

ANNAPOLIS-DIGBY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Council Meeting, February 27, 2010

The Council of the Annapolis-Digby Baptist Association met at First Baptist Church of Annapolis Royal on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 9:00 am.

Present: Cathy Batson, Ron Baxter, Patty Beals, Fred Bigelow, Mary Billard, Mark Cress, Dave Cumby, Joyce Hirtle, Randy Legassie, Bernice MacLean, Sheila Marshall, Bill McLeod, David Phillips, Don Robertson, Lester Simpson, Elizabeth Waugh.

Regrets: Sharon Budd, Wayne Fevens, Elizabeth Legassie, Mark Reece, Danny Townsend.

Moderator Fred Bigelow welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made for the benefit of some of the new members. Vice-Moderator David Phillips presented the devotional based on Numbers 14:1-23. The Israelites had become discouraged and were angry with Moses and Aaron because they thought they would be better off back in Egypt as slaves than in this land of giants. They grumbled and had no trust and didn't like God's plans for them. They chose selfishness over God's promise and great abundance, just as we often do. Thus the Israelites missed their entry into the Promised land, and we often miss God's promises to us because of our lack of trust and faith in Him. David added the advice from Philippians 2:14: "Do all things without murmurings and disputing ". David followed this by prayer.

MOTION # 1: M. Billard/ B. MacLean, that the minutes of the October 24th, 2009 Meeting be adopted as circulated with typo errors corrected. **CARRIED.**

MOTION # 2: M. Billard/ D. Robertson, that the Financial Report be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence other than e-mails regarding plans for Dr. Gary Nelson's visit to our Association at the end of March.

CLUSTER WORKING GROUP:

Fred Bigelow presented the written report from the Working Group on "Clusters", and explained what the Working Group was suggesting. Bill McLeod, Mark Cress and Fred worked on this and pointed out the suggestions for the Cluster Groups. It was suggested the groups be known as Cluster "Areas" rather than Cluster "groups". A letter will go to each church telling them of the Cluster plans and asking churches to host meetings. Funds for travel and initial meetings will be available to those who will arrange Cluster meetings or gatherings. A thank-you was extended to this committee for the work completed on Cluster Areas.

MOTION # 3: R. Legassie/D. Cumby, that the Cluster Working Group Report be accepted and that Fred Bigelow be the co-ordinator for Cluster Area Activities. **CARRIED.**

Dave Cumby stated that there is a functioning Ministerial in the Bridgetown and surrounding area, and this may be a way of reaching out. He mentioned that there are Christian radio stations in the Middleton and Aylesford area which might assist some of the smaller churches who may feel a detachment from the Association and Convention. Regional Minister Ron Baxter noted that the Association has a significant role of making churches aware of being a significant part of the Association and Convention.

MOTION # 4: R. Legassie/E. Waugh, that the Cluster Co-ordinator and the Executive come up with a budget for the working of the Cluster Areas. **CARRIED.**

REGION II REPORT:

Rev. Ron Baxter, Regional Minister for Region II, highlighted points in his written report.

MOTION # 5: R. Legassie, C. Batson, that the report from Region II, presented by Regional Minister Rev. Ron Baxter, be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

(Ron's Report attached to original minutes.)

There was no report from Region V.

KINGSWOOD CAMP REPORT:

The Clerk had a note from Mark Reece, our representative on the Camp Kingswood Board asking that David Longley be reappointed to the Camp Board for another three years, after being off for one year. Mark also asked that two other representatives be appointed.

MOTION # 6: B. MacLean/D. Robertson, that David Longley be re-appointed to Camp Kingswood and that the Executive try to find two more volunteers for the Camp Board. **CARRIED.**

MOTION # 7: B. MacLean/M.Cress, that a Thank You letter be written to Mark Reece and David Longley thanking them on behalf of the Association, for all their untiring work over the years at Camp Kingswood. **CARRIED.**

**WORK DAY AT KINGSWOOD WILL BE ON APRIL24 AT 9:00 AM. BRING A BOX LUNCH!
CHECK OUT DETAILS AT www.kingswoodcamp.ca.**

LICENSING COMMITTEE: Elizabeth Legassie reported that the Committee will meet March 11 to assess all those Pastors who need renewals or new licences.. Elizabeth also indicated that her term as Chair and member would be finished and a new member would be needed for the next 3 years. David Phillips and Bill McLeod are the remaining members of the Licensing Committee.

REGIONAL II WORKING GROUP REPORT:

Randy Legassie, Chair of the Region II Working Group, gave a report from the Group asking what the Association expected as a report from the Region. The Regional Minister usually reports to the Association so no extra report is needed from the chair, unless it was for something outside the Regional Minister's responsibility. Randy then asked for a grant from the Association of \$150.00 to assist in funding the Risk Management Workshop for Pastors presented by the Region. Randy also expressed a need for an increase in our yearly allotment to Region II for the work they carry on throughout the year.

MOTION # 8: D. Cumby/B. McLeod, that \$150 be given to Region II for the Risk Management Workshop. **CARRIED.**

MOTION # 9: B. McLeod/D. Phillips, that this Association increase our Annual fee for Region II from \$250 to \$350. **CARRIED.**

Rev. Ron Baxter expressed thanks from the Regional Working Group for the extra money received last year.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: The Clerk asked for 3 volunteers for a Budget Committee to meet with her to set up a proposed budget for the next Fiscal year. Randy Legassie, Fred Bigelow and Elizabeth Waugh volunteered to sit on this committee and will meet with the clerk to set up the proposed budget for 2010/11.

MOTION # 10: D. Robertson/S. Marshall, that we ask each church (or Pastorate, if small churches) to contribute \$50.00 per year or an appropriate amount for use as working capital for the Association, and that a letter be sent to each church with this request. **CARRIED.**

MOTION # 11: R. Legassie/B. MacLean, that the Executive be reappointed for another year and that the Executive will work to find two members-at-large to sit on the Executive. **CARRIED.**

Randy Legassie reminded us that according to our new Constitution we need to be working on activities that will focus on the ministries we do together.

MOTION # 12: R. Legassie/M. Cress, that our next meeting be held on Saturday, October 23, with the focus on how we can help smaller churches and part-time Pastors do their ministry more effectively. **CARRIED.**

MOTION # 13: R. Legassie/E. Waugh, that the Executive find two delegates to go to Convention to represent the Association. **CARRIED.**

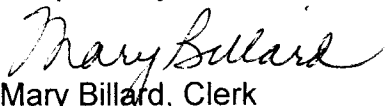
MOTION # 14: R. Legassie/J. Hirtle, that the Executive deal with any business which may come up between now and the meeting in October. **CARRIED.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Cathy Batson informed us that the 157th meeting of the AUBA (African United Baptist Association) will meet at Inglewood from August 13-15th with many activities being carried out in the areas of Bridgetown and Middleton. Cathy will have more details at the Annual Meeting in March. Randy noted that Goat Island Church will hold its 200th Anniversary on July 11th at the church with Allen Kelley as speaker.

With no further business, Don Robertson moved that we adjourn, and Fred closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Bullard, Clerk