

Executive Meeting - Feb. 26, 2018

Dundas Baptist Church

Present: Shawn Erb - Chair (Dundas Baptist)
Alison Mock - Vice Chair (St. Mark's United)
Marjorie Verhoeven - Treasurer (Christian Science)
Anne Washington - Past Chair (St. James Anglican)
Mary Anne Tangney - Secretary (St. Paul's United)

1.) Formulation of a Nominating Committee - Alison Mock announced that she is leaving her position as Minister at St. Mark's therefore the ADC Vice Chair position needs to be filled.

The Executive Committee shall appoint three representatives other than its own members from three member churches to nominate candidates for the offices of the Association; this nominating committee shall notify the Secretary at least twenty-one (21) clear days before the date of the AGM of the names of the candidates it proposes and the Secretary email those names to each member church and its representatives at least fourteen (14) days before the AGM.

We reviewed the bylaws of the ADC noting the nominations process and the slate of officers that had been elected at our 2017 AGM: Shawn Erb, Chairperson for 2 years (ending May 2019), Treasurer, Marjorie Verhoeven (first year of 2nd term - ending May 2019); Secretary, Mary Anne Tangney (first year of 2nd term - ending May 2019). Anne Washington has been asked to fill the Past Chair position for the up-coming year.

Chair, Shawn Erb will ask the following people to serve the Nominating Committee: Susan Laing, (St. Paul's United); Wayne Poole, (Knox Presbyterian) and Sue Nicolls (Christ Church Flamborough) with alternates, Rosemary Horseman, Patty Jackson. Candidates will be presented at the April Meeting for election at the May, 2018 AGM (May 24, 2018)

2.) Speakers lined up for Upcoming Meetings -

March 2018, Speaker from the Dundas Food Bank - Shawn will make contact to ask.
Discussion about Monthly Reporting about the Food Bank: We agreed this is needed to keep all our churches aware of the need in our community - Presently, we do not have a consistent representative from Salvation Army (Ellen Osler Home only but they do not know the day-to-day workings and needs of the Food Bank). Hopefully this might be resolved with discussion with our speaker.

April 2018, Jeff Black (Newly hired Manager at Routes Youth Centre) will speak at ADC - Susan Laing is requesting speaker.

May 2018 - No Speaker for our AGM

June 2018, Tom Cooper from Hamilton Roundtable on Poverty - Shawn Erb will request speaker. (also, thought of Hamilton Organization for the Poverty Elimination (HOPE)..a branch of SPRC (Susan Ruler).

Fall 2018 - Hamilton Family Health Team - speaker in October? Need someone to set this up.

3.) Bridge: From Prison to Community Breakfast Invitation - At our March meeting we will survey how many ADC Members want to attend this free breakfast (Apr. 18, 2018) and perhaps organize car-pooling. Those who go will report back to Membership at the April Meeting.

4.) Communication Between Churches - How can we facilitate this even better than we do? It's generally felt that ADC are good at communication among ourselves (Membership), however we are not sure that our congregations are aware of the work of the Association of Dundas Churches (?) or of events in each other's congregations. Maybe some churches better than others (?) How can we share among christian churches in Dundas what each other are doing? Some suggestions of e-blasts (not all churches share emails, contact info), 'Visiting Angels' works well, but only once a year and it's difficult to get parishioners willing to go to other churches. Pulpit Exchange - would not work for all churches (RC?); Lenten Lunches are one of the successes that does achieve this: a mingling and getting to know people of other churches. Executive would like to see an attempt at a pulpit exchange before June...possible? Send this issue to Ministerial to discuss! (Shawn Erb/Alison Mock to communicate this to Jean Archbell - co-ordinator of Ministerial.)

In January, 2017 at the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we held 2 sessions on the Reformation (Shawn Erb, Rick Spies, Jean Archbell) - the audience were parishioners from all our churches and they came up with a long list of suggestions about how the churches could communicate and work together more - We should re-visit that list!

As Chair, Rick Spies started a compendium of all the Outreach work of our individual churches (this was to be f/u by Susan Laing). We talked about 'highlighting' these individual outreach efforts so that other churches are aware of these efforts to support &/or even 'partner with' (a good example would be the Truth and Reconciliation Commission group that 3 churches have joined efforts or even the EcoWham coalition of churches). Our churches involvement and activities make up much of the cultural, supportive and formative aspects of the town of Dundas and we should celebrate and promote this fact!

5.) ADC Promotion - We discussed that the attendance at Lenten Lunches are down (2 lunches so far)...We did not book the electronic sign at the Lions Memorial Community Centre this year - Anne Washington will book this now (\$40) Also will see if she can book the Eccles Sign Board and ask Paul VanderBrink to change the sign.

Alison Mock has been able to 'penetrate' the metro media's new system for entering upcoming event information and has done so for the Lenten Lunches for the Dundas Star - Alison will also look into getting the Lenten Lunch into the Spectator as well.

We discussed the value of the ADC web page. We decided that we will keep it (for now) but it's simple function will be to educate, communicate the mission of ADC and provide links to individual churches. To keep current, ADC representatives must check the site and provide updated information on their individual churches as needed. This information should be directed to Alison Mock who will work with Wayne Irwin, web manager. Links to various churches and Monthly ADC meeting minutes, AGM's and Annual Reports are all kept on this website.

We think Peter Davison is taking pictures at the Lenten Lunches so Anne Washington will check with Peter - these can be included on the website &/or an article for the Dundas Star.

We will need promotion of the upcoming Provincial Election All Candidates meeting that ADC is entertaining for May - a sub-committee will be struck to work on this at the next meeting (March).

Does our ADC Brochure need an update? (2 new churches have joined since production of the brochure) Anne W. will ask Dorothy Bartalos about this

6.) Constitution must be reviewed - an attachment will be sent to Exec. members with these minutes - Executive members will look at the constitution and we will have another Executive meeting sometime before/after the April meeting in preparation for AGM in May 2018.

7. Financial Auditor - is needed for our 2018 AGM. Marjorie Verhoeven will contact Ed Beard (previous ADC Treasurer). Otherwise this issue will have to find an auditor from one of our churches.

Bank of Montreal Signing Officer - This issue has been overlooked from minutes of Sept/Oct/Nov. 2017 - we must renew with the BMO as to signing officers for the Association of Dundas Churches - Rick Spies, previous ADC chair must be removed as signing officer and Shawn Erb be named as signing officer for the ADC financials. All signing officers (Marjorie Verhoeven, Shawn Erb and Mary Anne Tangney) must appear at BMO - DATE NEEDED to meet.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Anne Tangney,
Secretary, A.D.C.