

American Baptist Churches of Maine

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Zoom Meeting Minutes December 3, 2022

Present: Marlene Everett, Chair; Rob Clapp, Carrie Davila, Sharon Ingalls, Debbie LaFlamme, Gayle Long, Kathy Saarinen, Phyllis Taylor, Russ Thayer, Gary York, Sylvia Brown, Melissa Dennett

CALL TO ORDER Marlene called the meeting to order. Kathy Saarinen opened with devotions and prayer. New members were welcomed. The Code of Ethics was reviewed and was requested to be signed and sent to the ABCOM Office.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT Melissa presented a Nominating Committee Report with each association's Board and Committee positions open for 2023 voting.

AUXILIARY REPORTS Year-end Reports were received and sent to Executive Committee members from AIM, Baptist Park, Baptist Youth Camp, and China Lake Camp. It was Moved, Seconded and voted to receive the reports from the auxiliary organizations.

ABCOM CHIMNEYS A recent estimate of \$2890 to repair the two Ctr. Vassalboro church chimneys has been received. It was Moved, Seconded and Voted to pay this chimney expense.

KBA CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION A notice was made of a Kennebec Association Christmas Celebration to be held at the China Lake Conference Center on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. The theme is centered around "God in the Manger." Music will be provided by a group from Warren with others added and a couple from Sidney Second Baptist.

PREVIOUS MINUTES The minutes of the September 10, 2022, meeting were moved to be accepted as written. Seconded and Voted

TREASURER'S REPORT Marlene presented the report from the Treasurer. There were no questions The report was accepted as written by vote.

INTERNAL REVIEW REPORT There was conversation regarding the depreciation recording recommended by the Internal Review Committee. Consistency is needed bringing everything up to date. It was Moved, Seconded and Voted to bring everything up to date.

PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT Russ Thayer reported that the Committee has been pretty inactive recently. The China Lake Association has had erosion concerns around China Lake. In their review of the China Lake Conference Center property, they found the campus at a low risk level. They are pleased with the mowing plan in relation to the phosphorus runoff. The campus is in good shape. The Committee does not recommend making a donation to the Erosion Control Project. The transition of ABCOM to the new office has taken place. There will be a new pole on Fire Road 5. Things are in good shape.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS It was Moved, seconded and voted to reactivate the Small Church Committee giving Al and Jay permission to begin repopulating it. The following were voted as chairpersons for the ABCOM Committees listed: Annual Meeting Committee: Cindy Richendollar; Committee on the Ministry: Pam Morse; Christian Nurture Committee: Russ LaFlamme; Mission Committee: Scott McPhedran; Small Church Committee: Jay Noll.

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FIRST CHURCH, WATERVILLE A letter was received from leadership of the First Church in Waterville stating that they were leaving ABCOM, ABCUSA, and Kennebec Association. Our By-laws require a group to meet with the church to see if any reconciliation may take place. Al would like to populate such a committee with Justin Frank, Steve Heneise, Marlene Everett, and David Rodrigue. Gary York asked to be included as a member of the Kennebec Association. It was Moved to go ahead with the process. It is a sad situation and disappointing to see a church of 200 years leaving the ABCOM by the leading of the pastor. Seconded and voted.

SYLVIA'S RETIREMENT RECOGNIZED Sylvia Brown was recognized as she is retiring at the end of 2022 after over 34 years of employment. The Committee offered her some time to speak of her hopes, concerns and advice for the ABCOM.

2023 MEETING DATES: Executive Committee meetings in 2023: March 11, May 6, Sept. 9, and Dec. 2, 2023

STAFF CHRISTMAS THANK YOU GIFTS: The Executive Committee voted to present the following as Christmas Thank You gifts: full-time - Al (\$600); Sylvia (\$500); part-time – Melissa Dennett, Sharon Workman and Michelle Brown (\$250 each).

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was closed with prayer.

Sylvia Brown