

**ANNAPOLIS-DIGBY UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 7, 2009**

The Council of the Annapolis-Digby United Baptist Association met at First United Baptist Church of Annapolis Royal on Saturday, March 7, 2009.

Moderator Fred Bigelow welcomed all in attendance and introductions were made.

PRESENT: Ron Baxter, Cathy Batson, Fred Bigelow, Mark Cress, Bernice MacLean, Sheila Marshall, Bill McLeod, David Phillips, Mark Reece, Danny Townsend and Elizabeth Waugh.

REGRETS: Mary Billard, Sharon Budd, Wayne Fevens, Randy Legassie and George Mollins.

David Phillips gave a devotional on Union or Unity, scripture was from John 17: 13-26. The body of Christ is a unit. The evil one tries to divide us. Unity is building friendships, valued friendships, we should love, care and share Christ with them. We need that friendship within our sister churches, it is the commonality we have in Christ that is our connect in Association. David closed his devotional in prayer. Fred thanked him for his inspiring message.

MOTION # 1: D. Townsend/B. MacLean, that the minutes be adopted. **CARRIED.**

MOTION #2: D. Townsend/M. Cress, that the Financial Report for the period November 29, 2008 to March 7, 2009 be adopted as presented. **CARRIED.**

A Working Group for Programme and Nominations: Motion # 5 & 6, from the minutes, clarified that the Executive and Randy would handle this.

MOTION #3: B. MacLean/ E. Waugh that an honorarium of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) be given to the Assistant Clerk yearly. **CARRIED.**

A correction was made to the Financial Report - Expenditures - a typing error - \$ 636.18 should have read \$ 736.19 - and is in accordance with the financial records.

KINGSWOOD CAMP: Mark Reece presented an up-date and the camp is gearing up for summer. They have 40 applications which puts them in a good position to have a core staff. They have 15 or 16 paid staff and the rest are volunteers. Fund raisers are coming up and council members will be informed.

REGIONAL MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Ron Baxter presented a written report to the Council for Region II. He spoke of Pastors and Churches, A.D.C., Associations and the Regional Working Group. The RWG and the Association Moderators met with the CAB Executive Minister, Rev. Peter Reid where they received his request that Rev. Ron Baxter continue to serve as the Regional Minister for an additional two years. The RWG asked the A-D.A. to ratify the motions passed by them.

Rev. Baxter spoke of a one-day seminar on “The Healthy Small Church” and encouraged pastors and lay-workers to go.

UIM contributions were down; in 2008 we reached 95.6% of UIM Goal. Our UIM Goal in 2009 is the same; therefore, for Convention and its agencies to meet their requirements, churches of the Convention need to make a reasonable UIM contribution. The goal is achievable. Ron respectfully submitted his report.

MOTION # 4: E. Waugh/ B. McLeod that Council recommend to Association the Rev. Ron Baxter return to full time work as Regional Minister and to continue for two years as recommended. **CARRIED.**

Moderator Fred Bigelow thanked Ron for his report and the insight he gives us.

After a short break, we continued on, with so few of us it was decided we would stay in one group. David Phillips led the discussion and will give a report on it. The discussion was on ways of getting people together in the Association and was a continuation of Revitalization. After this discussion, David turned the meeting back to Fred.

The question came up, wondering if it was possible to change the A-D Association from 25th April to the 30th May. After discussion a motion was made. .

MOTION # 5: B. McLeod/ E. Waugh that the A-D Association be held on or before May 30th, 2009. **CARRIED.**

Bill McLeod offered the facilities of the Nictaux Baptist Church for the A-D Association if they so desire.

MOTION #6: D. Townsend/C. Batson that our next Council meeting be held at Camp Kingswood on June 13th at 9:30 am, to be confirmed by Mark Reece. **CARRIED.**

With no further business, Bernice MacLean moved the meeting be adjourned and Ron Baxter closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Marshall, Asst. Clerk

It was confirmed by Mark Reece that Council is invited to hold their meeting at Camp Kingswood on Saturday, June 13th, 2009 from 9:30 am -12.30 pm and they are invited to stay and enjoy the Camp Day/Open House to follow.

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