



**Minutes**  
**CABF Council Meeting**  
**March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**(Via Zoom)**

Promoting Historic Baptist  
Traditions and Freedoms

**Present:** Marlene Knowles (President); David Allen, Joyce Allen, Ed Colquhoun, John Boyd, Dave Gibson, Sheila Stanley, Lee Nicholas-Pattillo, Jeff White, Sharon White.

**Regrets:** Martin Roy, Daniel Green, Rusty Edwards.

**1. Open with Prayer:** Marlene welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer.

**2. Approval of Agenda:** John moved, and Lee seconded, the approval of the agenda.

**Motion Carried**

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 had been emailed out before today's meeting.

Sharon moved, seconded by Sheila the approval of the January 4<sup>th</sup> minutes.

**Motion Carried**

**4. Business Arising**

**1. Recording of minutes**

All agreed to temporarily record the meeting for ease of minute documentation by the secretary.

**2. Approval to release minutes on the CABFwebsite**

Discussion took place to organize the logistics of meeting minutes. They will only be posted to the CABFwebsite once they have been approved at the following Council meeting.

### **3. Draft Minutes**

The draft minutes of any meeting will continue to be sent to the Council in a timely manner following the meeting.

#### **i. A. Support Committee**

A write-up of this is included in the President's report. Summary: This committee is a work in progress; it will be expanded with a wider vision. John Churchill has agreed to come alongside to share some of his visioning expertise.

#### **ii. B. Letters to Members**

This is also a work in progress. Marlene thanked David and Joyce Allen for the letter for new members. Marlene is waiting for the dates of the programs to include in the letter.

#### **iii. C. Notes of appreciation to Dr. Marilyn Peers and Rev. Dr. Carol Anne Janzen**

Marlene had sent a card to both Marilyn and Carol Anne, and had received correspondence back from Marilyn in thanks for her card.

### **5. Correspondence –**

#### **A. Blake Eady – Moderator of The Gathering**

Marlene had received correspondence back from Blake asking for a dialogue between The Gathering and the C.A.B.F.. He was positive about this opportunity to discuss how both organizations could work together.

#### **B. Marilyn Peers**

(See 3iii.)

### **6. Treasurer's Report – David Allen**

#### **Banking Summary (Year to Date)**

This report had been sent out before this meeting.

David moved, second by Sheila, the approval of the Banking Summary.

**Motion Carried**

#### **10-Year Financial Summary (Banking History)**

David stated that the report is a draft version of the financial summary. Dave Gibson thanked David for the substantial history in the report. David will send this draft off to Scott Kindred-Barnes for verification.

David acknowledged Dr. Marion Grant and her financial contribution to the C.A.B.F.. David noted that the CABF will be up fronting the cost of printing Scott's book in 2023, a cost ranging between \$5000 - \$6000.

## Standing Reports

### a. **Proclaiming:** Telling Our Story

#### 1. **The Bulletin:**

Marlene gave a brief update in Scott's absence. She attended the last Publication committee meeting. Discussions were around Scott's book and the Bulletin.

The Publication committee has appointed Aaron Kenny as their new committee chair.

Marlene moved, second by Lee, that Aaron Kenny be the new Publication Committee Chair.

**Motion Carried**

#### 2. **Website Committee:** John Boyd

The issue of cloud space for CABFfiles has been resolved; an account has been created through Google for the secretary's use. It would be prudent for the chair of the website and the president to also have access to this space for ease of transition for secretary changes or emergencies.

Other officers can also make use of this cloud space with Google, contact John to get this option. This Google space is free for non-profit organizations.

**Action:** Sharon to add account access to the Website Chair and the President.

John moved, second by David Allen, acceptance of his report.

**Motion Carried**

### b. **Convening:** for the purpose of fellowship and growth in the Freedoms

#### 1. **Program Committee:** Jeff White

His report was sent out before the meeting. They are waiting for an answer from a potential speaker for the Rushton Lecture in June and are discussing the theme of "Welcoming the other" for the next few gatherings.

