

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**ANNUAL MEETING - MINUTES**  
**9 May 2007**

Present: Nancy Burbidge, Maurice Tugwell, Gene Trites, Allison Trites, Helen Whidden, Neil Cloghesy, Nancy Burbidge, Ann Watson, Kay Watson, Pat Moore, Ingrid Blais, David Garrett, Gary Dunfield, Penni Burrell, Liz Vermeulen, Marilyn VanBuskirk, Diana Shelley (17)

Regrets: Roger Prentice, Glenn Donnellan, Kurt Bowen, Shirley Soleil

Neil Cloghesy welcomed everyone, thanked St. John's Anglican Church for their hospitality and called the meeting to order.

Devotional - Dr. Keith Churchill spoke on a book by Jonathan Kirsch entitled, **A History of the End of the World**, published by Harper Collins in 2006. This book is a study of the influence that the Book of Revelation has had through history. Revelation sees the world as a clash or conflict of cultures. You have to pick sides. You want to be on God's side, of course; so all those who are opposed to you are viewed as enemies. The Apocalypse of John brings a message of comfort to those who are in peril and facing persecution--- God is ultimately in control.

The negative side of this is that we are tempted to polarize and demonize those who disagree with us. In this apocalyptic material there is nothing about Jesus' message of peacemaking and social justice, so some have found it sub-Christian.

In terms of our work, we must be concerned with the needs around us in the meantime. The way we live out our daily lives must be concerned with shalom, peace, wholeness, and in WAICC our focus must be on finding peace and reconciliation, especially for the disenfranchised. We must concentrate on the main thing Jesus taught us, to love one another as he has loved us.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Annual meeting of 10 May 2006 and of Special Meeting re Food Bank of 25 October 2006 – Moved AAT/MVB that reading of these minutes be dispensed with.

Motion carried

Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting 10 May 2006 as circulated moved AW/HW.

Motion carried

Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting re Food Bank of 25 October 2006 - Moved AW/HW. Motion carried.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of Financial Statement to 31 March 2007 were circulated by Maurice Tugwell, Treasurer and some elaborations and explanation given. Motion for acceptance of Financial Report MT/NB. Carried

Auditor's report also received. A letter of thanks to be sent to George Estey. Copies of proposed budget 2007-08 circulated and a fairly detailed explanation given by the Treasurer.

Acceptance of Budget 2007-08 moved MT/GD. Motion carried.

Thanks expressed to Maurice on Behalf of WAICC and thanks also expressed by Maurice to the Food Bank Committee

3. OLD BUSINESS

Ramirez Family – Neil has sent a letter to the Minister of Immigration on behalf of the family. He has also prepared a petition letter to be sent to the Minister by individual.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Clergy – No report
- b. Food Bank Management Report – presented by Nancy Burbidge. Copy of Report attached with Minutes
- c. Nominating Committee Report. Executive has agreed to continue for 2007-08. However, Maurice will be out of the country September to December. Liz with Marilyn’s assistance will look after financial affairs during that time. It was noted that signing officers need to be updated
- d. Relief Assessment Committee – to oversee and administer non-food relief... Volunteers sought. Marilyn Van Buskirk and Neil will serve on this committee
- e. Web Page Committee – Bruce Dienes has acted as webmaster (waicc.org) and thanks were extended to him.
- f. Atlantic Ecumenical Council. AGM will take place later in May in Summerside PEI. No one able to go this year but Neil urged people to give some thought to going in 2008 when the conference will be in Halifax.
- g. President’s Report – presented by Neil. Copy attached with Minutes

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Application for WAICC membership by New Life Ministries. Moved GD/MVB that New Life Ministries be accepted into membership of WAICC. Motion carried
- b. Application for WAICC membership by the Parish of Cornwallis. Moved AAT/NB that Parish of Cornwallis be accepted into membership of WAICC. Motion carried.
- c. Terms of Reference of the Food Bank Management Committee... Keith Churchill gave a preamble to the Terms of Reference (both attached with Minutes). Acceptance of the Terms of Reference of the Food Bank Management Committee moved KC/PB. Motion carried

6. NEWS OF MEMBERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Port Williams Baptist – Keith Churchill announced that Friends of Atlantic Baptist Fellowship Vince Rushton Memorial Lecture and Luncheon will take place on Saturday 2 June at noon. Speaker Dr. Anna Robbins will lecture on “The Emerging Church: More than Baptist Wannabes. All welcome: Pre-registration requested
- b. Greenwich United - as part of their once-a-month musicians which has been held over the winter and involved music students from Horton High School, a musical event will take place in Greenwich on Sunday 3 June at 9:15. All welcome
- c. Wolfville Baptist. - Gary is taking a group of young people from Wolfville Baptist church to a youth gathering in Moncton. ADC Commissioning Service will take place at Wolfville Baptist Church on Friday 12 May at 7:30 pm
- d. Roger Prentice will be preaching at the Baccalaureate Service in University Hall this Sunday 13 May at 11:00 am
- e. St. John’s Anglican – Take-out Quiche Lunch this Friday 11 May: Yard Sale 9 June.

- f. St. John's Cornwallis – Installation of Rev. David Garrett as Regional Dean of Clermont Region with sung Evensong will take place in St. John's Church Street on Wednesday 16 May at 7:30 pm
- g. Friends – Atlantic gathering to take place on May long-weekend in New Glasgow
- h. L'Arche Homefires – preparing their float for the apple Blossom Parade. Band Aids and Balloons: Forgiveness and Celebration on a Saturday morning in June. Ingrid asked for prayers for the community that they might find forgiveness
- i. Congratulations to Marilyn VanBuskirk for being named the “Wolfville Volunteer of the Year” 2007. She received a citation from the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.
- j. Helen moved a vote of thanks to members of the Food Bank Management Committee

#### 6. NEXT MEETING(S)

Next Annual Meeting of WAICC – Wednesday 12 May 2008

Next Regular Meeting – Wednesday, 13 June 2007. It is hoped that this will be a special meeting and that it will be held at Blomidon Inn. More details will be emailed to those involved.

There being no further business, adjournment moved by AAT.

Keith Churchill closed the meeting with the Benediction

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites  
Diana Shelly

Secretaries