

**American Baptist Churches of New York State
Board of Mission – Minutes for meeting of March 7, 2020
First Baptist Church, Rome NY**

NOTE TO ALL: MSC stands for Moved, Seconded, Carried, and names in parentheses are those who made the motion and seconded, and all motions will be noted in BOLD.

PRESENT: **Officers:** Marilyn Malone (President), Wendy Depew Partelow (Vice President), Patricia Ludwig (Secretary and Ministers Council), Jim Harriff (Treasurer), **Association Reps:** John Partise (Mohawk, Oneida), Dan Saulsgiver (Madison). **At-Large:** Jeanne Bennett, Sabrina Smith, Lillian Cabral, **Auxiliary Organizations:** Leroy Woodruff (AB Men), Grace Kelley-Neal (AB Women), **Staff:** Jerrod Huguenot (Associate Executive Minister), Mary Schwarz (Administrative Assistant)

President Marilyn Malone called the meeting to order at 10:10 with devotions by Jeanne Bennett on her faith story and praying specifically.

Agenda: **MSC unanimously** Agenda be adopted.

Minutes: **MSC Unanimously** (Woodruff/Smith) that minutes from last Board of Mission meeting, December 7, 2019, stand approved as written.

REPORTS

- 1.) Executive Minister: Jim Kelsey is on sabbatical; right now in Rwanda. .Written report received
- 2.) Associate Executive Minister Jerrod Huguenot: Written report and shared that all has been quiet since Jim left (It has only been a week at the time of this meeting!).
- 3.) Treasurer: Jim Harriff
 - A.) Balance sheet for 2019: Total assets: \$2,016, 495.96
 - B.) Shared general fund for 2019 and Profit and Loss for 2019
 - C.) Snapshot so far for 2020: Expenses consistent with other years at this time and tracking is where it should be.

4.) COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY: Greg Johnson. No report.

Motion (Adirondack Association) to elect Sandra Spaulding as Adirondack Association representative to the ABCNYS Committee, filling an unexpired term (2020). Carried unanimously.

It was noted that Sandra will be on the ballot at the Biennial for a full 4-year term.

BUSINESS

- 1.) **SALE OF EAST TROUPSBURG CHURCH: Motion (Executive Committee) that we authorize our attorney to move forward with the sale of the East Troupsburg Church for \$18,500. We authorize Jim Harriff, ABCNYS Treasurer, and /or James Kelsey, Executive Minister, to complete and sign any documents necessary for the sale of the property. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
(Jim H. stated we will end up with about \$10,000 after all fees and expenses)

2.) **MISSION TRIPS**

A.) Rwanda Trip, our 3rd official trip of the 3 year cycle: Late July to early August; several definites and several interested. After this year, people may continue to go with the Harriffs.

B.) CMI booklet for Associations and/or churches who want to do mission trip on their own...preparing by Wendy and Pat in April

C.) Native American Mission Experience, July 5-11, to Tuscarora Indian Mission Church on the reservation; 2 are registered.

3.) NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A.) Members are (so far) Keith Griffin (Adirondack), David Trasoras (Mid-Hudson), Pat Ludwig (Niagara Area), Karen Dunne (Mohawk-Oneida)

B.) Keith Griffin is chairperson

C.) All work is via telephone/teleconference

D.) Slate needs to be ready for the Biennial in October.

4.) Marilyn announced that Sabrina Smith is now on the Executive Committee.

AB YOUTH

Stephanie Schneider had no report, but others noted the Youth Retreat sponsored by Adirondack Association and VP Ministries at Pathfinder in May. All youth across the Region are invited.

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

1.) AB WOMEN: Grace Kelley-Neal: Encouraged women to attend the AB Women conference end of April at the RIT Conference Center.

2.) AB MEN: Leroy shared a written report, and some anecdotes about people falling into the lake at other conferences :) (Secy,. editorial comment: well, we are not called Baptists for nothing!)

He also said that the men sent \$1,035 to the Tuscarora Indian Mission.

3.) MINISTERS COUNCIL: Pat Ludwig announced about the upcoming retreat.

4.) VICK PATHFINDER CAMP AND CONFERENCE MINISTRIES: Marilyn had a ding on her phone just about this time in our meeting to announce that the search committee of VPCC had just then extended a call to a new CEO.

5.) ABCUSA BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES. No report.

After a very delicious lunch by the women from FBC, Rome, Marilyn led us in a Bible Study and prayer before our afternoon session.

BIENNIAL REPORT: Wendy Depew Partelow

Written report with these highlights: Making progress. Be thinking about your talent and/or your church's talent for talent night on Friday. Pre-biennial event still up in the air but details soon.

Here are the details you can share with your associations and churches:

THEME: "Bold Truth-Gracious Action"

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 4: 6

DATES: October 16 and 17

PLACE: Tabernacle Baptist in Utica (pre-event on Friday morning will be at St. Paul's in Utica)

OVERNIGHT LODGING AT St. Margaret's Retreat House in New Hartford, with some meals also being there. Other lodging options will be shared as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Dissolution of Tabernacle Baptist Church of Schenectady. Jerrod informed us that this church formed a partnership with Burnt Hills Baptist Church and so Tabernacle has stayed together and the congregation now has over 50 people in it.

FUTURE MEETINGS

BOARD OF MISSION

Friday, May 29 at Pathfinder Lodge
Saturday, September 12
Friday, December 4

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Friday, May 8 at Eastwood Baptist Church
Friday, August 28 (GoToMeeting)
Friday, November 13 at Eastwood Church

JEANNE BENNETT, who has had much training about the 2020 census, shared why people do not have to be afraid, as no other government agencies will have access to any of the information collected. No SS numbers will be asked, either. Encourage your members to fill it out.

CORE VALUES DISCUSSION

Joys of getting to know people across the Region; knowledge of what is happening around the Region in other Associations; JOY of the new CEO of VPCC

Like face to face meetings and wish we had more people in attendance. Honesty.

Marilyn closed with prayer and we were adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Marie Ludwig,
Secretary of ABCNYS