Other discussions and initial plans are looking at a clergy gathering of several days in October: discussing costs, revenue, target audience, and locations. More info to follow as decided upon.

Further discussions occurred around the theme of Welcoming the other.

Jeff moved, and Ed seconded, acceptance of his verbal report.

**Motion Carried**

2. **Partners (Representative Reports)**

**(1) CCC - Hugh Kirkegaard**

The next gathering of the CCC will be gathering May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> in Quebec City. Hugh will attend in person for the 1<sup>st</sup> time to engage with people and properly represent the C.A.B.F..

Hugh will discuss with David the costs of a second representative if that does indeed happen as traveling costs for 1 representative are covered in the CABFbudget.

**(2) Alliance of Baptists –**

In Rusty's absence, Marlene stated that the committee is very active.

3. **President's Report – Marlene Knowles**

This report had been circulated before the meeting. Discussions occurred around her report.

Marlene moved, Lee second by, her President's report.

**Motion Carried**

Hugh acknowledged the women of CABF for their work as today is International Women's Day.

c. **Supporting** one another as we live out our vision and mission.

i. **Financial/Budget:** David Allen

David spoke on the budget for the calendar year of 2022 stating that some numbers are different from prior reports due to late cheques coming in from 2022. There had been a deficit, but this was covered with extra monies from prior years.

David moved, and John seconded, acceptance of the 2022 calendar year budget figures.

**Motion Carried**

**Consolidated Financial Statement:** David Allen

This report will be presented at the next meeting of the membership. The Charitable statement to CRA will be based on these figures.

David moved, and Ed seconded, acceptance of the Consolidated Financial Statement.

**Motion Carried**

ii. **Membership:** Joyce Allen

The membership report had been circulated before the meeting.

Joyce brought forth a recommendation to accept an individual membership for Gordon Tisher of Kamloops, British Columbia. He is a senior software engineer for a software company, wife's name is Andrea.

Joyce moved, second by David, to accept Gordon Tisher into the membership of the C.A.B.F..

**Motion Carried**

iii. **Credentials Committee:**

Rusty had sent out his report before the meeting to Marlene and Shelia. Marlene read Rusty's detailed report in his absence.

**Action:** Marlene to send out Rusty's report and Arla's letter to the Council.

Marlene moved, seconded by John, acceptance of Rusty's report.

**Motion Carried**

iv. **Constitution and Governance:** David Gibson

No report.

v. **Chaplain Support:** Hugh Kirkegaard

Nothing to report at this time. Another meeting has been scheduled for early April. The group decided to meet quarterly.

Hugh moved, second by Sheila, acceptance of his verbal report.

**Motion Carried**

vi. **Nominating Committee:** Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

Lee gave a verbal report. 2 people have resigned, and a few positions are due this Fall; the committee needs to consider approaches to fill the positions. Lee will talk with John Churchill and Rusty to discuss position openings in their presentations with upcoming churches and new members.

**Action:** Lee to send Aaron notice of his acceptance to the Publication committee as chair.

Lee moved, second by John Boyd, acceptance of her report.

**Motion Carried**

**7. New Business**

1. Ordination for Arla Johnson:  
Lee stated that the council's email addresses have been sent to Julie for her to email out Arla's Ordination invitation. Planning for this event is moving along.
  
2. Cloud Space for use by the Secretary and Credentials Committee:  
(See Standing Report: **a. 2.**)
  
3. Website: John Boyd  
Nothing to report.

**8. Information items:**

Nothing to report.

**9. Next Meeting Date set for: May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, at 9:30 am.**

Upon motion from Marlene, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Lic. Sharon White,  
CABF Secretary

**Supporting Documents:**

Agenda; 2022 Consolidated Financial Statement, Budget, Banking Summary (Jan 1-Mar 6), Financial history, Arla's Ordination invitation, Standing Committee Reports: President, Credentials, Membership, Program.