



Minutes

CABF Council Meeting

August 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
(Via Zoom)

Present: Lee Nicholas-Pattillo (Chair), David Allen, John Boyd, John Churchill, Hugh Kirkegaard, Marlene Knowles, Sheila Stanley

Regrets: Dave Gibson, Don Flowers, Jeff White, Rick Manuel

Call to Order: Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Approval of Agenda: There was consensus to approve the previously circulated agenda.

John Boyd shared the sad news of Janet Manuel's passing and that the service would be held at All Nations Church – details to follow. Our sincere sympathy to Rick as we keep him and their loved ones in our prayers. Hugh Kirkegaard suggested that CABF extend our sympathy with flowers or in a manner consistent with the family's wishes as they become known.

Opening Prayer: Harriet opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Minutes May 5, 2020:

The minutes of the meeting held on May 5, 2020 were not available for consideration. Approval of the minutes and consideration of any business arising were deferred until the September meeting.

New Business:

It was agreed that we first consider the items listed under New Business on the agenda.

a. Credentials Committee Request

Credentials Committee Chair, John Churchill, reviewed background previously circulated to give context on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF) and the Interfaith Committee on Canadian Military Chaplaincy (ICCMC), and brought to the CABF Council for consideration and approval.

Moved by John Churchill and seconded by Marlene Knowles *that Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Canadian Council for Baptist Freedoms and the Interfaith Committee on Canadian Baptist Ministry.*

Discussion: It was suggested that Lee's name be added as a signatory to the MOU, and both mover and seconder agreed to this amendment.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

John Churchill then moved a follow-up motion:

that the temporary action taken by the Chair of the Interfaith Committee on Canadian Military Chaplaincy (ICCMC) on June 2, 2020 to transfer the endorsement of a CABF-accredited military chaplain to the Canadian Council of Churches representative on the ICCMC for the sake of his emotional and vocational well-being, be made permanent.

Hugh Kirkegaard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. It was agreed, however, that a clarifying note be added to make it clear that 'a CABF-accredited military chaplain' be specific to the current chaplain only.

Hugh asked that Council formally thank both the Reverend Alan Hall, Chair of the ICCMC and Peter Noteboom, Chair of the Canadian Council of Churches(CCC) for their extensive and thoughtful work on addressing this sensitive matter.

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b. 50th Anniversary Report

Chair David Allen circulated a document outlining proposed increases to the 2021 draft budget to reflect additional costs pertaining to the 50th anniversary celebrations for CABF and its predecessor Atlantic Baptist Fellowship (ABF). David moved and Marlene seconded that these amounts be included in the draft budget for review by Council in September prior to presentation to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). David advised Council that Amos Pewter has already designed a lapel pin to mark the anniversary and that a decision will have to be made in future on whether to sell or give or otherwise distribute the pins.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

Standing Reports:

Canadian Council of Churches (CCC):

With respect to Canadian Baptist Ministries applying for affiliate status on the CCC, Bert reported that it is almost a moot point – the CCC will do what it will do, and he will vote according to his conscience. Also, a church called Community of Christ (a re-organized version of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints) has asked for membership in the CCC. Should a church with ties to the Mormons be a member? Bert invited members of Council to provide any feedback to him before the November meeting.

Finance:

Chair David Allen reported that both expenses and revenue are down this year to date compared to last but that revenue still exceeds expense so there is no concern at this point.

Memberships:

David Allen reported on Joyce's behalf that memberships are down, but not surprisingly. Many people renew their membership at the time of the Rushton Lecture, and the Lecture had not occurred this year due to the pandemic.

Website:

Chair John Boyd reported that not a lot had occurred since the last meeting of Council. One bill has been paid. There has been a good response to the Facebook page. He has also updated the website to announce Janet Manuel's passing.

John noted that the AGM is still listed on the website as happening in person, so it will be important to make a final determination at the next Council meeting on September 8th about how the event will be held.

Program:

In absence of Chair Jeff White, Lee reported that she and Jeff have been working on how to support ministers and a report will be presented at the September Council meeting.

Other: Lee asked if anyone had a copy of the description of what our current logo means as this would be good information to have readily available for the 50th Anniversary Celebrations. Roger Prentice probably knows, so Lee will check with Roger.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.