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)
Council Minutes for meeting – January 14, 2014

Attendees:

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

Regrets: John Churchill, David Ogilvie, Marilyn Peers, Kim Sweet, Dan Gibson (hospitalized)

Agenda

1. review of minutes from November 19, 2013
2. need for Vice President; and Finance Committee people
3. Finance requirement
4. set date for Rushton Lecture Chapel and speaker
5. Fall Assembly
6. Bulletin
7. Credentials update
8. CCC
9. Alliance – Spring Gathering
10. Financial Update

Opening Prayer - Opened in prayer at 10:10 am by Rev. John Boyd.

1. Review of minutes from our meeting of November 19, 2013

David Allen moved and **Roger Prentice second** that minutes be accepted as presented. Carried.

2. Need for Vice President

This agenda item was tabled at the November 19 meeting.

Lee advised that as far as she knew David Dexter was still interested in Vice Chair. Lee committed to making contact with David, and if his interest is still there she will see what can be done to arrange a meeting with David and John Tonks. Or, she will provide info for David to contact John Tonks.

ACTION: Lee to contact David Dexter and take action as noted.

3. Finance requirement for additional members

This agenda item was tabled at the November 19 meeting.

David Allen had contacted Cynthia before this meeting. David and Cynthia have talked and agreed that Cynthia will continue to do the work she has been doing; David will proceed in cooperation with her and prepare needed/required financial statements. David will prepare reports for the annual meeting, for auditors (when necessary) and budget info as well. With David and Cynthia and John (Churchill) the Finance Committee will be stable. Cynthia is pleased to have David's assistance and support going forward! Many thanks David!

It was **moved by Roger Prentice** that David Allen, Cynthia Ogilvie and John Churchill form the Finance Committee. Also, that they are empowered to add members as they deem necessary. **Seconded by John Boyd. Carried.**

John Boyd spoke to our existing financial situation (referring to agenda item #6 from our November 19 meeting minutes). FBCH is providing the greater amount of the funding coming from the churches. Everyone agreed that we need to get other churches on board in giving to CABF. Cynthia indicated that we recently received \$150 from Wolfville church. It was suggested that we should make application to First Baptist Church Amherst. Make a specific request, i.e. ask for support for expenses for our fall meeting. John Tonks agreed to contact Byron Corkum (Senior Minister) to see when First Amherst, will be reviewing their budget.

ACTION: John Tonks to make contact with Byron Corkum regarding potential requests for financial support from First Baptist Amherst to CABF.

Roger indicated that he had received financial support from Marilyn Peers (FBCH) - \$1,500. Marilyn's accompanying letter indicated that she agreed that we should have at least three publications for our Bulletin. Her contribution was to support the Bulletin. David (Allen) and everyone agreed it was difficult to get money from the churches. However, everyone agreed that there are people who may want to give contributions (as Marilyn did) for a specific purpose – no matter what the purpose we are able to provide tax receipts at the end of the year.

It was suggested that we add a note to each publication of the Bulletin, indicating that anyone can give a donation at any time to CABF. Roger agreed to add this note to each publication of the Bulletin.

It was suggested that we could use *Canada Helps*, so that people could send contributions to *Canada Helps* and get a receipt **or** send cheques to Cynthia and we will send a receipt. We are currently set up for *Canada Helps*.

David (Allen) stated that he has not as yet, seen a membership list.

ACTION: Lee will send a thank you note to Marilyn.

Roger will add a note to each publication of the Bulletin, advising a donation can be made at any time to CABF.

4. Set date for Rushton Lecture Chapel and speaker

The Chapel has been reserved for June 7th, for CABF's Rushton Lectures.

John (Boyd) indicated that he had previously suggested Dr. Pamela Mosher, from IWK as our guest speaker. Dr. Mosher preached at FBCH last fall and was well accepted. John agreed to follow up with Dr. Mosher and advise the Council. All agreed.

ACTION: John contact Dr. Pamela Mosher and advise Council.

5. Fall Assembly – October 4, 2014

David (Allen) has had contact with Dan Greene at Chester Baptist. David advised Dan that our fall meeting would be Friday evening – for communion and social; and Saturday for guest speakers and our meeting. David is waiting to hear back from Dan. Chester church is meeting soon for their annual meeting at which time our request for Chester to host CABF will be addressed.

