**LUNENBURG-QUEENS ASSOCIATION of CONVENTION BAPTIST CHURCHES**

 **SPRING MEETING**

**May 11, 2013**

The Lunenburg-Queens Association of Convention Baptist Churches met at Chelsea Baptist Church on May 11, 2013 with 37 registered. Moderator Jackie Eisener welcomed everyone and our new Moderator, Cathy Uhlman, who then chaired the meeting. Cathy also extended a warm welcome to all. Regrets: Sherrolyn Riley.

The host Pastor, Angela Stewart gave the morning devotional, “Blessings of Sponsorship”. She has five children that she sponsors. Poverty is defeated through sponsorship. There are one billion children living in poverty. We need Jesus’ light shine through us and share with others. Angela closed in prayer.

The business session opened with prayer by Cathy. The Rules of Order were read by the Clerk.

The minutes of October 13, 2012 were circulated. Moved by Kay Keddy, seconded by Gordon Peverill that the minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

A letter received October 15, 2012 from the Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy thanking us for our support was read. A letter was received from Dr. Peter Reid, Executive Minister, with information regarding two notice of motions that will be on the agenda at Oasis in August. Also enclosed was the proposed operating By-laws Amendments that will be submitted at the Convention in August 2013. A letter from Reta Halverson with information regarding the 2013 Bible Conference August 10 to 16th was read.

Cathy expressed her thanks for kindness shown to her and family during the passing of her Mother.

Eric Campbell noted the great Chaplaincy service we have in the Halifax hospitals and said we need to consider a part time Chaplain for the three hospitals in our Association. Pastors have a difficult time accessing the names of people in our hospitals. They have met with some of the staff. There would be better access to the names of those in our hospitals if we had a Hospital Chaplain on Staff. He asked if we could consider supporting a part time hospital chaplain here? This suggestion could be presented to the hospital staff. It was moved by Doug Porter, seconded by Doug Oickle that the Association send a letter of encouragement to the hospital giving our support to have a part time Hospital Chaplain for the three hospitals in our Association. Motion carried. The Association Executive is to get together to word the letter. It was suggested a financial offer be included in the letter. A suggestion was made that each of our churches contribute $2.00 per week to support this.

The pastors are asked to send in a report of the Prayer Vigil that was held on Good Friday.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer’s Report** (attached to recorded copy of these minutes)

Gordon’s Treasurer’s Report was circulated. Balance on hand, May 10, 2013 - $ 5,274.93. Gordon moved the adoption of his report, seconded by Dan Green. Motion carried. The $2000.00 that was given to Long Lake Camp was requested for staff training. Due to some confusion about this being approved at our last Working Groups session, it was moved by John Boddy, seconded by Dan Green that the Association accept the amount of $2000.00 that has already be given to Long Lake Camp. Motion carried.

Gordon read the Financial Review report of Cheryl Beaton.

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Moved by Eric Campbell, seconded by Tom Davidson, that each church give $2.00 per week per year for the support of a Hospital Chaplain on the South Shore. Motion carried. This would amount to about $2400.00 a year. Perhaps someone in a church would be willing to give this amount ($104.00) each year.

Eric Campbell will contact the other churches in town to see if their church would be willing to support a part time hospital chaplain.

**Working Groups**

**Social Action**

Eric Campbell noted that there was no requests from any of the smaller churches for assistance from the Association. Maybe manpower could be offered to assist them with some smaller jobs that need to be done. A Food Bank in Caledonia might be required. He thanked the Association for the financial support given to the Legassies.

**Leadership and Development**

Don Dunn reported on the Boot Camp that was held in January at Bayside Camp. Twenty-one men attended. Many furthered their journey with Christ. In November 2014 another Boot Camp will be held at Bayside Camp. He thanked the Association for their financial assistance.

