

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
National AOTS Council Meeting
Minutes of the Conference Call Meeting, Sunday Sept 13, 2009

The meeting of the 2009 - 2010 National Council meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm EST by President Jim McKibbin. He opened the meeting with prayer.

Present on the call were: : *Al Anthony, John Cooke, Harvey Douglas, Dave Morris, Ed Macdonald, Jim McKibbin, Lloyd Paul, Gary Ross, Garnet Thompson, & Jim Upright,*

Regrets from George Bishop, Bill Love, & Howard Wills

E09-09-01 Agenda - The Agenda as distributed and amended was approved by consensus

E09-09-02 Approval of the minutes of June 28, 2009

Motion: *Macdonald / Ross* That the minutes of June 28, 2009 be approved:

Carried

E09-09-03 President Jim identified items from the June minutes that need to be dealt with and indicated that progress is being made on the Constitution that will be dealt with further when Howard Wills returns from Texas.

E09-09-04 Presidents report from GC40 - some of the Highlights:

1. Who is the Church? The Council received the report on identity,
 2. What is Ministry? New forms of ministry to deal with new situations in Congregations
 3. What is our Doctrine ? - found in Scripture nothing else needed
 4. How do we make Decisions ? - in the Church on controversial issues
- See the AOTS web site Presidents Monthly message for further details

AOTS was invited to participate in the installation of the Moderator and Jim was happy to do that. AOTS also had a significant presence with our Gift of small Chalices used in the Communion installation service by about 800 people. AOTS was recognized along with U.C.W.

E09-09-05 Treasurers report: Marvin was not on the call.

Jim McKibbin indicated a report was received.

The three Vice Presidents reported on the progress on Hospital Fund projects for each of their areas. The proposals will forward to be added as an addendum to these minutes before October 31, 2009 and also to the Treasurer

E09-09-06 National Secretary and Web Site - David Morris indicated the progress to date.

Garnet Thompson will pickup items from Wally MacDonald in early October. Dave will work on the transition plans further. Jim Upright commented on how a transition might take place particularly how we might attract a volunteer and reduce the responsibilities of that position.

E09-09-07 The Dondi project and the Men's Ministry Network & National tour

Lloyd Paul will be working full time on the Dondi project shortly. He has just returned from Angola along with three others, and reviewed the situation there. He was there two Sundays and was asked to preach twice as well. It was translated to Portuguese - a three hour worship service. The web site www.dondiproject.ca (use www.dondiproject.wordpress.com for now) is being updated. A 20 minute DVD Video is being prepared for presentation on the Tour. The tour schedule to the West is underway with on of the first stops at Calgary and Banff Men's Conf. Further materials will be sent to members of National Exe. as soon as they become available.

A discussion about the contribution by AOTS to the Dondi project took place. Some portion of the amount could be sent sooner than 2010.

E09-09-08 National -Biennial Convention 2011

At this time it appears that the best option would be to have the Convention at the Spring Roundup as it was last time at Jackson Point Ont. in 2009. A program for the ladies would be needed. There seemed to be a consensus at this point that we should proceed with that format.

Additional business

E09-09-09 Life members List : Ernie Orpin has reviewed and updated the list and will forward it to Marvin and Lloyd

E09-09-10 BBQ Aprons Garnet asked the status of the aprons on hand and how many have been distributed. No further aprons needed to be ordered at this time

Jim McKibbin closed the meeting in prayer

The next Council Executive Call meeting is scheduled for ?

Addendum #1 Hospital Project Central VP submission

Good morning Jim & Marvin.

As requested I am submitting my recommendation re: the \$2000 donation to a hospital within the central district. I have selected the Service Of Ophthalmology at the Sudbury Regional Regional Hospital. This hospital covers a very wide area here in Northern Ontario.

I have had discussions with Dr. Stephen E. Kosar Chief of the Service of Ophthalmology at the Sudbury Regional Hospital in regards to this donation. I am attaching a copy of a letter from Dr. Kosar to further describe what this dept. does.

Dear Mr. Macdonald,

"This is further to our conversation of September 14, 2009. I am writing to you as Chief of the Service of Ophthalmology at the Sudbury Regional Hospital.

We appreciate your intention of donating funds to help improve eye care in Sudbury. We have worked with service organizations in the past to raise funds for diagnostic and surgical equipment necessary for eye care at Sudbury Regional Hospital. We are currently looking at raising funds for a Pascal Laser photo-coagulator. This equipment is used to treat various retinal diseases which include diabetic retinopathy, retinal vein occlusions and macular degeneration. In the future we are also considering raising funds for surgical equipment to be used for vitreoretinal surgery.

Your donation could be forwarded to the Sudbury Regional Hospital Foundation with a letter specifying that the funds be used exclusively by the service of Ophthalmology at the Sudbury Regional Hospital. Also please send a copy of the letter to me.

Please contact me if you have any further concerns. We appreciate the support of your organization."

Sincerely
Stephen E. Kosar MD. FRCSC