

Manitoba Baptist Association

Call to Order

October 14, 2006 at First Baptist Church, Minitonas — Mark Woods called the meeting to order with prayer.

Seating of Delegates

Elim, Beausejour	4
First, Minitonas	9
Moosehorn, Moosehorn	3
Emmanuel, Morris	0
Oakbank, Oakbank	5
Grace, Ochre River	6
Whiteshell, Seven Sisters	7
Temple, Swan River	8
Whitemouth, Whitemouth	0
Abundant Life	4
Central	0
Fort Richmond	3
McDermot Avenue	5
Mission	7
New Life Ministries	1
Rowandale	4
Whyte Ridge	8
Meadowood Chaplain	0
Regional Minister	1
Guests	6
Executive	0
Total	81

Special Committees

Ballot Committee: Allen Unger, Mark de Klyver

Scrutineers: Bernd Rist, Herb Adam

Resolution of Thanks: Greg Gaensler, Jeff Kilmartin

MSC to appoint the committees.

Minutes of 2005 Meeting

Dave Henkelman highlighted the minutes. Two corrections: 1. Under Financial Report: add the word "have" after "At present we have...". 2. Under Elections: WMF coordinator is "elected", not appointed by the women of the WMF.

MSC to accept last year's minutes as presented.

Camp Nutimik Report

Board Chairman Dave Robinson reported

that the ministry is continuing and is strong even with the financial challenges of recent years. Through fundraisers and special gifts (\$20,000 given through Air Canada) the Camp's financial situation is improving. The MBA delegates were thanked for their support. For the 2006 year, the Camp is projecting a surplus in excess of \$16,000.

Treasurer (Financial)

Garry highlighted the financial report for the MBA.

In 2005, expenses exceeded income by over \$45,000. The short fall is due to receiving less income than hoped for.

The loan given to Camp Nutimik is being repaid.

For 2006, the Church Planting fund has grown significantly due to interest received on invested funds.

Over \$26,000 was given at the Benefit Concert for New Life Ministries. Donations were received from 85 churches.

MSC to accept the report as presented.

Garry also reviewed the proposed MBA budget for 2007.

This is a bare bones budget. It is a significant reduction from the 2006 budget. This is due in part to reduced money needed for Church Growth projects.

Attention was drawn to page 15 of the report and the new method churches are encouraged to use in determining their giving to the Association. For 2007 it is recommended that each church designate 2.75% of its total budget/annual giving for their contribution to the Association.

Nominating

Barry highlighted the names presented in the report booklet.

Jeff Kilmartin's name was added to the Church Planting Chair position.

Wellman Lake Bible Camp Request

James Webb (President) presented the need for renovations and upgrades to the facilities at the Camp. Items needed are: new water well, pump & filter system, kitchen sinks, counter, & plumbing,

washroom plumbing, & ventilation, and sewage tank repairs/replacement.

Wellman Lake Bible Camp requests a grant of \$10,000 in 2007 to be applied toward the renovations and upgrades.

Several questions were asked, mainly in the area of how precise the estimates for the project are. The delegates were informed that the estimates are as firm as can be determined at this time.

Concerns were raised about the Association having to enter into a deficit budget situation to meet this request.

MSC that this request be tabled until the Association Budget is dealt with.

Reports

Organizations and ministries reporting:

- Moderator's Report - Informed the delegates that the 2009 NAB Triennial Conference would be held in Winnipeg. Oz Pedde from Rowandale Baptist Church will be chairing the Local Arrangements Committee.
- Statistical Secretary
- Moosehorn Baptist Church building addition update.
- Church Ministries Committee – A Listening Prayer Seminar is scheduled for the last weekend in May of 2007.
- Regional Minister
- Church Extension Investors Fund
- Church Planting Task Force Update (Reports received prior to the start of the official business sessions on Saturday morning: North American Baptist Seminary, Wellman Lake Bible Camp, Meadowood Manor, NAB Stewardship & Communications.)

Nominations — votes

- Moderator – *Mark Woods* (2007-2008)
- Vice Moderator – *Barry Thiessen* (2005-2007)
- Statistical Secretary – *Vacant* (2007-2008)
- Treasurer – *Garry Harland* (2007-2008)
- Recording Secretary – *Dave Henkelman* (2007)
- Church Planting Chair – *Jeff Kilmartin* (2005-2007)
- General Council Rep – *Harry Pohl* (2007)

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- General Council Rep – Mark Woods (2006-2008)
- Church Ministries – Herb Adam (2005-2007)
- MBYA Representative – Mike Jakiwchuk (Appointed by MBYA)
- Women's Coordinator – Daphne Keck (Elected by WMF)

MSC to affirm the nominees as listed.

Reports – continued

Organizations and ministries reporting:

- Women's Ministry
- MBYA
- New Life Ministries

MSC to accept the 2006 reports of all organizations & ministries.

Elim Baptist Church Request

Mark Woods presented the opportunity to partner with Elim Baptist in funding the cost of adding an individual from Providence College to work part time in the area of youth ministry. Their cost will be approximately \$5,000 between October and the end of the school year at Providence.

MSC to empower the executive to give funding to Elim Baptist up to 50% (\$2,500) of the total cost of the venture.

Budget Discussion

Garry Harland asked whether there were any questions regarding the budget.

Question: What amount is the Executive allowed to approve outside of the Annual General Meeting?

Answer: The budget is a target, and through out the year we will have variances and the Executive endeavors to account for those outside of the AGM. Support for the Executive ability to make wise decisions was expressed from the floor.

Discussion was held on the change over to the new means of communicating the need to the churches about how much they are to contribute to the Association Budget. Delegates were encouraged to take the new method (2.75% of a church's total budget/giving) back to their church and encourage the

affirmation of the process.

MSC to approve \$10,000 for the renovation and upgrades at Wellman Lake Bible Camp with the funds coming from Association reserves.

MSC to approve the budget as presented.

Other Business

Recommended the Executive look at how funding and spending is carried out by the Association.

Resolution of thanks

Greg Gaensler and Jeff Kilmartin presented their motion of thanks.

MSC to accept the resolution of thanks.

Scrutineers Committee

Herb Adam & Bernd Rist affirmed the minutes accurately reflect the Association's meetings.

MSC to accept the Scrutineers report.

Next meeting

We have an invitation from Fort Richmond Baptist Church for the 2007 Association meetings (October 12-14, 2007).

Closing prayer

Submitted by:
Dave Henkelman,
MBA Recording Secretary