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Annapolis-Digby Baptist Association

Council Meeting, October 20, 2012

The Council of the Annapolis-Digby Baptist Association met on Saturday, October 20 at First United Baptist Church of Annapolis Royal. Present were : Patty Beals, Mary Billard, David Cumby, Robert and Sheila Haynes, Julia Howard, Virginia Hurlburt, Sharon and David Longley, Bernice MacLean, Sheila Marshall, Seth Moore, Heather Pearle-Gillis, David Phillips, Mark Reece, Don Robertson, Lester Simpson, Danny Townsend, Leroy Warner.

Regrets: Cathy Batson, Sharon Budd, David Cawley, Eugene Foster, Rick Small.

Moderator David Phillips welcomed everyone and opened with prayer

Pastor Lester Simpson gave a devotion on the making of Man and what our role is in life. We were made to serve God and to bring others to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lester used references from Genesis 2:7, Colossians 1:15-18, and Jeremiah 1:5 to show that God calls us to himself and in Acts 1:8, He calls us to go into the world just as He called the disciples in Matthew 10:3. Lester urged us not to forget God, his call on our lives and the love of Jesus Christ.

The minutes of the last Council meeting, held on March 24, 2012, were sent by email to each member previous to the meeting, and reviewed at this time.

MOTION # 1: M. Billard/ D. Townsend that the Minutes of the March 24 Council Meeting be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

MOTION # 2: M. Billard/S. Moore, that the Financial Report from May 1 to October 20, 2012 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

There was some discussion on the increase of fees for banking with the Royal Bank. It was suggested that we should check out fees with other banks or credit unions for our banking purposes.

MOTION # 3: M. Reece/B. MacLean, that the Clerk and Assistant Clerk explore options available with other financial operations to see if there are any better financial packages for our banking needs. **CARRIED.**

REPORTS:

Kingswood Camp: Moderator David Phillips read a report from Kingswood Camp telling of what is happening since summer. The camp is incorporated now and is called "The Kingswood Camp Society", and Programmes and Publicity information has been updated. This information will be sent to all Churches in the spring. David Longley, one of our members on the Camp Society Board, arrived and gave a more detailed report on the Camp. We still need 2 more representatives from this Association. Julia Howard has resigned and we were already lacking a member. David circulated the Kingswood Camp Society Report and suggested that we have a Council Meeting at the camp in the next year. He invited people to check out the camp in the spring and see what we support for our youth. It is worth our time to see first-hand the ministry we help support by our donations.

BUSINESS FROM MINUTES:

- (i) Two new representatives for Camp Kingswood Society. Members are asked to solicit names from their churches who might like to sit on this board.
- (ii) Formation of a Working Group for Administration of Cluster Funds.

MOTION # 4: V. Hurlburt/S. Haynes, that a Working Group be set up consisting of Patty Beals, Julia Howard, Seth Moore and Clerk Mary Billard to set the guidelines, deadlines and criteria for applying for the Cluster Funds and administering it. **CARRIED.**

- (iii) Replacement for Ron and Karen Purdy on the Working Group for the Annual Meeting's **NOTICE OF MOTIONS** on changes and new Terms for our Executive Members.

MOTION # 5: D. Townsend/S. Moore, that Mark Reece and Dave Cumby replace Karen and Ron Purdy on the Working Group for changes in the requirements, deadlines and criteria for the Executive Members, to be ready for the Annual Meeting. **CARRIED.**

- (iv) New member for Licensing Committee.

MOTION # 6: D. Robertson/S. Marshall, that Bernice MacLean be the third person on the Licensing Committee to replace Ron Purdy. **CARRIED.**

- (v) Annual Meeting

MOTION # 7: L. Simpson/S. Marshall, that we ask one of our Digby County churches to host the Annual Meeting on April 27th, 2013 and that Rev. Sam Chaise, General Secretary of CBM has already been asked to be our speaker. Theme will be developed at the next Executive Meeting in early 2013. **CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Rev. Mark Reece told us of the Mission Project from their church and asked for some funding for their Mission trip to the Dominican Republic in February, 2013 where the 19 participants will be building a house, doing children's ministries and other projects as needed. The cost of building the house is \$6,000 and each person on the team must pay \$1500 for their own costs. They have been having fund raising events and are able to cover some of their cost for the 19 people going on the trip. Mark asked if this Association might be able to assist their cause.

MOTION # 8: D. Robertson/B. MacLean, that we give \$1900. To the Paradise Mission Team (\$100. Per person), and that we also give \$300 to Muriel Bent who is going to India and \$300 to Ellen Simpson who is doing a mission trip to Prague to work with the Carters. **CARRIED.**

The Treasurer mentioned the fact that the offerings to our Association have been dwindling ever since we have only one offering at our Annual meeting instead of two or more when we had a Spring and Fall Association meetings. Our receipts for this fiscal year are way down from last year, and we are depending on our rebates from Convention for funding many of our Association projects. Our rebates are made up of

4% of what our Association churches give to United in Mission. The amounts have been going down each year as some of our churches in this Association do not support United in Mission.

The Treasurer also reminded members that Crandall University is starting a "Future Foundations Capital Fund" and each church in the Association will be asked to donate a specific amount over a period of years.

December's Communion Offering is still in existence, but many churches no longer donate to this. This was started many years ago, and some churches still support the fund to help widows of Pastors or pastors who need help because their pensions are low. On the first Sunday Communion in December, a special offering is taken for this purpose. Churches are asked to consider this as a project in December each year.

David mentioned that anyone who might be interested in allowing their names to stand for a position on Convention Boards or Council must fill in an application and send it to the Nominating Committee at Convention. Each church received a package with all the details and instructions. Contact David Phillips if you, or someone in your church might be interested in a positions on a Board or Council.

MOTION # 9: S. Longley/D. Robertson, that because some of our churches in Digby County send children to Camp Peniel in Yarmouth county, an amount for Camp Peniel should be included in our Proposed Budget for 2013/14. **CARRIED.**

MOTION # 10: S. Marshall/S. Moore, that if there is extra money at the end of the 2012/13 fiscal year, that we send a donation to Camp Peniel. **CARRIED.**

OTHER ITEMS: Pastor Seth Moore, the Pastor of the Annapolis Pastorate, will be holding his Induction Service on Sunday, December 2 at 3pm in the First United Baptist Church of Annapolis Royal. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a time of fellowship and time for greetings after the service.

Moderator David Phillips mentioned the Association White Paper which was completed by an Association working group and now there is a composite paper on where our Associations should be going. David suggested that we discuss this paper at our next Council Meeting in March.

Pastors shared activities going on in their churches, such as Natural Church Development Seminars, baptisms, musical events, fellowship and outreach events. Rev. Sharon Budd is retiring in March, 2013.

A vote of Appreciation and a thank you was extended to Sheila and Robert Haynes who have been the reps on Council from Middleton Baptist Church for the past two years.

MOTION # 10: D. Townsend/P. Beals, that our next Council Meeting be held on March 16th, 2013 if the date is available. **CARRIED.**

Bernice MacLean moved that our Council Meeting be adjourned and Rev. Patty Beals closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Billard, Clerk

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 16th at Annapolis Baptist Church, 8:59 am. Regrets to Mary at myebillard99@hotmail.com or 467-3419.