

Annapolis-Digby Baptist Association

ANNUAL MEETING

April 29, 2017 Bridgetown Baptist Church

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Rev. Brian Wallace welcomed all present to the Association Annual Meeting. After the welcome Rev. Wallace and the Bridgetown Baptist Church Worship Team lead us in worship.

Following the worship time the Association heard from two speakers. The first being Shirley Soleil-Day on the behalf of the Baptist Historical Committee concerning the archives. Shirley had folders for each church as to what they had donated to the archives. Representatives from the churches were to pick up their folder and check with their church to see if they had more material to contribute to the archives.

Shirley had pamphlets available which indicated what the archives would accept from the church such as church records, bulletins, minutes, special occasions and events. We were also reminded that whatever was donated to the archives remained the property of the church given it. Anyone could see the records at anytime. Copies could be made to free the church owning the materials. For private use there would be a charge.

Shirley Soleil-Day reminded us that for future generations, in order to see where we are going we need to see where we have come from.

The second speaker of the morning was Rev. John Campbell Director of Advancement Acadia Divinity College.

John brought greetings from the president of ADC Dr. Harry Gardner.

The first was a promotional video showing how Acadia Divinity College began, what was accomplished over the years and what the College is presently offering.

The second video presented the need of refurbishing the college. What work needed to be done, what it would like when completed.

At the present there are 210 students from 13 different countries. Academic Chairs have been created and full funded. The interest on these Academic Chairs pay the professor's salary in an area of study such as worship and preaching, pastoral care, etc;

Large donation from the Weston Foundation of Toronto for 6 million.

Concerning pastoral care another grant from Toronto to help pay the salary of a professor.

ADC urgency needs help to refurbish the outside of the building. Bricks are missing, mortar is crumbling, need to remove asbestos from the ceilings. Cost is 1.5 million. Rev. John Campbell stated this is not the time to retreat. Working together to pursue what God has for us do. Believe God has more instore for us at this time.

How ADC projects to receive the needed 1.5 million:

500,000. Private Foundations

500,000. Individuals

500,000 Churches. There are 450 churches in our Convention and it is hope over three years, the money can be raised. More important to partner together than the size of the gift.

The UBWMU has been the largest giver to build the present building. John thanked the churches for their help in the past.

THE ANNUAL 2017 BUSINESS SESSION OF THE ANNAPOLIS-DIGBY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

The 2016/17 Annual Business meeting of the Annapolis-Digby Association held at Bridgetown Baptist Church was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Patty Beals, who welcomed everyone and then opened up the meeting with prayer.

The **RULES OF ORDER** were read by the clerk, Mary Billard

MINUTES

Acceptance of minutes as written in report booklet moved by??? Seconded ???

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2016/17

Moved by Mary Billard, seconded by ???? that the Annual Finance Report be for 2016/17 be accepted as presented in the Annual Report Booklet. Motion Carried.

Mary was presented with a gift of her appreciation for many years of dedication and hard work for the Association. A standing ovation was given. Starting May 1st Rev. Fred Bigelow will become the Clerk-Treasurer of the Association.

DELEGATES FOR OASIS

Need two delegates for Oasis, August 24-26th, 2017. Nikki Cress, who has not been to Oasis in the past, indicated she would be willing to go as a delegate. Also Joyce Marshall has offered to attend as a delegate.

Randy Legassie moved and Mark Cress second that Nikki Cress and Joyce Marshall attend Oasis as Association Delegates. Motion Carried.

Mark Cress moved that if Nikki could not attend, the Executive of the Association be empowered to find a replacement. Seconded by Bernice MacLean. Motion Carried

ASSISTANT CLERK-TREASURER

Pastor Sharon White put her name forward for the position of Assistant Clerk-Treasurer. Elaine Bent moved, seconded by Libby Amirault that Pastor Sharon White be the Assistant Clerk-Treasurer. Motion Carried.

