

**American Baptist Churches of New York State
Board of Mission – Minutes for meeting of June 1, 2018 – provisional
First Baptist Church, Rome**

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: Dennis Christiansen (President), Marilyn Malone (Vice President), Patricia Ludwig (Secretary), Jim Harriff (Treasurer) **Members at large:** Tim Schultz, Wendy Depew Partelow, Daniel Calvin San, Lynn Sullivan (Committee on Ministry), Lecia Rodriguez **Association Reps:** Sandra Spaulding (Adirondack), Fred Cazer (Madison), Tom Hast (Mohawk-Oneida and VPCC Ministries), Dave Trasoras (Mid-Hudson/Union), Judith Warner (Capital Area), Judy Peppard (Finger Lakes) **Auxiliary Organizations:** Lillian Cabral (ABW Ministries), Leroy Woodruff (ABMen) **Representative to Board of General Ministries ABCUSA:** Judith Christiansen **Staff:** Jim Kelsey (Executive Minister), Mary Schwarz (Administrative Assistant)

President Dennis Christiansen called the meeting to order at 10:08 am and LeRoy Woodruff opened with devotions on Mark 6: 45-61 and prayer.

Agenda was adopted with one addition: under new business: Fred Cazer and "Healing Prayers and Youth with a Mission".

Minutes of the on March 17, 2018, were **approved by unanimous** vote of the Board.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER: Joe Perdue (pastor at FBC Cooperstown) will be the Fransego Association representative and will be installed at the September meeting. He could not be at this meeting, as he's getting married on June 2.

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE MINISTER (Written report) – Jim Kelsey

1.) Jillene Narraway has resigned as of 12/31/18, from her position as ABY Convention Director. We will be searching for a new person, to begin January 1st.

2.) Niagara Falls Mission trip July 12-15 at Community Mission, Inc., 10 signed up so far. Some thoughts for another year:

a.) Other than work, other purposes of these trips are: devotions, Bible study, camaraderie and building of relationships, building community, seeing how other places do similar ministry to what is done in your local church

b.) Think about another time, as well, since summer for many of our churches are heavy into their programs such as VBS, community feeding for children,

3.) Christy Siau has submitted resignation as bookkeeper and ABY Convention support. She will continue as a "staff assistant" with other tasks and duties she currently does:

a.) Jim K. and Jim H. will discuss with accountants as a next step, i.e., hire a bookkeeper, let our accountants do the work, or ???

b.) Pass on any ideas of someone who could the ABY duties: October 1-26 – 1-3 hrs./week. Much of this work can be done at home. Also 10 hrs. the week of ABY Convention (Oct. 29).

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE MINISTER (Written report) – Jerrod Hugnot

Besides his written report, we saw a video Jerrod created for the annual Region Offering, showing what the Region does for our churches. NOTE: Jerrod did this at NO cost to the Region!! Available on web site or your church can get a copy from the office

TREASURER (Written report) – Jim Harriff

1.) Balance sheet and General fund profit and Loss...Doing OK

a) **MSC (Malone/ Warner) unanimously receive the Treasurer's Report.**

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY, LYNN SULLIVAN

1.) Two ordinations were recognized: Huong Holmes (Broome-Tioga) and Sheila Beers (Iroquois). Tragically, Sheila died suddenly this spring.

2.) Clergy Assessment Review committee meeting to review two pastors, Joe Perdue and Barrie-Lyn Foster, who are seeking recognition of their ordinations.

3.) Cedric Broughton is retiring as representative from the Mohawk-Oneida Association but will be the Ministers Council rep. **It was MSC (Schultz/Trasoras) that we elect John Partise as Mohawk-Oneida representative to the ABCNYS Committee (unexpired term ending 2020).**

AMERICAN BAPTIST YOUTH MINISTRY

1.) Good spring retreat

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1.) Dennis had no replies from the Associations he contacted about names for this committee so will go with those currently on it (Steve, Dave, Keith) to begin process for Biennial.

2.) Terms are two years.

OLD BUSINESS

1.) Proposed changes to the ABCNYS Bylaws

a.) **MSC(Woodruff/Cazer) unanimously that we recommend the adoption of the changes to Articles 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 in the ABCNYS Bylaws, to be presented and to be voted on by delegates at the 2018 Biennial .**

2.) Proposed changes to the Rules of Procedures:

a.) **MSC (Sullivan/Malone) unanimously that we accept the changes to the ABCNYS Rules of Procedures in sections 1.1e, 1.3, 1.3a, 1.3b, and 1.3c and add recommended sections 5.2c and 5.2d.**

3.) The actions will be shared in one issue of Paragraphs for Partners and will be postal mailed to each church so their delegates will be ready to vote on the Bylaw changes at Biennial.

