

WELLINGTON CHRISTIAN FARMERS ASSOCIATION

AGM & BANQUET 2016

Guest speaker:
Ryan Martin from Christian
Aid Ministries in Waterloo

"Reapers of Hope"

YOU'RE INVITED



DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS:

Wim Denhartog	519-848-2709
Henry Stevens	519-343-5883
Roel Van Zandwyk	519-638-5900
Frank Kieftenburg	519-291-5578
John Deetman	519-323-2285
Douglas Sikkema	519-638-3529
Sieste De Boer	519-848-5658

WHEN:

Friday, April 8, 2016

WHERE:

The Alma Community Centre,
51 Simpson Street, Alma, ON

TIME:

7:00 pm refreshments, 7:30 pm dinner

COST:

\$15.00 per plate

RSVP to any Board member by
Wednesday, April 6

GUEST SPEAKER:

Ryan Martin from Christian Aid Ministries in Waterloo.
He will speak about "The Reapers of Hope" in Moorefield

AGM to follow Banquet and speaker.

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Minutes of the 2015 Christian Farmers Association of Wellington Annual General Meeting and Banquet

The annual general meeting and banquet of the CFAW was held on Friday, April 10, 2015 at the Alma Community Centre. There were 56 persons in attendance.

The evening was opened with the singing of O Canada. President Wim DenHartog welcomed everyone and led us with devotions and prayer. We then enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner prepared by the ladies of the Alma United Church. Frank Kieftenburg thanked the ladies for the delicious meal.

Henry Stevens then introduced our guest speaker for the evening. Glynis Belec is a well known local author, inspirational speaker and cancer survivor. Her presentation was entitled "**LIFE**: One Quarter Lemon, Three Quarters Lemonade". John Deetman thanked Glynis for her inspiring and encouraging presentation, and presented her with a token of our appreciation.

We then went into our Annual General Meeting. President Wim gave his Presidents report and highlighted some of the years' activities. He informed the members that the CFAW had once again supported the Julien Project, as well as three local Canadian Foodgrains Bank growing projects in Wellington County. We are looking for other worthy causes to support.

The minutes of the 2014 AGM had been mailed out with the meeting notices for the 2015 AGM. They were received for information.

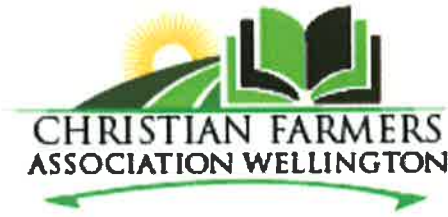
CFFO President Lorne Small presented his Provincial Federation report, highlighting the work of the Federation over the past year. He reported that the Provincial Government was consistently asking CFFO for advice.

Roel VanZandwyk gave his treasurers report. It showed revenues of \$4,010.96, expenses of \$2,679.32 and a balance of \$3,493.83.

We held elections for board members. The terms of Wim DenHartog and Doug Sikkema were up. Wim and Doug both let their name stand for another term. Since there were no other nominations, Wim and Doug were declared elected.

It was suggested by a member that we put out the call for nominations earlier in 2016, so that members have time to think about it. The Board agreed to do that for the upcoming year.

Sietse DeBoer closed the evening in prayer.



Message to The Members of The Christian Farmers Association of Wellington

The Board of CFAW recently decided to implement a scholarship program to assist eligible children of CFAW members to reduce the cost of their post-secondary education. We will be awarding up to two scholarships of \$1,000.00 each per academic year.

To be eligible for a scholarship, the student must meet several requirements, including:

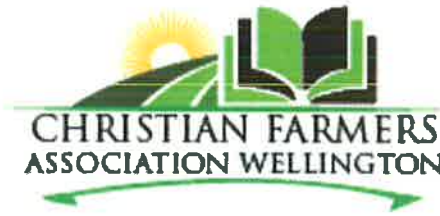
- 1) He / she must be the son / daughter of a CFAW member.
- 2) He / she must be enrolled in an agriculture related post-secondary program at an accredited post-secondary institution.
- 3) He / she must demonstrate plans to pursue an agriculture related career, either on or off farm.
- 4) He / she must submit a letter (maximum two pages) describing his /her previous agriculture related background and activities, as well as explaining why he /she wants to pursue a career in agriculture. He / she must also outline any previous community involvement they have experienced.

The scholarships will be awarded for the September, 2016 semester. The winners will be decided by the CFAW board. The board reserves the right to consider special circumstance applications. The successful candidates will be announced at our annual banquet.

While we realize there is very little time left before this years' banquet (April 8), we are open to considering applications in time to announce them at the banquet. In the event that we do not receive any applications in time for the banquet, the application deadline will be July 30, 2016. In subsequent years, applications will be due by February 28.

Applications should be mailed to our secretary Henry Stevens, 5158 Line 90, R.R.#2 Palmerston, Ont., N0G 2P0.

If you have any further questions, please contact any of your board members.



A Letter to the Members of the Christian Farmers Association of Wellington From Your Local Association Board

The long term success of any organization depends on the willingness of its members to step up and take on a leadership role. To that end, your board is concerned that we have been unable to convince anyone to let his/her name stand for election for several years now. Our current board members have all served more than the normal 3 year term as a result (up to 17 years) and would like to see someone else step up. We are all getting older and we would encourage the younger generation to consider letting their name stand for your CFAW board.

The CFAW district has traditionally been one of the strongest and most active districts of the CFFO. CFFO has often pointed to the CFAW as an example of a successful district. We are proud of that and would like to see that continue. But we need your help. We need some new blood, with new ideas to continue this tradition. It was suggested at our annual meeting this past April that we needed to give our members more notice of the need for new board members and more time for them to think about it. Therefore we decided to draft this letter as part of our recruiting process. We will be looking for at least two new nominations for our upcoming AGM on Friday, April 8, 2016, in conjunction with our banquet.

The workload is not onerous. We generally meet about three times a year, usually before the Provincial Council (P.C.) meeting. We discuss the policy proposals that are on the agenda for P.C. and any other issues that may come up. We also look for local issues that are of concern to our members and plan public meetings for such topics of interest. And of course, we plan our annual Banquet and summer BBQ.

We are entitled to send two delegates to the Provincial Council to represent CFAW and we always try to have at least two members attend these meetings. They are usually held in Guelph. It is an uplifting experience to dialogue/socialize with other Christian farmers from across the province as CFFO strives to continue to be the leaders in setting long term agricultural policy in this province.

We are asking you to prayerfully consider letting your name stand for election to your board. Our continued success as a district depends on it. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to speak with any of our current board members.

Thank you for your consideration.

Your local CFAW Board