

American Baptist Churches of Maine

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Zoom Meeting Minutes September 7, 2024**

Present:, Kathy Saarinen - Chair; Al Fletcher, Gary York, Gayle Long, Sharon Workman, Marlene Everett, John Anthony, Phyllis Taylor, Dave Rodrigue, Peter Neelon and Melissa Dennett

**CALL TO ORDER:** Kathy called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. opening with prayer and devotions.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Melissa presented the Nominating Committee Report and reviewed the openings for the ABCOM Board, Committee on the Ministry and Annual Meeting Committee. M/S/V to approve Pam Carnicelli as Second Vice President for the ballot at the Annual Meeting.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** It was moved, seconded, and voted to accept the quorum of 38. Matt Burden will serve as parliamentarian. It was also M/S/V to accept 2026 Annual Meeting from Warren Baptist Church.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** It was moved, seconded and voted to file the minutes of May 11, 2024.

**PROPERTY REVIEW REPORT** Dave Rodrigue presented the PRC report verbally.

Finished projects: Roofing on boys cabins; bath houses; well house; Bentley building electrical line repair (which provides power to the hill); main well pump replaced (41 years old).

Superintendent's House – septic will be pumped in October. Maintain the rental agreement with Luke and Morgan Washburn with rent set at \$1250/month with agreement to help with the China Lake campus.

Commercial grade lawn mower for the Gerald House property. m/s/v to purchase a zero-turn commercial lawn mower with a maintenance agreement using funds from the Gerald House maintenance account not to exceed \$15K. CLC has approved \$8k that may be amended to be utilized for a maintenance contract.

It was moved, seconded, and voted to accept and receive the verbal report.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** ABCOM Treasurer Sharon Workman reviewed statements. The P&L reported investments to date are \$25,219. Total net loss from operations of \$-34,618. Unrealized total net gain on investments as of July 31, 2024, is \$39,816. The depreciation to date for 2024 is \$30,256. Total Net Revenue year to date is \$161. It was moved, seconded and voted to accept and receive the reports.

**BUDGET** In Executive Session, the committee voted and approved the Finance Committees recommendation to increase salaries by 3.5% for 2025. It was m/s/v to create a new line item for program expense for this year in the amount of \$2500. It was then voted to approve the proposed ABCOM Budget for 2025 with a 3.5% increase.

**ADJOURNMENT** M/S/V to adjourn.

Next meeting December 7, 2024

Al Fletcher/Melissa Dennett