4.) Accumulated Earnings in the Youth Ministries Account

a.) After discussion of the \$8,000 in this fund and how monies get into it, it was **MSC (Malone/Cazer) unanimously that we give a gift of \$4,000 from the Youth Ministries account to Vick & Pathfinder Camp & Conference Ministries, to be used for camp scholarships for 2018.**

5.) Biennial Meeting - Marilyn Malone

a.) Sept. 28-30 at Bethany Baptist Church, Syracuse.

b.) Theme: "Finding Hope in Brokenness" with scripture theme as Isaiah 58:8a "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly," (NRSV)

c.) Confirmed speakers: Dr. Zina Jacque, Rev. Tom Wiles

d.) Two seminars on Saturday: 1.) "In the Water," a video on racial dialogues and 2.) Excerpts from the film "Hotel Rwanda" on tactics of use on racial divisions

e.) 4 different workshops Saturday

f.) Tentative Pre-Biennial event on Friday: Church safety/security/risk management

g.) NOTE: please give any comments or more suggestions to Marilyn by June 23rd.

NEW BUSINESS

1.) Fred Cazer: "Youth With A Mission" and healing prayers/intense prayer time. Good discussion about using our gifts from God, allowing God to raise our awareness of Holy Spirit and how do we let God work in our individual lives and churches

BREAK FOR DELICIOUS LUNCH BY THE LADIES OF THE CHURCH

Suzi and Jim Harriff shared a power point presentation on their trips and the most recent mission trip to Rwanda, which is the Region's three year commitment to this project. The first trip of the 3 year support was this past January, with 5 people.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

2.) Dismissal of Smithville Baptist Church, Adams Center, NY

a.) Board of Mission agrees to the disassociation of Smithville Baptist Church, Adams Center, NY, per the Resolution of the church, dated January 28, 2018: **MSC (Partelow/Malone) unanimously to accept the disassociation of Smithville Baptist Church (North Country Association) from American Baptist Churches NYS per the resolution of the church .**

3.) Dismissal of First Baptist Church, Sayre, Pa.

a.) Board of Mission agrees to the disassociation of First Baptist Church of Sayre, Pa., per the resolution of the church, dated February 26, 2017. **MSC (Malone/Sullivan) unanimously to accept the disassociation of First Baptist Church, Sayre PA (Living Waters Association) from American Baptist Churches NYS per the resolution of the church.**

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATION REPORTS

1.) **ABCUSA BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES**

a.) Next meeting is June 13-15 at Green Lake Conference Center and Judith will report on that meeting at the September Board of Mission meeting

2.) **MINISTERS COUNCIL** - Pat Ludwig reporting for Walter Hargrove

a.) Lenten Retreat at Good News Center on "Forgiveness" was well attended.

b.) .Free seminar on communication in the church with the Rev. Lisa Drysdale in April was well done and well received.

c.) Next FREE seminar for MC members (others are welcome to attend for a fee) will be "More Communication in the Church" with the Rev, Nancy Leport on Oct. 22 at FBC Geneva.

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

a.) Women's Association/Area conferences are going on around the state right now.

b.) National ABW meeting is in Elgin, Illinois this summer.

c.) Still needing mentors for the AB Girls retreat at Pathfinder July 22-27. Speak with Lillian if you can help out.

5.) **AB MEN** - Leroy Woodruff

a.) Annual conference at Keuka College in August

b.) Booster club: VP Ministries

c.) Disaster relief news

1.) New tires bought and mounted/balanced for trailer

2.) Instead of larger trailer, buying a smaller trailer for easier transporting and use

3.) The portion of the Hillview church disbursement that came to AB Men will be used for scholarships for young men.

- 6.) **VICK & PATHFINDER CAMP & CONFERENCE MINISTRIES** (Written report) – Tom Hast
- a.) Working in the black!
 - b.) After this month, Tom will be available to come to your church to talk about VP camping program. (He is retiring June 24th!).
 - c.) Need to elect a Board of Mission rep to the VP Ministries Board @ the September meeting.

- 7.) **LAY STUDY PROGRAM** (Written report) - Leon Oaks-Lee, Dean
- a.) Request from Leon and Jim: If your Association offers a lay study course, please let them know to see how others can participate
 - b.) Online courses have been very successful

CONTINUING DISCUSSION ON DIVERSITY

Some thoughts that were shared

- 1.) Value of diversity on our board
- 2.) What does it do for us?
- 3.) How does diversity enhance our work?
- 4.) Must encourage diversity on the board and in our churches.
- 5.) How can we move beyond just talking about it and begin to act on it? And live it?
- 6.) From President Dennis: Has the diversity discussion lost its energy? Do we move on to another question?

REFLECTION: Core values and how well we worked together

- 1.) Seems there is HOPE in every category/report
- 2.) Lots of openness and trust
- 3.) Beginning to listen to all perspectives
- 4.) Our leap of faith in calling Jerrod 5 years ago, and knowing it is working...God is working in our midst.
- 5.) We continue to focus on our Source of Faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jason Hladik has been called as pastor of First Baptist Church, Olean (Allegany-Cattaraugus)

Next Meeting: Saturday, September 8, 2018 – Location: TBD

We adjourned at 3:00 PM with closing prayer by Sandra.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Marie Ludwig, secretary