

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING - MINUTES
10 May 2006**

Present: Nancy Burbidge, Gene Trites, Allison Trites, Helen Whidden, Barry Morrison, Neil Cloghesy, Val Burtzel, Brenda Henshaw, Scott Tattrie, Roger Cann, Ann Watson, Gary Dunfield, Penny Burrell, Cathy Lee Cunningham, Jennifer Longley, Marilyn VanBuskirk, Diana Shelley (18)

Barry Morrison extended a welcome on behalf of the Wolfville Baptist Church.

A prayer and a moment of memorial for the late Isabel Horton, who had served the WAICC faithfully for many years was observed.

Allison Trites led devotional and spoke about Christian unity using Ephesians chapter 4. He asked that we continue to put Paul's words into practice in WAICC

1. Nancy Burbidge called meeting to order at 7:15, welcomed those present..
2. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 11 May 2005 had been circulated. Approval of Minutes moved AAT/GD
3. Constitutional Changes (copy of changes attached with minutes)
 - (a) To enable the inclusion of L'Arche Homefires to full membership. Moved NC/HW and carried. During the past year members of the L'Arche community have been faithfully attending meetings. Nancy warmly welcomed them into full membership and presented them with a copy of Doug Hergett's book, "Visible Faith".
 - (b) A further amendment to constitution concerning membership definitions was also presented. Acceptance moved NC/RC and carried
4. Treasurer's Report – In absence of Treasurer, Neil Cloghesy presented Annual Financial report. (Copy attached with Minutes). Auditor, George Estey had made a suggestion for simplification. Copy of proposed budget 2006-2007 also received.
5. Old Business

Food Bank – Nancy gave an short summary of events to date including visiting local area food banks and the director of Feed Nova Scotia, Diane Swinamer to address a meeting to which the Mayor and representatives of Lions and rotary among others had been invited. At the April meeting of WAICC it had been agreed to recommend to the AGM the setting up of a Feasibility Committee to explore the venture further. Nancy stressed the importance of any decision being a collegial one. It was suggested that spiritual and physical support should be a component of the programme. Moved CLC/AW that WAICC go forward with the establishment of the committee. Carried

6. Committee Report

- (a) President – Nancy highlighted her report (copy attached). She singled the efforts of Margaret Burton who has worked so hard in investigating and researching the food bank question
- (b) Clergy Committee – Liturgical matters are the main focus of this committee. Much effort was involved in preparing ecumenical services.
- (c) Atlantic Ecumenical Council – Penny Burrell had attended the Atlantic Ecumenical Conference. She appreciated the presentation of poverty: One of the most powerful points made was the important role of churches in speaking out against poverty with some degree of impunity and without penalty (NGO's fear losing funding if they speak out)
- (d) Care for the Caregivers – (Report attached). Roger gave overview and update. Thanks was extended to Roger and his committee.
- (e) Nominating Committee report presented by Helen Whidden as follows:
President: Neil Cloghesy; Past President Nancy Burbidge; Vice President Gary Dunfield; Treasurer – Maurice Tugwell; Secretary Gene Trites and Diana Shelley. Acceptance of this slate of officers moved NB.HW and carried

Meeting adjourned with prayer

Diana Shelley
Acting Secretary

**Next Executive Meeting Wednesday 14 June 2006
7:30 pm Manny Chapel Library**

**Next Annual Meeting
Wednesday 9 May 2007
St. John's Anglican Church, Wolfville**