

ABF Executive meeting – February 25th/2010, Windsor NS

Present – Jeff W, Dave O, John B, John C, Roger P, and Andy C(recording sec'ty)

Regrets – Paul B, Keith C, Lee NP

No minutes from last meeting were on hand to consult.

+ **Friends** – report from Keith C came via e-mail prior to this meeting.

- Rev Rhonda Britton confirmed as our June 5th luncheon speaker

+ **Bulletin and Editor** – Barb Bishop was approached as Editor, and declined for now. Harriet McCurdy also approached and declined. Question was raised whether to approach Gary Dunfield? Some split feeling.

Joan Churchill's name was also raised. John C to inquire re Joan.

+ **Incorporation Doc** – John B spoke as to the doc's 'expectations' being more 'requirements' (conditions?) than anything. According to John there was a written control regulating the conditions for clergy. Convention 'business' is being moved more to Council. Franchise model for churches vs local freedom for churches. The implications rest in clearly defining terms such as 'responsibilities', 'membership', 'obligations', 'core values', 'core beliefs' etc

Discussion ensued – Dave O suggested that we come together with various local church reps to discuss what convention reps are not answering, and that is, 'the implications of signing on or not signing onto this document.'

John B shared how FBHfx & the Hfx Association are begging this question as well – possible meeting in the future (?)

Could ABF help serve to foster this discussion? It was felt that the key is to keep this a local church thing vs an ABF thing.

Dave O suggested possibly having David Dexter and Dan Gibson (who have studied the implications of the Inc doc, and are speaking to FBHfx) come to the Valley Association.

Dave O and John B to keep the rest of us apprised whether these 'meeting of minds' will be taking place.

+ **Website** –We discussed our limited contact with Craig Hiebert. John C felt that we need to explore other options other than Craig as he has not communicated with web-management in some time. A possible connection between the web-site and web manager was also discussed.

+ **Cuba Connection** – Dave O spoke of recent trip through partnership between PWBC and Church in Cuba. He presented the thought of ABF exploring some kind of relationship with the Fraternity of Baptist Churches.

Proposal – that we plan the Fall Assembly around the Cuba connection and the Alliance of Baptists history in Cuba AND with us (ABF) re ‘Partnership’ - vs ‘Franchise’

John B to make contact with Alliance, and Dave O to make contact with Cuba.

Next Meeting – Thursday, March 25th at Windsor Baptist Church, 9:30 a.m.