

CABF Council – September 11th, 2018

Draft Minutes

Present: Dave Allen, John Boyd, John Churchill, Ed Colquhoun, Jenny Drewitz, Hugh Kirkegaard, Rick Manuel, Wayne Marsh, Joao Matwawana, Lee Nicholas-Pattillo, Sheila Stanley, and, by teleconference, Dan Green.

Regrets: Joyce Allen

Chair Lee Nicholas-Pattillo called the meeting to order at 10:45 with prayer.

David Allen moved that the **agenda** be approved, seconded by Jenny Drewitz. Carried.

Jenny Drewitz shared her copies of the **minutes of the previous meeting**, a teleconference on April 10. Moved by Rick Manuel, seconded by Sheila Stanley that these be approved. Carried.

Although there was no **correspondence**, the death of the Rev. Dr. H. Max DeWolfe, formerly minister of First Baptist Halifax and a supporter of ABF and CABF was noted.

The discussion of the **Strategic Planning** report to the AGM was moved up to this point in the meeting because Wayne Marsh was present. The discussion reached several conclusions:

The planning process to date needed to be explained.

The Strategic Directions – Proclaiming, Convening and Supporting as well as priorities and key initiatives needed to be summarized for the assembly.

A Powerpoint presentation would be helpful.

The summary would be distributed Friday evening so people could get an advance look.

The “four fragile freedoms” might help define our values.

A specific buy-in from the attendees to contribute to a key initiative would be sought.

A **special meeting** to consider the recommendations was proposed by Council to take place on October 27th at Faith Baptist Church with arrangement being facilitated by Joao Matwawana.

Reports

David Allen presented the **Treasurer’s Report**. He explained the cash flow to date. John Churchill suggested adding a narrative comment in places that would help explain the work of the CABF. Dave moved, seconded by John, that the statement be presented at the AGM. Carried. Dave then presented the draft budget, explaining the additional costs for the Credentials Committee and Strategic Planning. He moved, seconded by John Churchill, that the draft budget be presented to the AGM for approval. Carried. After some discussion, it was moved by Hugh Kirkegaard, seconded by Joao Matwawana that the Finance Committee submit a request to the Christie Fund of First Baptist Church Amherst for support of the Baptist Formation Program at the Atlantic School of Theology. Carried.

David Allen then presented the **Membership Report** – 66 individual members, 6 member churches and 1 lifetime member. He explained that both individual and member churches normally increase after the AGM. He moved acceptance of the report, seconded by Joao Matwawana. Carried.

John Churchill presented the **Constitution Report** and noted that the work of the committee needs to be considered further by Council before being presented to the membership for acceptance. He moved acceptance of the report, seconded by David Allen. Carried.

John Churchill reported from the **Credentials Committee**. Lee discussed the Ordination Council for Dave Csinos. She felt that at least 90 day's notice is required for ministers to commit to attendance. The work of the Committee to establish a Baptist Formation Course at the Atlantic School of Theology directed by Ed Colquhoun was discussed. John moved acceptance of his report, seconded by David Allen. Carried.

At this point in the meeting, Rick Manuel urged the Council to consider a process to evaluate the efficacy of the two meetings annually and the publication of the Bulletin in forwarding the work of the CABF.

John Boyd discussed the **WEB** page and the change to Storm WEB Hosting.

John Boyd alerted the Council to the medical situation of our **Nominating Committee** chair John Tonks. After some discussion, John Churchill moved, seconded by Rick Manuel, that John Boyd act as chair to prepare for the AGM. Carried. Moved by Joao Matwawana, seconded by John Churchill, that John Boyd have power to add in his role of provisional chair. Carried.

Lee then requested that Committee Chairs have their **yearly reports** to the secretary by September 22nd for inclusion in the AGM Report Book.

After setting the **next Council meeting for November 13th at 10:00 am**, the meeting adjourned at 12:50.

Ed Colquhoun
Secretary