

**American Baptist Churches of New York State
Board of Mission – Minutes for meeting of September 8, 2018 - provisional
First Baptist Church, Endicott NY**

Present: Dennis Christiansen (President), Marilyn Malone (Vice President) **Association Reps:** Steve Dygert (Living Waters), Phyllis Fox (Iroquois), Joe Perdue (Fransego), Sandra Spaulding (Adirondack), Judith Warner (Capital Area) **Auxiliary Organizations:** Lillian Cabral (ABW Ministries), Walter Hargrove (Ministers Council) Leroy Woodruff (ABMen) **Representative to Board of General Ministries ABCUSA:** Judith Christiansen **Staff:** Mary Schwarz (Administrative Assistant)

President Dennis Christiansen called the meeting to order and opened with devotions on Luke 9:62 and prayer.

Motion (S. Dygert/M. Malone/Carried) to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion (S. Spaulding/L. Woodruff/Carried) to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2018, meeting as published.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER Joe Perdue (pastor at FBC Cooperstown) will be the Fransego Association representative.

TRIBUTE TO TOM HAST We took a few minutes to share reflections on the life of Board member Rev. Tom Hast. Tom died June 27, 2018.

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE MINISTER (Written report) – Jim Kelsey

Jim couldn't be present because of a cancelled flight from Philadelphia the night before.

-Following up on an item in Jim's report about the July mission trip to Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Dennis (who was a participant) encouraged the Board to participate in future trips there and to encourage others.

-Also in Jim's report - We need a new member for the committee that will determine disbursement of the Burmese Diaspora funds. These will support projects of those ministries. There is approximately \$7,000 in the fund. Walter Hargrove expressed interest in serving.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE MINISTER (Written report) – Jerrod Hugnot

TREASURER (Written report) – Jim Harriff - Things are tracking well

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (Written report) – Lynn Sullivan

AMERICAN BAPTIST YOUTH MINISTRY ABY Convention is November 2-4, 2018. Theme is "Thrive".

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dennis gave an update. There are still vacancies. Nominee for Vice President is needed.

OLD BUSINESS

VP MINISTRIES

We need a nominee for the Region Board representative to the VP Board. Joe Perdue expressed interest and his name will be given to VPM. Their Annual Meeting is December 1, 2018.

ABC/NYS BIENNIAL

September 28-30, 2018, at Bethany Baptist Church, Syracuse. Marilyn Malone gave an update. If you haven't already, please register.

NEW BUSINESS

FUTURE MISSION TRIPS

Would like to have two trips in 2019 to Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, perhaps summer and fall. Tuscarora Indian Mission is also of interest for a trip.

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATION REPORTS

ABCUSA BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES (written report) – Judith Christiansen
Report from General Secretary will be sent.

MINISTERS COUNCIL - Walter Hargrove

- Next Ministry Enhancement Day is October 22 at FBC Geneva with the Rev, Nancy Leport.
- They are looking to have a better connection with Rochester/Genesee Region and ABC of Metro NY.
- Reorganization happening at national level.

AB WOMEN'S MINISTRIES (Written report) - Lillian Cabral

AB MEN - Leroy Woodruff

- New Vice President – Chris Blackwell
- Phasing out big disaster trailer. Donations will be solicited for a second smaller trailer.
- Leroy has done training with northern Pennsylvania men's groups in disaster work.
- Money received from Hillview church distribution (\$30,000) will be used for college scholarships and lay study scholarships. It will be the Joe Folckemer Scholarship Fund and be with the AB Foundation.

Dennis asked for responses to the question: What is the value of the Board of Mission?

- wealth of information
- opportunities
- bigger picture
- hopefulness
- find common ground
- getting to know more people
- governing board
- affiliated relationships
- support the Region staff

It was noted that Sandra Spaulding is completing her term on the Board and this is her last meeting.

Thanks Sandy!

Next Meeting: Friday, December 7, 2018 – Location: TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schwarz

Recorder (in absence of Secretary)