

## Saskatchewan Baptist Association Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 29, 2016  
Raymore Baptist Church

Ken Solberg called the meeting to order at 10:05

Kendall Buhler Nominated Jonathan Pettinger to serve as secretary. Motion carried

### Roll Call

**Springside:** John Gulrud, Thea Gulrud, Hardy Breikreuz, Donna Breikreuz, Doug Goltz, Grace Goltz, Marcie Anderson, Mike Anderson

**Faith:** Eugene Speer, Randa Speer, Stephen Luff, Ben Wong, Jordan Man, Marlene Solberg

**Nokomis:** Rick Shott

**Raymore:** Gary Orthner, Darve Brightman, Doug Armbruster

**Heritage:** Parker Meginbir

**Calvary:** Austin Ramstead, Luke Miller

**Esterhazy:** Robert Moss, Herman Andringa

**Ebenezer:** Kendall Buhler

### Worship

Led by: Doug Armbruster, Luke Miller and Parker Meginbir.

### Devotional

Ken Solberg led a devotional from Philippians 2:3-7. Following the example of Christ, we are called to roll up our sleeves and invest ourselves in the lives of those we are called to serve.

### Camp Report

Luke Prybylski

Spring was busy with girl guides, weekend rentals, and school groups. School groups come to Good Spirit Provincial Park and are able to spend part of the field trip at camp. This has helped foster a connection with the Park and to introduce kids to GSBC.

Luke was pleased with the support received from local businesses for the golf fundraiser. He expects that support and participation will grow in coming years.

Staff positions were filled quickly this summer with the exception of the *wrangler* position.

Thankfully this position was filled with a quality person as well.

Pray that the staff and campers who grew in faith over the summer will continue to grow over the year.

Mike Anderson

The camp board is working on a site plan that will be presented to SBA at the spring meeting.

### Youth Report

Stephen Luff

There were 50 kids at the junior high retreat and slightly more at the Senior high retreat. SBA youth leadership team is preparing for “The Gathering” missions trip/ conference in July 2017. Youth from all SBA churches are invited to participate.

## **Regional Minister**

Ken Solberg

Ken has been able to be at every church at least once and some churches numerous times, continues to work with Balgonie, Balcarres and Southey as they are searching for pastors, is involved in the *Pastors' Clusters*, and a mentorship role and at Vintage Church in Regina. He is part of the NAB executive committee and strategy team.

The property in Jansen remains unsold. It has not been listed because there was a potential buyer connected to the church. The property will be listed soon but, the real estate market in Jansen is stagnant and a sale will likely take some time.

**Next year's spring meeting will be held at Dallas Valley February 10-12. This allows space and time for breakout sessions.**

## **Election of Officers**

**Officers Needed:** moderator, vice- moderator, secretary, member at large.

Dr. Gene Speer has volunteered to serve as moderator for one year.

Gary Orthner **nominated** Dr. Speer **Seconded:** Rick Shott

**Doug Armbruster** asked if Dr. Gene Speer was comfortable with leading an organization that is deliberately moving in a missional direction. **Dr. Speer** responded that he like every pastor, does not always agree 100% with the NAB. The more important issue is whether the SBA is comfortable with him.

**Motion Carried.**

Dr. Speer resigned as the chair of the credentials committee but, will continue to sit on the committee.

**Motion:** Doug Armbruster that **Rick Schott** serve as chair of the credential committee until the 2017 spring meeting. **Seconded:** Luke Miller

**Carried**

## **Vintage Church**

Vintage Church is requesting \$750/ month over two years. (See attached proposal)

Attendance has averaged approximately 20 over the first six weeks. Most of these have not been involved in church for a long time or not at all.

Ken Solberg opened the floor to discussion.

- There is approximately \$170, 000 in the reserve to be used for ministry (such as supporting the hiring of additional staff) or church planting.
- There are currently no other churches or ministries planning to make use of the reserve fund.
- The reserve fund is to be used for SBA churches. Vintage Church is currently considered a part of Calvary when they are independent they can apply to be a part of the SBA if they choose to do so or continue to operate as a satellite of Calvary.
- Though there have been attempts at church planting in the past. It has been many years since there has been a church plant that thrived.
- Though the numbers have not been strong those who are coming have been committed and are engaged in becoming disciples of Jesus.
- People who attend evening services don't typically view themselves as a part of the community unless they also attend the morning service. Vintage has been established as a church plant to create a sense of community for those who can only attend in the evening.
- Vintage is seeking to impact and reach people who have questions about who God is but, have not considered church a priority. Often six months or so into a plant, church plants face the danger of transfer growth (growth as a result of people transferring from existing churches). Vintage will seek to be mindful of this danger.
- The leadership team is deliberately small to allow room for those leaders who grow within the church.
- SBA churches can support Vintage through prayer and can contact the Vintage leadership team to hear about more opportunities.
  - Pray that the leaders of Vintage would follow where God leads. Pray that teachers would consistently and boldly preach the word of God. Pray for open doors.
- Faith Baptist Church has had a Sunday evening service for approximately 5 years. This ministry has grown. Dr. Gene Speer expects based on this experience that Vintage will prove viable.
- The Vintage leadership team expects to regularly update the SBA and should the funding no longer be necessary it can be halted.
- Ken will do some of the preaching at Vintage as will Luke and Austin. The long term goal is to bring Austin on as a full time campus pastor. Ken's primary role will be to act as an advisor to both Calvary and Vintage.
- Austin is serving full time .75 of the salary is covered by Calvary and should the proposal pass .25 by the SBA.

**Motion:** Ben Wong moved that the proposal be adopted as presented. **Seconded:** Kendall Buhler  
**Carried**

Meeting Adjourned for lunch at 12:05

Meeting reconvened at 1:06

### **2017 Budget**

2016 Budget is presented as a shadow budget. As the SBA financial year ends December 31 approving the shadow budget provides guidelines until the budget can be officially adopted at the Spring meeting.

If the 2016 financial year ends in a deficit the Association must give permission for the reserve fund to be utilized.

**Motion:** Rick Shott that we adopt the 2017 budget as presented. **Seconded. Carried.**

### **Church Reports and Prayer**

#### **Raymore**

Randy

Welcome to Raymore.

Thankfulness for a nearly complete building project, the volunteer labour and financial support.

#### **SBA Youth**

Prayer for the Gathering

#### **Good Spirit Bible Camp**

Prayer for camp leadership as they work on site plan.

#### **Melville**

Prayer for the refugee family that Melville Baptist Church will be supporting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:59.

**Dr. Speer led us in closing prayer.**