

Saskatchewan Baptist Association Fall Meeting

October 25, 2014

Melville Baptist Church

I. Call to Order

Moderator Rev. Doug Armbruster called the meeting to order at 2:23 pm.

II. Seating of Delegates

Calvary Baptist Church – 1

Ebenezer Baptist Church – 3

Esterhazy Baptist Church – 2

Faith Baptist Church – 5

Heritage Baptist Church – 3

Melville Baptist Church – 3

Nokomis Baptist Church – 1

Raymore Baptist Church – 2

Springside Baptist Church – 9

Southey Baptist Church – 1

Not Represented: Balcarres Baptist Church, Balgonie Baptist Church, Bay Park Baptist Church

Total delegates from churches: 31

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented by Reg Wilk, seconded by Hardy Breitzkreuz. Carried.

IV. Financial Report

Moderator Rev. Doug Armbruster presented report. Our treasurer suggests that churches, if not already doing so, should give quarterly as it would help with expenses which are ongoing.

Also suggested that churches look at identifying their contribution based on 5% on their budget less missions giving. This is a suggestion only.

Motion to accept report by Regional Minister Ken Solberg, seconded by Sheila Lang.

Question regarding the dating of year to date expenses, clarified as accurate as of September 18, 2014.

Motion carried.

V. Shadow Budget 2015

This is the forecast for 2015 and officially adopted at the spring annual meeting. The inflows are based on previous year and year to date totals.

Triennial (moderator trip), Youth workers conference, and youth triennial budget lines will be budgeted annually and set aside each year so that they build for three years. This allows for smaller yearly amounts and not one large amount budgeted during the years that they occur.

The SBA will slowly decrease the amount of support to Grant & Nettie Pattimore over the next five years. This is a ministry supported by the churches at a local level and the SBA desires to encourage local churches to support the Pattimore's going forward.

Budget overall has not increased but rather items that are regular operating expenses have previously been coming from reserve fund and should not continue. The presented budget reflects accurate operating expenses.

Motion to accept the shadow budget for 2015 by Rev. Kendall Buhler, seconded by Gary Orthner.

Questions: How much is remaining in the reserve funds? Approximately \$200,000.  
What are we planning to use it towards in the future? Currently the only identified use is the ministry fund grant. The reserve fund has been identified by the SBA as towards 'church ministry'. An important fact to note is that the major spending from reserves was used when it had been unused for a while and other SBA costs were low. All funds were used towards its designated purpose of church planting and ministry.

Motion was carried.

#### VI. Mission/Vision Values Document

Concerted effort to move forward and beyond the Vision 2012 document. Moderator Rev. Doug Armbruster described the following process of the formation of the new 'Engage' document. Doug and Ken began conversation with Executive Team and brought in Dr. Luke Miller because of his involvement and ongoing training in this area. Team committed to prayer and worked through concepts and then brought to Leadership Team. After approval there, it was brought before Credentials Committee and was discussed. The committee suggested some helpful changes; one change being the addition of Scriptural support to statements. The Regional Minister and Credentials Committee will work through this to add Biblical content for the Spring meeting.

The document was read in its entirety to the delegates. Regional Minister Ken Solberg walked through the document, explaining various aspects. The practical application of these value statements will look different in each local context.

Delegates were encouraged to discuss this with pastors and leadership in local churches in the coming months. Specific applications and goals will come from this document with great input and dialogue with churches and leadership.

Question: What is the expressed purpose of a document like this? To renew our focus and values as the SBA as we go forward.

Regional Minister Ken Solberg asked Rev. Richard Kauenhofen & Rev. Dr. Gene Speer to pray for the vision and process. Time was spent in prayer.

#### VII. New Credentials Committee Introductions

Delegates were informed of the recent resignation of Rev. Walter Foth from committee. Rev. Dr. Gene Speer was appointed by SBA Leadership Team as a full member to open position. Moderator Rev. Doug Armbruster will resume his ex-officio role. Doug reviewed the responsibilities of the Credentials Committee in ordination processes and other key areas.

#### VIII. Other Business

Doug read and encouraging report from the Balcarres church about many highlights from God's work in their midst. Asked for prayer for a bi-vocational pastor and new people to join, moderator is open.

Question about how the Jansen believers are doing in connecting to new local churches. RM Ken Solberg responded that most had planned on going to nearest largest centre to attend a church. He will be meeting with them to wrap up final dissolution matters.

Update on Nokomis church. Pastor Rick Shott is working bi-vocational and the church had an encouraging thanksgiving service and food pantry outreach. Continue to pray for the church and Pastor Rick & Lynn.

Women's Ministries is officially closing its account but can continue to receipt donations until notified.

Heritage has begun using its building addition and will host the eastern camp promotional banquet on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Moderator Doug Armbruster asked delegates to remember these key items: 1) Remember the SBA is family, continue to support each other 2) Encourage your local church to move to quarterly giving to the SBA 3) Read through and dialogue about the 'Engage' vision document with your local church

Time was spent in prayer for needs identified. Thank you to Melville Baptist Church for hosting the meeting and lunch.

Meeting was adjourned in prayer at 3:41 pm by Moderator Rev. Doug Armbruster.