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ANNAPOLIS-DIGBY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING, October 24, 2009
First Baptist Church of Annapolis Royal

The Annapolis-Digby Baptist Association Council met at First Baptist Church of Annapolis Royal on Saturday, October 24, 2009.

Present were Cathy Batson, Ron Baxter, Fred Bigelow, Mary Billard, Mark Cress, Sheila Marshall, Randy Legassie, Bernice Mac Lean, Bill McLeod, Don Robertson, Danny Townsend, Elizabeth Waugh.
Regrets from Patty Beals, Dave Cawley, Wayne Fevens, Elizabeth Legassie, David Phillips.

Moderator Fred Bigelow presented a Devotion based on Psalm 95:1-5 about why we should give thanks. This portion of Scripture was written to all people, tells us that God is worthy of our praise and thanks and that we should give thanks no matter what our circumstances. This was followed by prayer.

MOTION # 1: Billard/Batson, that the minutes of the June 13th Council Meeting held at Camp Kingswood be accepted as printed and circulated. **CARRIED.**

MOTION # 2: Billard /Mac Lean, that the Financial report be accepted as printed and presented. **CARRIED.**

PRESENTATION REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP BY INGLISVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH:

A delegation from the Inglisville Baptist Church had been invited to come to this meeting to present their case for membership in the Association, and arrived at this time. (Rev. Ron Baxter had explained to the Council previously how and why the Inglisville Baptist Church came to the decision to seek membership in the Annapolis-Digby Baptist Association as a member church.)

Inglisville Baptist had always been part of the Lawrencetown Pastorate, and presented their reasons as to why they felt that at this time they would like to go on their own. They presented a copy of their Church Covenant, a list of their church officers, and a constitution. They have called a pastor who will serve part-time for them, and have 30 members with an average attendance of 15. Questions were asked by Council members and answered by members of the Inglisville Church.

The Moderator thanked them for their presentation and assured them we would look after the details of the vote by the Association churches, and they left the meeting.

MOTION # 3: Legassie/Robertson, that we present to the member churches of this Association, the request for membership by the Inglisville Baptist Church, and that we do the acceptance of a vote by present members of the Association by email, regular mail, or telephone so that responses will be in by the 30th of November. This will allow Inglisville to be able to know the results by the end of December to coincide with their Fiscal year. **CARRIED.**

MOTION # 4: Townsend/Batson, that a Working Group be set up to consist of Randy Legassie, Mary Billard and Bill McLeod, to administer and tabulate the votes of member churches for the request for membership by Inglisville Baptist Church. The vote must be affirmed by 2/3 of the member churches to grant the membership, and the result of the vote will be announced to the Inglisville Church in early December by Moderator Fred Bigelow. A letter will be drafted to be sent to all churches in the Association, giving details of the request by Inglisville Baptist and asking them to hold a vote to accept Inglisville Baptist Church into the Association. **CARRIED.**

REGIONAL MINISTERS REPORTS:

MOTION # 5: MacLean/ Townsend, that the report for Region II, given by Rev. Ron Baxter be accepted as presented and printed. **CARRIED.**

There was no report for Region V, which includes Digby County churches.

CLUSTER WORKING GROUP:

This Working Group, which was set up after our June Council meeting, consisting of Randy Legassie, Mark Cress, Fred Bigelow, Elizabeth Waugh and David Phillips, presented their report to the meeting with a printed copy of the report to each member.

A questionnaire was sent out to churches with about a 50% return from churches although some were answered by a pastorate rather than by a single church. There were several important points made by the respondents and suggestions and these were outlined in the report. The full survey results will be available at the next Council meeting in the spring and will be passed on to the next Working Group. The members of this group were thanked for their time and effort.

MOTION # 6: Legassie/Townsend, that the report from the Cluster Working Group be accepted as presented and printed. **CARRIED.**

MOTION # 7: MacLean/Townsend, that a new Working Group, consisting of Fred Bigelow, Mark Cress, and Bill McLeod, with power to add, be set up to carry out the implementation of the recommendations from the Cluster Working Group Survey Results, with a budget of \$400. **CARRIED.**

MOTION # 8: Mcleod/Waugh, that the Licensing Committee consist of Elizabeth Legassie as chair, with David Phillips and Bill McLeod as members. **CARRIED.**

CAMP KINGSWOOD: Mark Reece gave an oral report to the meeting on activities and programmes at the camp this summer, but will send out a written report to the clerk which can be sent to churches along with the minutes for the Council meeting in February. Mark highlighted the sponsorship programme for churches to pay part of a registration to enable more children to attend camp. This could also be done by individuals, the Association or businesses.

MOTION # 9: Reece, McLeod, that the oral report on Camp Kingswood be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**