

ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARIANS AND ARCHIVISTS AT BAPTIST INSTITUTIONS
MINUTES of Business Meeting, May 19, 2011
Patty and Bo Pilgrim Chapel, Board Room
Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, TX

In the absence of ALABI President, Jason Fowler, Vice-President Taffey Hall brought the meeting to order. Kathy Hillman moved and Bill Sumners seconded that the 2010 minutes be approved as printed.

Reports:

Southern Baptist Periodical Index

SBPI Editor, Eldonna DeWeese, reported that the 2008 volume was completed since our 2010 meeting and that 2009 data will soon be uploaded to the Internet accessible version. With the help of a very efficient student assistant, data entry is completed for about two-thirds of the titles for the 2010 edition. There is, therefore, a strong possibility that work on the 2011 edition can actually be started in 2011.

Since assuming responsibility for continuance of the index in 1987, the Southwest Baptist University Library has contributed space for the project, certain office supplies, and the cost of data entry assistance. This has enabled production expenses and subscription prices to be kept low. Current SBU financial policies will no longer allow this and we are thus forced to rethink pricing and accommodations for production of the index.

Executive Secretary/Treasurer

Bill Sumners presented a printed financial report to those in attendance. He reported the funds available as of May 9, 2011 to be \$10,090.25. He noted that it might be time to consider projects for which some of those funds might be used. Current membership in ALABI stands at 42.

Digitization Project

Alan Lefever, chair of the Baptist Digital Library Task Force, envisioned determination of a host for a web page where those looking for Baptist materials could go and find links to scanned materials. (Prior to the business meeting, Bill Sumners and Kathy Hillman had reported on the progress in scanning the SBC annuals—154 of the volumes.) Work would involve prioritizing those items of benefit to all, such as the scanned annuals. Task Force members would need a communication format to allow dialog for the process and all interested members were invited to join the Task Force. Sandra Brown called our attention to the charges given the committee during the 2010 meeting and stressed the need to set standards to assist those contemplating local projects that might feed into such a hosted site. In the ensuing discussion, it was determined that October 1 be the Task Force deadline for compiling a list of prioritized projects and the work done to date. February 1 would be the date by which the framework is determined. The possibility of setting up work groups was mentioned. During the meeting additional names were added to the Task Force, which now consists of:

Jan Ballard, Laura Botts, Sandra Brown, Jason Fowler, Katherine Gill, Taffey Hall, Kenette Harder, Lloyd Harsch, Kathy Hillman, Jackie Howell, DebbieLee Landi, Alan Lefever, Anne Marie Martin, Terry Martinez, Kent Millwood, Jim Morris, Cynthia Peterson, Bob Phillips, Bill Sumners, Naomi Taplin, Jennifer Taylor, Elizabeth Wells.

Kathy Hillman suggested that for the 2012 meeting, it would be helpful for the Task Force report to be earlier in the meeting agenda to insure plenty of time for discussion.

Taffey Hall thanked those on the local arrangements committee (Berry Driver, Mary Fox, Alan Lefever, Bob Phillips, Naomi Taplin) for their work. She also thanked our gracious hosts at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Dallas Baptist University.

Next year's meeting:

Following discussion of possible dates and sites, it was determined by a show of hands that we meet June 6-7, 2012, possibly on the campus of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary prior to the Baptist History and Heritage Society meeting.

There being no further business, Bill Sumners moved and Alan Lefever seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Eldonna DeWeese, Recording Secretary