Discussion followed about whether CABF should continue with Friday evening and Saturday; or just one day – Saturday. The Chester location could cause a possible overnight for some folks. The two reasons for considering the cut to one day were (1) to reduce expenses and (2) to increase involvement by members. There are many pros and cons – either way.

At this time, **John (Boyd) moved** that the 2014 Annual Meeting for CABF be Friday evening and Saturday, October 3 and 4 respectively. **Roger Prentice seconded, carried** unanimously.

Names offered for possible guest speakers:

(1) Keith Cooney – we considered there could be potential health issues.

(2) Scott Barnes - was highly recommended by Roger Prentice

John Tonks advised he expects to see Scott Barnes next week while in Ottawa.

John will approach Scott to see if he was interested.

John will advise Scott that his expenses will be covered (1 overnight – maybe 2 nights' accommodations); and a \$500 honorarium. (Scott is from Kentville; he was a boxer).

ACTION: John Tonks to consult with Scott Barnes about being our guest speaker for our fall annual meeting.

6. Bulletin

Roger advised the January issue is almost ready. He had more material than he could use – that's good. Now, it is confirmed there will be three (3) editions for 2014 (January, May and September). Roger feels strongly that three editions should continue. This is one physical piece of evidence that shows we exist.

The January issue will have a tribute to Keith Churchill; an article from Carol Buckley about the Cuban churches (with pictures), to name a few of the coming articles.

Roger indicated that he had a request from an American asking if CABF would be interested in having a paper that he published inserted in our Bulletin. Though Roger said no, that isn't something we do, because of limited space, David (Allen) suggested this might have some value. Perhaps an excerpt from the published paper could be put in the Bulletin and a link to the full paper could be placed on our website. Roger agreed this is a good idea and would consider this in the future.

Cynthia indicated that she has names of new members that she would send to Roger; to be sure they receive a copy of the Bulletin.

7. Credentials update

Lee indicated that she has had communications with Terry and Deborah Dempsey requesting that they be recognized by CABF. Lee has copies of their certificates of ordination. Roger Prentice knows these folks and can speak to their ability and creditability. Terry was at Burlington Baptist and Deborah was at Branford Baptist.

Roger moved that Terry and Deborah Dempsey be recognized by CABF. **Roger Prentice seconded. Motion carried** unanimously.

Lee gave the cheque for their membership to Cynthia.

Lee will prepare certificates and send (instead of waiting for the annual meeting).

ACTION: Lee prepare certificates and letters and send in a timely manner.

8. CCC (Canadian Council of Churches)

Cynthia informed the Council of the request for payment of \$904.61 from CCC – this is on top of our yearly membership fees. After some discussion, it appears this is for a commitment made of CCC Board of Governors in 2010, where the membership was to share in the cost of CCC's annual meetings. CABF joined CCC in 2011 and we were not aware of this agreement.

There are a number of questions that need to be answered:

1. What was the 2010 decision?
2. What should we expect from the November 2013 meeting? Thinking of course that Dan Gibson (our representative) was not present.
3. Should we inform CCC that Dan will not be returning (or did Susan or a family member take care of this)?
4. If we no longer have a representative on the Board of Governors, then should we expect any further bills?

ACTION: John Tonks will follow up with CCC and get answers to these questions and concerns about the statement for \$904.61.

8. Alliance – Spring Gathering

Lee asked if there was interest from Council members to attend the Alliance Spring Gathering. John (Boyd) clarified that the dates were: **May 2 – 4, 2014.** (Friday to Sunday)

- Portland, Maine
- Williston-Immanuel United Church

Interested members include:

- John & Debbie Boyd
- Tonks
- David Allen
- Cynthia & David Ogilvie

Lee wanted to see how many were interested so she could check out the possibility of renting a van. Lee will do some checking.

(Lee will check accommodations in South Portland)

9. Financial Update

Cynthia advised there will be no receipts in 2014.

There will be a membership form placed in each edition of the Bulletin.

Cynthia advised that in 2013 we did not have to touch our investments to pay for any of our expenses!

(She is issuing cheques for \$750 to Dan for the Bulletin work in the first half of the year; and a cheque to Roger for the current Bulletin work).

David advised that he would assist with preparing documents for our annual meeting:

1. a balance sheet for the end of 2013
2. a balance sheet for January 1 to August 30, 2014
3. a budget for 2015

All agreed this sounds great!

Next meeting date: February 25, 2014

Location: Port Williams Church