

**American Baptist Churches of New York State
Board of Mission – Minutes for meeting of March 2, 2019
Elbridge Community Church, Elbridge NY**

Present: Marilyn Malone (President), Wendy Depew Partelow (Vice President), Jim Harriff (Treasurer)
Association Reps: Raquel Alston (Niagara Area), Phyllis Fox (Iroquois), Claudia Little (Allegany-Cattaraugus), John Partise (Mohawk-Oneida), Joe Perdue (Fransego), Judith Warner (Capital Area) **At-Large:** Jeanne Bennett, Gregory Johnson (Chairperson, Committee on Ministry), Lecia Rodriguez **Auxiliary Organizations:** Lillian Cabral (ABWM) **Representative to Board of General Ministries ABCUSA:** Judith Christiansen **Staff:** Jim Kelsey (Executive Minister), Mary Schwarz (Administrative Assistant)

President Marilyn Malone called the meeting to order. New members were welcomed and introductions were made around the table. Joe Perdue gave a devotional about the Transfiguration and Jesus' "exodus", followed by prayer.

Motion (L. Rodriguez/G. Johnson/Carried) to adopt the agenda as published.

Motion (J. Bennett/L. Rodriguez/Carried) to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2018, meeting, as published.

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE MINISTER (Written report) – Jim Kelsey

-Rev. Stephanie Schneider is the new ABY Convention Director

-The 2018 Giving to Region list will be mailed to all churches. About ½ of Region churches didn't give anything. It was noted that per capita giving is also important.

-Federated Church of New Woodstock: The Baptist and Methodist churches have each been dissolved and a new church has been formed. The Methodists are making no claim to the property. Discussion.

Motion (L. Cabral/C. Little/Carried) that ABCNYS make no claim to the property of the Federated Church of New Woodstock.

-As previously reported, sexual harassment prevention training will be required for all paid employees by October 2019. The Region is working on providing the training in four locations and then making it available online.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE MINISTER (Written report) – Jerrod Huguenot

-He can help with knowing the demographics of your community (workshop).

-Pastoral Relations Committee training available

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (Written report) – Greg Johnson

MISSION TRIPS

-Community Missions in Niagara Falls: July 25-28 and October 10-13, 2019 (new date).

-Native American mission experience at Tuscarora Indian Mission: Jim Kelsey will be meeting with Pastor Robinson.

-Rwanda: June 2-17, 2019.

-Cindy Falk (FBC Cooperstown) is leading a trip to Honduras July 26-August 3, 2019.

BOARD OF MISSION NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

A group met last night. It will be offered again, perhaps online, if needed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE consists of one representative from each Association. Currently there is only one member. A letter from Marilyn will be mailed to each Association moderator asking for their assistance.

Motion (Nominating Committee/Carried) to elect Lillian Cabral as an at-large member of the ABCNYS Board of Mission (term ending 2022).

Accepted Tim Schultz's resignation from the Board of Mission with gratitude for his service.

Motion (W. Depew Partelow/J. Kelsey/Carried) to elect Dan Saulsgiver and Joseph Perdue to the ABCNYS Executive Committee.

Motion (G. Johnson/J. Warner/Carried) to elect John Buskey as Iroquois Association representative to the ABCNYS Committee on Ministry.

Motion (C. Little/W. Depew Partelow/Carried) to elect Pat Ludwig to serve on the Ministry & Mission Endowment Fund Committee.

ABCUSA BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES (written report) – Judith Christiansen
Many ABC entities have moved to new locations, with more doing so later this year. Note new addresses. There's a new United Mission video.

MINISTERS COUNCIL – Retreat March 17-19, 2019, at St. Margaret's House, New Hartford NY

AB WOMEN'S MINISTRIES (Written report) - Lillian Cabral
Convention coming April 26-28, 2019, in Syracuse.

VP MINISTRIES – Joe Perdue reported on the need for counselors, nurses. A cell tower (Verizon) may be going up at Camp Vick which would generate substantial income. Significant repairs are needed at Vick.

TREASURER (Written report) – Jim Harriff
-There are funds available to give financial support for those who need it. Use them.
-The 2018 year-end General Fund P&L is positive.

Motion (J. Perdue/W. Depew Partelow/Carried) to approve a \$2,000 grant from the youth scholarship account for Kelsey Pierce for the 2019 Rwanda trip.

Motion (W. Depew Partelow/L. Cabral/Carried) to give \$2,000 from youth scholarship account to Vick & Pathfinder Camp & Conference Ministries for camp scholarships in 2019.

It was noted that there is \$5,825 in the Rwanda savings. \$5,000 is for a specific project (building a new church). The \$825 will be distributed elsewhere.

It was also noted that when the Region receives "extraordinary" gifts they go to investments to be used for mission – not operating.

REFLECTION – good material ahead of meeting – work well together – generous – good financial report – hopeful – good stewardship

Future Board Meetings: May 31, September 7, December 6

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Schwarz
Recorder (in absence of Secretary)