**Moved by Dan Green, seconded by Don Dunn that the Association License for Doug Oickle, Joe Green and Paula Davidson be renewed for another year. Motion carried.**

**Financial and Stewardship**

It was noted that all Church Allotments should be given to the Association. 60% of these allotments go to Long Lake Camp and 40% stays in the Association. Churches can send extra donations to Long Lake Camp.

**Fellowship and Ministries** - No Report

**Long Lake Camp**

Steve Hopper reported that the Director’s cabin at Long Lake Camp was renamed Ali Cameron Cabana. Over $1000.00 in memorial donations in memory of Ali Cameron were given to Long Lake Camp.

There is a need from more members on the Camp Board. There should be 15 and at present there are only 7. More clergy is required on the board. Moved by Fran DeLong, seconded by Eric Campbell that the Association Nominating Committee meet to appoint additional Camp Board members as soon as possible. An amendment was made to the motion that these names be given at the Working Groups meeting in June for approval. The motion and amendment were passed.

There has been a request that the Association give $5000.00 to Long Lake Camp for better qualified staff and training. $2000.00 has already be given. Moved by Doug Oickle, seconded by Don Dunn that the Association give $3000.00 to Long Lake Camp. Motion carried. The Camp Board would like to employ some university students for the summer camps, and have some hired from May 15th to the end of the children’s camps. These students would go out to promote our camps not only in the churches but in malls, grocery stores, schools etc. A float could be made

to be entered in parades, and brochures could be given out. There would be a week of training for all staff.

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The Camp Board has applied for a government grant. All churches could apply for government grants and have the student work at the camp. Applications need to made early in the year.

The Camp Treasurer is away so there was no financial report from her. Steve reported that balance on hand as of February 14, 2013 was $3279.00 and this does not include the memorial donations.

Next year, 2014 is the 50th Anniversary of Long Lake Camp. A committee needs to be appointed to make plans to celebrate that occasion.

Most of the summer staff for the camp has been hired. Jane Gillis is Managing Director. Allison Rand will be the cook, and Assistant Cook is Bailey Oickle, A life guard is required.

Charles Richardson reported on the property. At present there is only two on that committee. Five cabins have had an extension made to them. The Air Flight Engineering group were asked to assist in doing the extensions on the cabins but due to cut backs that will not be possible. The septic tank has been pumped out. Eric Pettigrew volunteered to work on this system. The dishwasher has been installed on the floor.

At this time there was a 15 minute break.

Our special music was Brandon Foster. He played his guitar and sang for 30 minutes. Some of his selections were:“When I Came to the End of my Journey”, “Matthew 24", “He Took Your Place”, “Trust and Obey”, “Lord It’s Me again”. Cathy thanked Brandon for sharing his musical talent with us and our appreciations was shown.

Cathy introduced our special speakers, Rev. Robert Allaby and his wife Sandra. Robert was pastor at Chelsea 23 years ago. They have a ministry called Life Aid Mission which is committed to working along side people in the Dominican Republic. Robert operated the power point presentation and Sandra spoke about the pictures. They have over 200 children sponsored, have a medical mission that has seen 4000 patients. Two doctors, a nurse practitioner, and a psychologist have been hired to work in the clinics. Each year several volunteer mission teams go to the Dominican Republic to assist them. Land has been purchased and a new school is being constructed. Desks, dishes and fans have been purchased for the school. Fund raisers of bake sales, yard sales, BBQ’s etc. have raised over $30,000.

Cathy thanked the Allabys for coming and sharing with us.

Dan Green announced that the annual Golf Tournament will be held on June 24th in Chester.

Cathy expressed our thanks to Rev. Eric Campbell, Rev. Robert Gates and Rev. Don Dunn for their service in our churches and Association. They all will be leaving our area.

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The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. Cathy Uhlman closed the session in prayer and gave the blessing for the noon meal.

A lovely lunch of soups, rolls and desserts were provided by members of the church and served in the Chelsea Community Hall.

Nilda Chute,

Clerk