

WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING - MINUTES
11 May 2005

Present: Nancy Burbidge, Gene Trites, Allison Trites, Helen Whidden, Rodger Forsman, Roger Prentice, Roger Cann, Bruce Dienes, Barry Morrison, Gloria Churchill, Virginia Cookman, Margaret Burton Neil Cloghesy, Maurice Tugwell, Jennifer Longley, Cheryl Manzer, Tom Peace, Diana Shelley (18)

1. Nancy Burbidge called meeting to order at 7:30, welcomed those present and introduced Gloria Churchill, interim pastor at St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge who led the Devotion.
2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 12 May 2004 were read. Approval of Minutes as read Moved NC/MB. Carried
3. Correspondence
 - (a) Two letters received in response to letter from WAICC requesting elimination of all VLT machine: from David Morse thanking Council for its letter and from Premier John Hamm thanking Council and indicating that more correspondence will follow
4. Old Business
 - (a) "Challenged by Unpaid Caregivers" project – moved RC/BD that *Challenged by Unpaid Caregivers* survey project, now completed, be handed back to the churches for their action. Carried. (Copy of survey attached with minutes.) It was suggested that the Ministries Committee continue to act in capacity of liaison with the congregations where necessary. Thanks were expressed to Roger Cann and to the committee (Maggie Kennie, Anne Watson, Doreen Tillotson, Sylvia Burger and Roger Cann) for all the work they have put into this project.
5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer circulated Year-end Report and copies of Auditor's Report (copies attached with minutes). Acceptance of both reports moved MT/HW. Carried

Budget – copies of proposed budget circulated. Treasurer noted that the budget was largely based on last year's receipts and expenditures. It has been customary to hold enough funds in reserve to cover one year's operation. Some discussion on the wisdom of doing this, particularly in times when needs seem to be so great. Suggested that a compromise might be reached in future combined with active year-round fund-raising. To be discussed further at June meeting. Moved MT/RP that budget be approved as presented. Motion carried.

6. Committee Reports
 - (a) Clergy Committee – Roger P. reported on activity of committee which has included the planning of combined worship services. Retreat was one of the highlights of the year.
 - (b) Ministries Committee – Margaret recently visited Hantsport Food Bak which has become affiliated with *Feed Nova Scotia*. Part of June meeting will be devoted to discussing whether WAICC might do likewise. Copy of Margaret's report attached with minutes. Moved by NC/RF that a committee be established to discuss overall financial situation. Carried. Committee will be struck at June Meeting.
 - (c) Nominating Committee. President, Vice President and Treasurer to remain for another year...Gene Trites and Diana Shelley will be secretary. There being no further nominations, slate accepted.

- c. Programme – no report
- d. Web Page – Bruce will send out reminders to all re calendar. He welcomes input
- e. AEC – Conference hosted in Wolfville 6/7 May 2005 went very well
- f. President – copies of Nancy’s report filed with minutes

7. Church Reports

- a. St. Francis RC – Annual plant sale coming up. Fr. Bill Myer (a speaker at convocation) will speak at pot luck supper at church on 15th May
- b. St. John’s Anglican – New youth group started which is to put on bean supper on 31 May; successful Quiche lunch held; yard sale on 11th June
- c. Greenwich/St. Andrews United – Gloria Churchill is interim pastor. Soup lunches to be organized as fund-raiser; Kirking of the Tartan at Covenanter’s on 15 May
- d. Wolfville Baptist – Andy Northrop has been called to be Minister of Youth and Outreach; dinner and silent auction for refugee support planned; congregational visiting programme being organized; plans for children’s summer vacation programme
- e. Friends – Joint meeting Wolfville and Halifax held; “Spiritual Journey” retreat being planned; future project aimed at elimination of the culture of abuse being considered
- f. Chapel – “Year” has come to an end; planning in hand for chapel choir to tour GB with fun raisers such as compilation of a cook book being undertaken; “See How They Run” to be staged September 30/Oct 1 and 2
- g. Port Williams Baptist – NR

8. New Business

- a. Tom Peace representing L’Arche addressed the meeting – L’Arche, being spiritual in its origins, is looking towards developing more spiritual growth within the community churches. This could lead to both L’Arche members being involved in the local churches and church members attending L’Arche services, which would be mutually beneficial. To wards this end, Tom wondered about the possibility of full or observer status membership in WAICC. Agreed to send a copy of the WAICC constitution to L’Arche and suggest that if they so desired, they could send a letter requesting membership
- b. Increasing annual dues paid by member churches. Agreed that this should be done and that it be referred to financial sub-committee expected to be established at June meeting

Thanks extended to Greenwich United church and to Cheryl Manzer for hospitality and refreshments.

Roger Cann and Bruce Dienes introduced the launch of VLT Website, described its working and urged council members to be supportive and to spread the word. Moved by VC/GT that Wendy Elliott be asked to prepare a press release. Carried.

Meeting adjourned with prayer

Diana Shelley
Acting Secretary

**Next Executive Meeting Wednesday, 8th June 2005
7:30 pm Manny Chapel Library**