

Manitoba Baptist Association

Call to Order

October 18, 2008 at Oakbank Baptist Church, Oakbank, MB — Mark Woods called the meeting to order with prayer.

Seating of Delegates

Elim, Beausejour	2
First, Minitonas	4
Moosehorn, Moosehorn	3
Emmanuel, Morris	6
Oakbank, Oakbank	8
Grace, Ochre River	6
Whiteshell, Seven Sisters	5
Temple, Swan River	4
Whitemouth, Whitemouth	3
Abundant Life	5
Central	5
Fort Richmond	6
McDermot Avenue	4
Mission	5
New Life Ministries	0
Rowandale	8
Whyte Ridge	6
Meadowood Chaplain	1
Regional Minister	1
Nutumik	1
Guests	4
Executive	7
Total	94

Special Committees

Ballot Committee: Marion Gaensler, Rick Pedde, and Carol Ulrich.

Scrutineers: Elfrieda Kuenstler, Keith Friesen.

Resolution of Thanks: Allen Unger, Marno Klein.

MSC to appoint the committees.

Minutes of 2007 Meeting

MSC to accept last year's minutes as presented.

Reports

Moderator's Report – Mark Woods highlighted several points in his written report. Reminded delegates of the 2009 NAB Triennial Conference to be held in Winnipeg and the need for volunteers to chair the Prayer, Usher, and Hospitality Committees.

Meadowood Chaplaincy Report – Meadowood Manor celebrated its 30th Anniversary in 2008.

Treasurer (Financial) Report – Treasurer Garry Harland highlighted the financial report for the MBA.

Balance sheet shows that we had a surplus of approximately \$300,000 at the end of 2007.

Income was better than budgeted: \$90,404 versus \$86,814 for church contributions. Total income: \$105,988. Income exceeded expenses in 2007 by \$6,864

2008 to present is on track. Income to the end of October 2008 is approximately \$51,000.

MSC to accept the report as presented.

2008 Budget Presentation

Garry reviewed the proposed MBA budget for 2009. Compared to 2008 there is very little change in the financial plan for 2009.

One item to change in the 2009 budget is the \$8,000 Transfer from Church Planting Fund under Income and \$8,000 Church Planting Training under Expenses. Both are to be deleted due to being expended in the 2008 budget year.

Noted that there is a new line item: NAB Triennial Conference Contingencies of \$1,000.

Garry clarified the increase of the Regional Minister's Salary. The 4% increase represents both a cost of living and merit increase.

Reports – continued

Special Announcement – Walter Goltz, former professor and President of CTI/NABC/Taylor University College introduced his book outlining the 70 years history of the school.

Nominating Committee Report – Vice Moderator Barry Thiessen presented the nominees for 2009/2010.

- Moderator: Barry Thiessen
- Vice Moderator:
- Treasurer: Garry Harland
- Men's Ministries Chair:
- MBYA Representative: Kelvin Kehler

Camp Nutimik Report – President Dave Robinson gave an overview of Camp Nutimik's summer ministries. A Transition Team is in place to ensure that the Camp moves ahead and is effective in ministry for the full 12 months of the year.

Wellman Lake Bible Camp – Board Chair Herb Radke reported that the Camp experienced an 8% increase in attendance for 2008. Primary Camp was the largest and saw the greatest number of children becoming Christians.

Secretary's Report – Recording Secretary Dave Henkelman reported that in 2007 the MBA experienced a decline in Sunday Morning attendance.

Regional Minister Report – RM Phyl Putz reported on how good it has been to work together with NAB's new Executive Director Rob McClelland.

Phyl noted that his main focus is to help pastors and churches be as effective as possible. As a result of this focus, he is not able to visit each church (52 in total) in the Northern Plains Region (MBA & NCA).

Triennial Conference Update – Dr. Rob McClelland reported on the progress of the planning for the Triennial Conference to be held in Winnipeg, July 2009.

Executive Director Report – Dr. McClelland highlighted some of the

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changes being made in the NAB Conference. One of the changes is in the area of budgeting/spending practices. Two main leadership positions were eliminated. The result is the budget has been met for the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

The International Office has moved from five levels of leadership to two levels of leadership. This means those contacting the Office will have their questions and/or concerns addressed in a timely manner.

Taylor University College & Seminary Report – Dr. McClelland commended the school for the work it is doing to meet the needs and challenges of developing leaders for the future. Plans are in the works to build an E.P. Wahl Center.

Nominations – vote

- **Moderator – Barry Thiessen (2009/10)**
- **Vice Moderator – (2008/9)**
- **Treasurer – Garry Harland (2009/10)**
- Recording Secretary – Dave Henkelman (2008/9)
- Church Planting Chair – Jeff Kilmartin (2008/9) (Sig Seidel Interim)
- General Council Rep – Harry Pohl (2008/10)
- **Men's Ministries – (2008/9)**
- **MBYA Representative – Kelvin Kehler (Appointed by MBYA)**
- Women's Coordinator – Daphne Keck (Elected by WM)

MSC to affirm the nominees as listed.

Business: New Life Ministries Church Building

The Executive recommends that the church building at 514 Maryland be gifted to the New Life Ministries Congregation.

MSC to gift the Church Building at 514 Maryland, Winnipeg, MB, to New Life Ministries.

Reports – continued

Women's Ministries Report – Women's Ministries Chair Daphne Keck highlighted a variety of events and ministries conducted by women in the churches of the MBA. She thanked the delegates for their support of WM.

General Council Report – Harry Pohl – no verbal report.

Church Planting Report – Interim Chair Sig Seidel reported on what is now being called "Mission Manitoba." God is at work across our Province and particularly in the shadow of our churches. Our desire is to look for places where God is at work and then asking him how we can join with him and do our part.

Men's Ministries Report – Herb Adam – no verbal report.

MBYM Report – Kelvin Kehler, the recently appointed MBYM representative highlighted the nature of the Manitoba Baptist Youth Ministry. MBA Youth Pastors meet monthly for support, encouragement and prayer. Four youth groups from Manitoba and three groups from Saskatchewan attended the NAB Youth Gathering in Nashville, TN.

MSC to accept the 2008 reports of all organizations & ministries.

Association Offerings

Men's Luncheon: Taylor University College Endowment Fund – \$1700.00.

Ladies' Luncheon: Women's Ministries budget – \$985.00.

2009 Budget Approval

Garry Harland asked whether there were any questions regarding the budget. Projected income: \$105,623. Projected expenses: \$86,995.

MSC to approve the 2009 budget as presented.

General Comments:

1. A thank-you was expressed to the secretary at Rowandale Baptist Church (Mary Harder) for the weekly MBA prayer updates sent to the churches throughout the year.
2. Request: That more information regarding the MBA Meetings, agenda, etc. be sent to the churches further in advance of the meetings.

Resolution of thanks

Allen Unger & Marno Klein presented their motion of thanks.

Scrutineers Committee

Elfrieda Kuenstler & Keith Friesen affirmed the minutes accurately reflect the proceedings at this Annual General Session of the Association.

Next meeting

We have an invitation from Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, MB, for the 2009 Association meetings (October 16-17, 2009).

Closing prayer

Submitted by:
Dave Henkelman,
MBA Recording Secretary