**LUNENBURG/QUEENS ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST CHURCHES**

**Leadership Teams / Working Groups**

**Chelsea Baptist Church**

**March 7, 2015**

The Lunenburg/Queens Association Leadership Teams and Working Groups met at the Chelsea Baptist Church on March 7th, 2015 with 11 present. As there was not a quorum, the meeting proceeded so that ongoing matters could be discussed and finalized. The Moderator, Steve Hopper, emphasized that no motions could be made.

**REGRETS:** Lee and Betty Lohnes Brian McArthur

Mitchell Foley Daniel Green

Tom Davidson Fran and Earl Delong

Doug Porter Norman and Eleanor Hovland

**WELCOME:**

Moderator, Steve Hopper, welcomed and thanked all for coming to the meeting. He welcomed Revs. Jack and Audrey Carter to the Chelsea Baptist Church and wished them well with their ministry here.

**PRAYER:**

Steve Hopper officially opened the meeting in prayer.

**DEVOTIONAL:**

Revs. Jack and Audrey Carter led those present in spiritual and uplifting songs. Audrey Carter gave

devotional concerning our closeness with God. God invites us into the inner chamber and desires to have a relationship with us. Sometimes we become so involved with “behind the scene work”, we lose sight of our closeness with God. There are no short cuts to get to the place where God wants us. She stated that we all need to take time to do God’s work.

Audrey then read a poem entitled “The Inner Chamber” and closed the devotional with prayer.

**BUSINESS SESSION:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Leadership Teams / Working Groups meeting held on September 13, 2014 were reviewed by those present and there being no errors or omissions, the Moderator declared them approved as read.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. *Association Constitution Update*

Steve Hopper reviewed the suggested changes that he had made to the Constitution and the reasons why the changes are recommended.

Sam Jess suggested that amalgamating with other Associations may be feasible and Steve Hopper will follow this up to see if this is being done elsewhere.

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Joe Green suggested that Youth Groups be invited to be part of Association so that activities of youth groups can be discussed.

The name “Working Group” was discussed and it was felt that a new name should be created so that people think of it as being all work.

The terms of office for Vice Moderator and Moderator were discussed and also what the new “Council” would be responsible for if the Association met only once per year and what powers the Executive would have throughout the year with respect to decision making.

This matter will be discussed again for finalization.

1. Revamped *Bursary Application*

There was no one present to discuss this matter.

1. *Workshop on Drug Issues in New Germany*

This will be carried out at the Spring Association meeting in the afternoon with Cal Makerly.

1. *Sidewalk from Drumlin Hills to Baptist Church*

This has been done and paid for.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The following correspondence was read:

* Thank you note from Pastor Marie McCallum
* Thank you note from Pastor Joe Green
* Completion of Ministry advisory from Pastor Cathy Uhlman
* Update on location of Convention Office
* Appointment of Rev. Kevin Vincent as Executive Minister

**ASSOCIATION TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Due to the absence of the Treasurer, there was no report.

**WORKING GROUPS’ REPORTS:**

1. *Finance*

Doug Oickle noted that the balance from last report was $2,691.55 but would be less at this point. He also noted that the allotments are down and if they come in, things could remain the same, however, if they don’t, there will be a need for cutbacks.

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The expenses for Cal Mackery will remain the same. Fran Delong will work on the Music Rally with a time and host Church to be confirmed.

1. *Long Lake Camp*

Steve Hopper advised that the Board of Directors are struggling. There is a full slate of officers and only 50% attend the meetings. He stated that even with donations from churches, association and campers’ fees, there is still a shortage of funds. There has been some brain storming about the future of the camp.

He noted that other churches use the camp and a Rental Policy will be created. Camp brochures will be ready in a couple months and applications are now available on the website.

Charles Richardson explained the debt of the Camp and noted that it may be iffy if the camp operates. Winter parties had to be cancelled due to snow, etc.

Suggestions were made as to the cost for camp use within the Rental Policy. It was noted that the camp was spiritually successful last year but not financially. Sam Jess suggested that we contact Canada Helps and Steve Hopper will look into this.

Jack Carter suggested that each person give $2.00 per week towards Long Lake Camp.

1. *Social Action*

It was reported that Community Foundation of Nova Scotia had put out Vital Signs of the Province and that a copy of the report concerning Lunenburg County was available. It explains where each county is failing in their community work.

The yearly Prayer Vigil will take place on March 27 and 28 and a list of what we can pray for will be on the Association website. Doug Oickle volunteered his time to speak in any of the Association churches regarding the Prayer Vigil.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. *Location of Spring Association*

Steve Hopper announced that Corey Pickens, former Pastor at the Milton Baptist Church, had moved to another ministry and the Deacons of the Milton Church felt they could not host the Spring Association Meeting. He asked if any other church would be willing to host and Doug Oickle volunteered to speak with Dan Green. Steve Hopper advised that, if no other host could be found, Brooklyn Baptist may do so. He also noted that the guest speaker would be involved in a youth event on Friday night, May 1st; speak at the Association meeting in the morning of May 2nd; host a Drug Abuse session in the afternoon and speak at one of the churches on Sunday morning.

1. *Upcoming Events*

* March 29 – (10:45am) Decommissioning Service at Bridgewater Baptist Church – Rev. Harry Gardner

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* April 26 – (10:45am) Dedication at new Bridgewater Baptist Church – Rev. Tom Harvey
* April 26 – (3:00pm) Dedication Service with Bridgewater Firemen’s Band playing at 2:30pm and a 100 Voice Mass Choir – Rev. Brian MacArthur (Reception to follow)
* May 22 - Gospel Concert featuring Healing Waters at Chester Baptist Church
* April 26 - Gospel Concert at Chester Baptist Church to raise funds for an area couple to go on a mission to Kenya
* March 15th – (6:45pm) Country Gospel Music Night –AEnon Baptist Church, Chester Basin
* April 11th – (7:00pm) Amanda Riley and Katheryn Green in Concert – AEnon Baptist Church, Chester Basin
* May 9 - Ladies Retreat at Greenfield Baptist Church
* April 19th – (3:00pm) Induction Service for Revs. Jack and Audrey Carter at Chelsea United Baptist Church – Rev. Harry Gardner. (Fellowship and Pot Luck supper will follow at the Chelsea Fire Hall)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the Moderator adjourned the meeting with prayer at 11:25 am.

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Moderator Clerk

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