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Annapolis-Digby Baptist Association

Council Meeting, March 24, 2012

The Council of the Annapolis-Digby Baptist Association met on March 24, 2012 at First Annapolis Royal United Baptist Church. Moderator, Rev. David Phillips opened the meeting with a welcome and thanked everyone for coming, followed by prayer.

Rev. Don Robertson gave a devotion based on Ephesians 6:10. He spoke of different kinds of power such as electricity and what happens when we have a power outage. He went on to speak of the power of the wind, fire and water, and the symbolism of each and then of the power of the Holy Spirit –the spiritual energy and power. He spoke of the Holy Spirit in Acts as “a mighty rushing wind”, and His pouring out of the Holy Spirit, lifting us up and giving us direction.

Introductions were made. Present were: Cathy Batson, Fred Bigelow, Mary Billard, Dave Cawley, David Cumby, Mark Cress, Sheila and Robert Haynes, Julia Howard, Ginny Hurlburt, Bernice MacLean, Bill McLeod, Sheila Marshall, Ron Purdy, Karen Purdy, Don Robertson, Danny Townsend. Regrets were accepted from Sharon Budd, Eugene Foster, Mark Reece.

MOTION #1: C.Batson/K.Purdy, that the Council minutes of October 22, 2011, be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

MOTION # 2: S.Marshall/B.MacLean, that the Financial report from May 1, 2011 to March 22, 2012 be accepted as printed and circulated. **CARRIED.**

CLUSTER REPORTS: Prayers were asked for VictoriaVale Church.

Pastor Mark Cress reported on the proposed Cluster Youth programme at Smith’s Cove Fire Hall starting on Monday nights from 7- 8:30pm. There has been some informal Leadership Training with Pastors and other volunteers and plans for the Youth Alpha Programme. Mark asked that the leaders and Youth be kept in our prayers. Money was requested and received from the Cluster fund to help start up the Group.

Pastor David Cumby told of having many youth from Bridgetown and Paradise, so they carry on two programmes; one for the grades 5 and 6, and one for youth from grades 7-12 where the group is split into grades 6-8 and 9-12 for discipleship and Spring Forth. David stressed the importance of having Lay people involved. He feels there is a stretch as to maturity levels of the youth. David also reported that there would be a Special Service at Bridgetown Baptist at 2pm on May 6th when Dr. George Allen will be presented as Minister Emeritus of Bridgetown Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship after the service.

Other Church Activities: Hill Grove UB Church will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary in July. Wilmot Baptist Church will hold Holy Week services including Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter. A prayer group will be meeting in Annapolis Royal and Ashmore will hold a baptism with Plympton Baptist on April 1st for 4 candidates.

CAMP KINGSWOOD: Rev. Julia Howard asked that her name be removed from the Board of Kingswood Camp. David Longley has been off the Board for a year so is able to go back on for three more years. We still need to have someone take Julia's place on the Board and an additional person is needed.

LICENSING COMMITTEE: This Committee will meet before the Annual meeting at Smith's Cove UB Church to interview four candidates, and will meet at Nictaux Baptist to interview four others, all whom are applying for an Association Licence to Minister or an Association Lay Licence to Minister. These meetings will take place before the Annual meeting in April so the Licences can be presented at the Annual Meeting on April 21. Rev. Ellen Hunt and the Licensing Committee from Eastern Valley Association is working on a new form for applications for their committee and we might want to see it when it is finished.

COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR THE LEGASSIES:

Our Moderator, David Phillips, gave the details for this event from the planning Committee which consisted of Rev. Bill McLeod, Rev. Elizabeth Waugh, Rev. Mark Cress and our Moderator, Rev. David Phillips. Dr. Randy Legassie was present, as well, for the planning. The Commissioning Services will take place on April 22, the day after our Annual Meeting, with a service at Digby Baptist at 2:30 pm where Pastor Mark Cress will be the speaker. The evening service will take place at Nictaux Baptist Church with Rev. Bill McLeod as speaker. Both services will have a time of fellowship and greetings after the service when cards and love gifts may be presented in a basket by the door. Oral blessings and remarks will take place during the fellowship time. We want to give Randy and Elizabeth a good send off, so prayers were voiced at this time for travelling, for the sale of their house and for God's leading in their new calling. This event will be announced in all ADDBA churches and the Clerk will notify the Eastern Valley, Yarmouth, Shelburne, and Lunenburg -Queens Associations.

MOTION #3: B.MacLean/D.Cumby, that money be made available for the costs incurred for the Commissioning service. **CARRIED.**

MOTION # 4: R.Purdy/J.Howard, that our Moderator, David Phillips have special Bulletins made for the Commissioning Service for Randy and Elizabeth Legassie and that we ask David to , or find a design and order 500 bookmarks to promote the importance of our Association, and draw attention to our website. **CARRIED.**

Motion # 5: R. Purdy/V.Hurlburt, that we set up a working group to look at the positions of Clerk and Treasurer as outlined in the Notice of Motion to be presented at our Annual Meeting in April, 2012. The WG would make recommendations to the Association for the need of a Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Vice Moderator and Treasurer, and present the terms of reference for each position. This will be a change to our Association after the motion passes at the 2013 Annual meeting. **CARRIED.**

The working group will consist of Karen Purdy, Ron Purdy, David Cumby and Mary Billard with a 5th member to be added.

MOTION#6: E.Waugh/S. Marshall, that A working group consisting of David Cumby, Julia Howard, Elizabeth Waugh and Mary Billard be appointed to do the proposed budget for 2012/13 fiscal year to be presented at the Annual Meeting in April. **CARRIED.**

This committee suggested that we form a Working Group to take applications for Cluster Money for new projects, and to cite the requirements for funding new outreach projects that would be approved. The committee would set a date for submission of the requests and determine the amount to be given to each project. The budget for Cluster Groups for 2012/13 is \$1200. The requirements for funding would be on the website and sent to all churches. The fund should not be used for projects already started.

A letter from Rev. Dr. Peter Reid, which was sent to all pastors and Clerks of churches, regarding concern about our UIM offerings was reviewed. We have been unable to meet our UIM Convention budget for 6 years and each year, we cut the amounts for our programmes, partners and boards and propose a lower budget and still do not meet it.

Our next Council meeting will be on October 27th , 8:59 am, at First Annapolis Royal United Baptist Church if the CE hall is available for that date.. Mary will let us know if the date has to be changed.

Pastor Ron Purdy offered to do the Devotional for the October meeting. It was suggested that we have some topics for discussion relating to the Association Forum Group that met in October, 2011 and which will be meeting in June to present A White Paper for Oasis 2012. Other areas of concern to the Association will also be discussed.

Bernice MacLean moved that we adjourn the meeting and Moderator David Phillips closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Billard, Clerk

ANNAPOLIS-DIGBY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION COUNCIL WILL MEET AT FIRST ANNAPOLIS ROYAL UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th, at 8:59 am. (NOTE CHANGE IN DATE from the Minutes) Discussion will focus on The Association Restructuring Paper and other items of concern.

These latter items will be sent as a separate attachment in another email.