

LUNENBURG -QUEENS ASSOCIATION of CANADIAN BAPTISTS OF ATLANTIC
CANADA

FALL MEETING
October 1, 2016

The Lunenburg-Queens Association met at Pleasantville Baptist Church on October 1, 2016. Moderator Doug Oickle welcomed everyone.

Rev. Mitchell Foley, Pastor of the Pleasantville Baptist Church introduced his daughter Victoria. Victoria told briefly about a mission trip with CBM to Kenya that she and Julia LeBlanc are planning to do in July 2017. They will be working at Camp Tumaini. She showed a short video on Kenya. The cost for each to go is \$4000.00. Fund raising is in progress. She would appreciate our prayers and any financial support.

Mitchell gave the morning devotional. Scripture was from 1 Thessalonians. He told a story of a lady who checked many church web sites for info. One that got her attention read: You Belong Here! 85% of those who go a new church check out their web site before going there. How are we spreading the gospel? Mitchell led in prayer.

The business session opened with prayer by Doug Oickle. Regrets: Steve Hopper, Jackie Eisener, Norman and Eleanor Hovland.

The Rules of Order were read by the Assistant Clerk, Nilda Chute.

The minutes of May 7, 2016 were circulated. One correction was noted: Myrna Crouse nominated Earl and Fran DeLong be our delegates at Oasis. Moved by Kay Keddy, seconded by Mitchell Foley that the minutes be approved as printed with the correction. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Letter from the Convention office containing information about the positions that are available to serve in our Convention.

Business Arising From the Minutes

Moved by Royce Getson, seconded by Earl DeLong the 2016-2017 Budget be extended for six months; and that those who received licenses be extended for six months. Motion carried.

The executive did not discuss anything about having a Mission Weekend. This item is to be on their agenda of their next executive meeting.

New Business

Moved by Sam Jess, seconded by Evelyn Hiltz that the Association give \$1000.00 towards the costs of the two girls going on the mission trip, \$500.00 for Victoria, and \$500.00 for Julia. Motion carried. Perhaps in the future the Association could consider giving them more.

First Nations Project was not discussed. The speaker this morning will be speaking about that.

Our new constitution becomes effective today, October 1, 2016. A couple questions were asked regarding the new constitution.

Our Convention has changed its name. It is Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada.

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Tidal Impact. There will be expenses for the churches that are involved with Tidal Impact. About five hundred youth will be hosted in our area. Moved by Sam Jess, seconded by Dan Green that the Association set aside \$2000.00 for Tidal Impact for those churches that may need support.

Moved by Mitchell Foley, seconded by Cathy Uhlman that the Association give \$1000.00 to Soul Harbour House. Motion carried.

A letter was received several months ago from Acadia Divinity College asking for financial support. It was suggested that we also give financial support to Crandall University. Moved by Sherrolyn Riley, seconded by Kay Keddy that we give \$500.00 to Crandall University. Motion carried.

Moved by Evelyn Hiltz, seconded by Joe Green that the Association give \$500.00 to Acadia Divinity College. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Report attached to these minutes)

Fran DeLong gave the Treasurer's Report. She thanked the churches for their allotments. Fran asked the churches to mail cheque for the Association to her, and not to Gordon Peverill. Balance on hand September 30, 2016 \$7,582.15 Fran moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Earl DeLong. Report adopted.

Ordination Council - No report

The Clerk was asked to send a thank you to Norman Hovland for serving on the Ordination Council in August.

Nominating Report - Steven Hopper

The Nominating Report was presented by Doug Oickle. Doug Porter asked that the pastors in the report be listed alphabetically.

There were no other nominations. Moved by Doug Oickle, seconded by Dan Green that the Nominating Report be adopted. Motion carried.

Oasis Convention Report (Attached to recorded copy of these minutes)

Fran DeLong thanked the Association for appointing she and Earl our delegates to Oasis. She read her report, and noted it was a really interesting convention. Next year it will be held at Crandall University again, and then in 2018 it will be held at Acadia University, Wolfville in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of ADC. The theme for Oasis was "Changing Atlantic

Canada one neighbourhood at a Time". The Lay Pastors Training Program will now be Lay Leader Certificate Program.

Moderator's Report

Doug Oickle noted the events he attended while he was the Moderator.

Doug introduced Sam Jess our new Moderator.

Moved by Kay Keddy, seconded by Joe Green the Association have a break at this time.
Motion carried.

Following the LLC Society meeting our meeting continued.

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Sam Jess, our new Moderator introduced our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Danny Zacharais, Professor of New Testament at Acadia Divinity College.

Dr. Zacharais spoke about the Indigenous People of Canada. He grew up in Manitoba, came from a broken home, and didn't know about Indigenous people till he was in his teens. There are 1.4 million Indigenous people in Canada. A map of Canada showed where the Mikmaq First Nations people are living. In the Maritimes there were Peace and Friendship treaties.

Danny showed two videos. First was an interview with Rev. Michael Fredericks, a fellow who was adopted into an Indigenous family. He has now completed his MDiv degree and is pastor at Perth-Andover Baptist Church in NB near a First Nations Community. For many First Nations people, Christ and Church is not Good News. There is a need to build relationships with them. We are to be witnesses to all Nations, and show the love of Jesus.

Dr. Zacharais then spoke about the Culture of First Nations. Living on a reserve they don't own their land. An early Indian Act did not allow them to vote. Indigenous people are dealing with profound social issues. Sometimes they are moved away from where they live. There are barriers to health issues, and they don't have citizenship rights. There is high unemployment. Alcohol is seen as a weapon.

Then he showed a video with himself and Rev. Thelma McLeod, Pastor at Bethany Baptist Church, Aldershot, NS. Thelma has had a keen interest in Indigenous people. She read several books written by Indigenous people, and is now building relationships with some of them. God has brought them to her.

Danny's Challenge to us was: 1) Educate yourself about Indigenous people; 2) be vocal; 3) build relationships, pray for them.

Dr. Zacharais led in prayer and gave the blessing for the noon meal.

Sam Jess thanked the sneaker and presented him with a token of our appreciation.

At 1:00 p.m. Dan Green moved the meeting adjourned.

A delicious lunch of soups, rolls and apple crisp was served by the men and women of the host church.

Nilda Chute,
Assistant Clerk