**Report of Council**

Lunenburg-Queens Baptist Association

Oct. 13, 2018

Our constitution says, “The Council shall meet at least 3 - 6 times a year and will run the business of Association between Annual Meetings. (Some of the meetings can be held using an electronic meeting system.)”

Considering the broad powers the council holds to do the Association’s business through the year, a report is in order. (For more details than what is below, Council minutes are on our Association website.)

Our council met 5 times: Feb. 6, Feb. 27, April 24, June 5, and Sept. 11. Of those meetings, 2 were face-to-face at Bridgewater Baptist, and 3 were conference calls.

We are learning that conference calls are good when we already understand each other on a topic and the business is straightforward. Using conference calls saves us a lot of driving and time. Face to face meetings are important when we need to make ourselves understood more, and when discussions are more nuanced.

Business conducted:

* Appointed Jim Crooker and Joe Green to council, Feb. 6.
* Granted an Association License to Kevin Rhodenizer, Feb. 6.
* Granted an Association License to Royce Getson, Feb. 27.
* Appointed Lee and Betty Lohnes as our Oasis delegates, Feb. 27.
* Approved a bursary for Victoria Foley for $500, April 24.

Our treasurer updated us on our finances at our meetings.

The council also gave input and direction for planning our Spring Rally, May 27 at Chester Basin (Aenon). Our June conference call was to debrief on how the event went. We would have liked to see many more people attend – it was a busy weekend.

Our meetings also served as times to share news and announcements among our represented churches, reflect on directions for the future, etc.

Overall, I am pleased with the structure of how our council functions. When requests come in, we are able to respond to them promptly, e.g., when someone needs a license or a bursary. At the same time, we do not have to spend a lot of time in meetings or on the road. The council is an efficient body.

That efficiency comes with broad powers and the risk of abuse. I encourage the Association in coming years to expect (demand?) detailed reporting on the business that the council transacts. Our Clerk has been faithful at emailing out our council minutes, which are also posted online, and you should hope for your Moderator to share reports like this present one.

Yours in Christ,

Samuel Jess, Moderator (outgoing)