

ANNAPOLIS-DIGBY UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Council Meeting, November 29, 2008

The Council of the Annapolis-Digby United Baptist Association met at First United Baptist Church of Annapolis Royal on Saturday, November 29, 2008.

Moderator Fred Bigelow welcomed all in attendance and introductions were made.

PRESENT: Ron Baxter, Fred Bigelow, Mary Billard, Sharon Budd, Mark Cress, Joyce Hirtle, Randy Legassie, David Longley, Sheila Marshall, Bill McLeod, David Phillips, Mark Reece, Don Robertson, Danny Townsend., Elizabeth Waugh.

REGRETS: Cathy Batson, Wendi Bradley, Elizabeth Legassie, Bernice Mac Lean, Brian Reid.

Moderator Fred Bigelow gave a devotional Reading from **Hour of Power. org** based on Jeremiah 18:1-11. The point of the devotion was to focus on God instead of ourselves and we would then be able to accomplish whatever God wanted us to do.

The minutes of the September 24th Special Council Meeting, held at Deep Brook, were circulated.

MOTION # 1: M. Billard/D. Robertson, that the minutes be adopted with one correction, that Mark Reece's name be added to the "**PRESENT**" list. **CARRIED.**

MOTION # 2: M. Billard/S. Marshall, that the Financial Report for the period from September 24 to November 29 be adopted as presented. **CARRIED.**

MOTION # 3: R. Legassie/B. McLeod, that the travel allowance amount be reduced from 36cents to 31 cents as this is the Convention amount for Boards and Committees. (The 36 cents was the amount suggested for Pastors and Convention Staff) **CARRIED.**

MOTION # 4: R. Legassie/D. Phillips, that Elizabeth Waugh and Sharon Budd be the Association representatives on the Examining Council for the next 3 years with an alternate appointed for each year in case one cannot serve. **CARRIED.**

It was agreed that David Phillips be one of the two required members for the Regional Search Committee and that the second person be named at the March Meeting. As well we require three (3) representatives for the Camp Kingswood Committee as soon as possible. Bill McLeod will replace Elaine Bent on the Licensing Committee for the Association. Elizabeth Legassie is now chair of this committee.

A Working Group for Programme and Nominations will be set up to work with the Executive for planning the Annual Association Meeting for April 25th, 2009, which will be held in the Middleton Area.

MOTION # 5: S. Budd/ E. Waugh, that the Executive and Randy work on the Association Planning Committee for the Annual Meeting in April, with power to add. **CARRIED.**

MOTION # 6: R Legassie/M. Cress, that the Executive be empowered to find members to sit on the Nomination Working Group and for a Budget Working Committee. **CARRIED.**

The Council then broke into three distinct groups to discuss Association Revitalization. Questions had been

formulated by Randy Legassie, our Facilitator for this aspect of the meeting and each group answered them in context of their needs and ideas.

The first question was: **In the context of our Association, what is currently going on concerning fellowship in our churches?**

The second question was: **Do we need to make changes? If so, what changes can we make and implement in our Association?**

Both these questions were addressed by the groups and ideas shared and collated by Randy, who will make these ideas and comments available for the March meeting.

(THE NOTES FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING SENT WITH THE MINUTES.)

After the Association Restructuring dialogue was finished, the business of the Association resumed.

KINGSWOOD CAMP: Mark Reece reported on the Summer Programme, reading a report by the Interim Executive Director, Rev. Pam Esty. It was a comprehensive account of activities that were carried out with 265 campers in 9 camps. New capital construction projects were completed. "Hennigar Hotel", (as the campers called it) the new Cabin Complex, was opened for the summer and the camp water is now safe to drink. A major concern is how to reach and impress upon our Association churches the value of having our children attend "our" camp. A better promotion plan is needed for our churches and a better follow-up for those campers who accept Christ at camp.

Churches are encouraged to have camp committee members or staff come and speak at their churches so more parents and children will know about Kingswood. Lots of information is available on the camp website. We were asked to keep the Camp in prayer.

A copy of the Financial update for Kingswood was presented and showed a deficit position. Personal donations as well as church and Association donations are down 16% this year and all are asked to consider making more donations to the camp.

David Longley will be off the Camp Kingswood Board for one year and three new members are required from Annapolis Digby Association as directors when the Camp becomes incorporated.

MOTION # 7: M. Reece/D. Longley, that the Camp report be accepted as given. **CARRIED.**

REGIONAL MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Ron Baxter presented a written report to the Council for Region II, and highlighted some of the contents. Several churches are seeking pastors while some churches have called new personnel to fill pulpits. Six pastors from Region II were recommended for ordination by the Examining Council and five of these pastors have been ordained while one ordination will take place next week.

Ron made mention of this Association's new Moderator, Fred Bigelow, Vice Moderator David Phillips and Assistant Clerk, Sheila Marshall.

A five member Search Committee is being formed to secure a successor to Ron as Regional Minister. Ron has agreed to work 3/4 time for 2009 so the Search committee can begin in January 2009 to seek a replacement for Ron.

Ron talked about United in Mission and Oasis 2008 with a new President, Rev. Dave Dubois, Vice president Rev. Robert Knowles and Executive Minister Rev. Peter Reid to carry on the work of our Convention. Ron thanked everyone for their prayers and support on his and Sharon's behalf, as well as for his son Peter and children after the loss of Peter's wife.

MOTION # 8: D. Phillips/D. Townsend that the Regional Minister's report be accepted. **CARRIED**

With no further business, Danny Townsend moved the meeting be adjourned and Randy closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Billard, Clerk

NEXT MEETING MARCH 7th, 2009 at 8:59 am at First Baptist Church of Annapolis Royal.