

ANNAPOLIS – DIGBY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 03, 2018

Those present: Bill McLeod, Brian Wallace, John Tooker, Philip Boudreau, Randy Legassie, Elizabeth Legassie, Libby Amirault, Cathy Batson, Mark Cress, Linda DeMone, Bernice MacLean, Patty Beals, and Fred Bigelow

Regrets: Jeff & Sharon White, Eugene Foster, Deborah Wetmore.

The Moderator, Rev. Patty Beals opened the meeting with prayer.

Rev. Mark Cress lead us in a Devotional based on John 15:1-8.

Mark said any perceived ideas as pastor didn't, hasn't materialized. Disappointments later came to peace. He was the seed planted and by keeping the faith is maturing. As for the Association churches we must keep planting, allowing God to take stuff away from us that we do not need and brings Him glory. Our plans may be God's plan, we may not see things come to fruition, but accept that and keep going.

As pastor Mark claims not to know it all, much to learn and he realizes he needs to learn to look after himself physically and spiritually. People are running around and not spending time with God. It is a problem for all churches. Must slow down, seek who's will is this? We will see what God has for us. We all need some kind of pruning.

BUSINESS

MOTION # 1 C. Batson/B. MacLean, Proposed agenda for the meeting be accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION # 2 F. Bigelow/L. Amirault adoption of financial statement. MOTION

CARRIED

Moderator Patty Beals reported that we needed a Vice-Moderator. She was stepping down as Moderator and the procedure is, that the Vice-Moderator who is Linda DeMone becomes Moderator.

REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETING PLANS

The Annual Meeting is to be held at the Middleton Baptist Church on April 28, 2018. The speaker is Daisy Dwyer, retired nurse. Involved with Health Board Senior's Addictions. Will be speaking on Mental Health. Her focus will be people in leadership, helping congregations deal with people with mental health situations.

In the afternoon the plan is to break off into groups.

Lunch will be at the church. Price \$10.00. Program schedule similar to last year.

CLUSTER GRANTS REPORT

Sharing People – Annapolis Royal Baptist Pastorate

Elizabeth Legassie thanked the Association for \$750. Cluster grant for the Sharing People. This program meets the second last Thursday of the month. The people of the pastorate are running the program. A meeting last for a couple of hours, free food, fun, fellowship.

People seem to be on board with it. It is going well. When the weather is good 25-30 attend. It usually starts at 5:00 PM. Eat at 5:30 and 6:00 is the program.

Have met people from the community that normally we would not meet. One lady commented how this program got her into church. She now attends church and is getting involved.

The target group for this program is the community. Greatest need is connection to other people. Widows are delighted to get out and socialize. Encouraging people to share and are seeing more of that.

Didn't focus on children, but children who did come were looked after by the people.

The grant has helped to purchase food for the meal.

Impact Youth Group – Operating out of Smith's Cove

Mark Cress thanked the Association for the \$500. Cluster Grant given to the Impact Youth Group.

Mark questioned, Are we getting through? Is this what we are suppose to be doing? Parents responses come through texts, phone, etc. Amazed at the response and support. Youth are facing a lot today. This group is the only church they get. The Impact Youth Group is in its fifth year. Former youth come back and drop in which leaves an impression on the present ones attending.

The group is for youth 12-18.

It started out with the pastors at first, but other people have come forward and are helping out. Six churches are involved and help people lead, supply food, leadership support. The group meets at the Smith's Cove Fire Department and there is no charge for use of the facilities.

Fred Bigelow has been contacted by Canadian Revenue Agency concerning Charities that the Association's Constitution does not contain a non-for profit clause. It is one of the requirements in having charitable status.

MOTION # 3 R. Legassie/M. Cress moved the adoption of the Non-Profit Clause presented be added to the Constitution.

The adding of the Non-Profit Clause will require that the churches of the Association will have to vote in their individual churches to have the clause included in the Constitution.

A discussion concerning Church Insurance was had. There is a meeting at Crandall University on May 30th concerning Church Insurance hosted by Pinnacle. It was felt that someone from the Association should attend this meeting and bring back any info that maybe helpful to our Association Churches. Fred Bigelow mentioned that he had an interest in attending and planned to go.

MOTION #4 R. Legassie/B. McLeod that the clerk, Fred Bigelow be paid meterage to attend the Insurance meeting in Moncton. MOTION CARRIED

The second half of the Council Meeting turned over to Brain Wallace who explained the Emotionally, Healthy, Spirituality Course.

A PLAN FOR DISCIPLESHIP THAT DEEPLY CHANGES OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

The EH Spirituality Course:

- directly addresses the reality that emotional maturity and spiritual maturity are inseparable. It is not possible to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature.
- equips people to develop a personal, first-hand relationship with Jesus by incorporating stillness, silence and Scripture as daily life rhythms.

The EH Spirituality Course moves people through 8 powerful life changing sessions:

- The Problem of Emotionally Unhealthy Spirituality
- Know Yourself That You May Know God
- Going Back in Order to Go Forward
- Journey Through the Wall
- Enlarge Your Soul Through Grief and Loss
- Discover the Rhythms of the Daily Office and Sabbath
- Grow Into an Emotionally Healthy Adult
- Go the Next Step to Develop a "Rule of Life"

WHY THE EH SPIRITUALITY COURSE?

An estimated 85% of Christians are stuck in their relationship with Christ

Only 1% of church leaders say that the church is doing well in discipling new and young Christians

Only 20% of church-goers participate in any type of discipleship activity

Only 1 in 4 Christians study the Bible to find God's will for their lives

Only people deeply changed by Jesus will have a powerful, long-term impact in the world

After the conclusion of Brian's presentation, the Moderator Patty Beals thanked Brian for bringing to the Council information concerning this course.

Patty Closed the meeting in prayer

Respectively Submitted,

Fred Bigelow, Clerk