WEBMASTER POSITION

As Mark Reece is leaving the area, the position of Webmaster became available. The position also makes the person a part of the Executive Committee. The position requires an individual to update the website, and attend Council meetings. Sharon White is willing to take on this position. It was moved by Janice Roscoe and seconded by Bernice MacLean that Sharon be accepted for this position. Motion Carried.

LICENSING COMMITTEE (One Name)

The duties of the licensing committee was discussed. A person to go on this committee was not brought forward. It was moved by Elizabeth Legassie and seconded by Sharon White that the Executive find a person to sit on the Licensing Committee. Motion Carried.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2017-18

Fred Bigelow presented the proposed budget for 2017-18. He drew attention to the fact that once the cheque for Kingswood Camp was paid for the 2016-17 year, the budget would have a shortfall. Cuts could be made but more churches need to pay their allotment of \$50.00. After much discussion Randy Legassie moved and Linda DeMone second the motion that Council be given permission to deal with the finances as we go through the year. Motion carried.

REPORTS IN BOOKLET

Moved by Clark ??? seconded by Libby Amirault that the written reports in the booklet be accepted as printed. Motion Carried.

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Moved by Elaine Bent and seconded by Randy Legassie that Mark Cress be granted a renewal of his Association Church License to Minister. Motion Carried.

Moved by Elaine Bent/Elizabeth Legassie that Linda DeMone be granted a renewal of her Association License to Minister. Motion Carried.

Moved by Elaine Bent/Quincy Collins that Marc Phillips be granted a renewal of his Association to Minister. Motion Carried.

Moved by Elaine Bent/Bernice MacLean that Shelly Illsley-Martin be granted a renewal of her license to minister. Motion Carried.

Moved by Elaine Bent/Quincy Collins that Tim O'Blenis be granted a new Association License to Minister. Motion Carried.

Moved by Elaine Bent/Linda DeMone that Sharon White be granted a new Association License to Minister. Motion Carried.

Bernice MacLean volunteered to sit on the Licensing committee.

Mark Cress moved adjournment of the Business Session.

Moderator Rev. Patty Beals introduced our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Beals, Director of Clergy Formation and Wellness for Canadian Baptist of Atlantic Canada. Patty prayed for Cheryl Ann and for the message she is going to leave with us today.

EXPERIENCING GOD IN THE RHYTHMS OF LIFE

1st PART

Cheryl Ann stated how happy she was to be with us today and was going to speak on a having a deep relationship with God and preached a sermon on the topic last Sunday. She explained how she was a person who had to be on the move and had to train herself to sit down, block everything out and give herself to the Lord. To allow Him to speak to her through scripture and through her mind. She found it to be a wonderful experience.

The question that she set forth was "Do we really want to Experience God. It was going to cost us. The next question asked, "Do you want God to mess with your life"? We have to be honest with ourselves. If we do, then how can I experience more of God.

Cheryl Ann gave us an acronym: Pleasing

Practicing the Presence of God

Longing For God

Expecting God

Awareness of the Need For God

Seeking God

Intimacy With God

Nurturing Your Soul

GratITUDE For God and To God

At 12:15 the Association broke for lunch. Following at 1:00 was time of worship provide by the host pastor Rev. Brian Wallace.

The Break out sessions took place 1:15 PM were we were divided into five groups to discuss the name of God we had chosen and other questions.

At 1:45 Cheryl Ann continued on with "Experiencing God In the Rhythms of Life.

Some things Cheryl Ann taught us:

Psalmist never doubted that God would not show up.

Desire for God more than things we are living for.

We need to pray that we desire God more than anything else.

When we don't value ourselves, we don't nurture our souls. Our souls were meant to be nurtured by God.

Jesus used symbols to experience God. One is Communion.

At 2:30 PM there was an inter-active time where questions were asked and comments made.

The session ended with a service of Communion.

Our Moderator Rev. Patty Beals thanked Dr. Cheryl Ann Beals for her presentation. To Rev. Brian Wallace and the ladies of the Bridgetown Baptist Church for the use of the church and the coffee time in the morning and the lunch that was provided at noon. Patty closed the meeting in prayer.