

WOLFFVILLE AREA INTERCHURCH COUNCIL  
Minutes of Executive Meeting  
Manning Chapel 2 February 2003

1. President Roger Prentice called the meeting to order at 7.33 pm.

Members present: Roger Prentice (chair), Nancy Burbidge, Margaret Burton, Roger Cann, Neil Cloghesy, Cathy Lee Cunningham, Bruce Dienes, Rodger Forsman (acting secretary), Janet Kirkconnell, John Mercer, David Ross, Helen Whidden.

Regrets: Sean Lombard, Diana Shelley, Ralph Winter

2. A meditation was conducted by John Mercer.

3. The minutes of the last meeting (8 Jan 2003) were approved on motion. (R Forsman/N Burbidge)

4. Correspondence: none

5. Old business

(a), (b) Reference: item in minutes of last meeting [2003/1/8 item 4(a)]

Moved that the following grants be made:

Wolffville School Lunch Program: \$1,780  
Port Williams Nutrition for Health: \$1,000  
Gaspereau School Lunch Program: \$ 500.

Money to be taken from the Chipman Donation. [R. Cann/M. Burton] Carried

(c) Palliative Care: R. Cann reported on the development of the "Completion of Life" program

(d) World hunger and needs

Helen Whidden reported that the committee has met with Dr João Matwawana.

Moved that the President of the WAICC write a letter of greeting to the Angola council of Churches promising our prayers for them, to be transmitted to them by Dr Matwawana during his forthcoming visit to Angola. [N. Burbidge/R. Cann] Carried

(e) *Messenger*: R. Prentice

Members commended the publication as a successful means of informing the congregations about our purposes and programs.

(f) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Clergy Committee expects a report from one of its members. The WAICC asked for a written copy of the report. Comments from members indicated that the services went well, and that the Sunday service was excellent.

(g) Spring General Meeting

Publicity material was delivered to the church representatives.

(h) WAICC web site: Bruce Dienes

Input is needed from the churches. The churches MUST appoint contact persons who will be responsible for keeping relevant information on the site.

(i) Nominating Committee [Item: 2003/1/8 8(a)]

Roger Cann will act as committee chair.

#### 6. Treasurer

Ralph read letter of appreciation from persons who have been assisted by the food program. The treasurer's report was circulated and accepted on motion (R. Winter/ R. Cann).

#### 7. Committees

(a) AEC: The meetings will be held in North Sydney, 2-3 May. Dues have been paid for the current year.

(b) Clergy: preparations are being made for the World Day of Prayer, and the Completion of Life program is being discussed.

(c) Inter-Church Housing: no report

(d) Ministries Committee: see 5(a)(b) above

(e) Other: see 5(d) above

#### 8. Reports of Churches

(a) St Francis: there was a special service to celebrate marriage. (This is an initiative of John Paul II.)

(b) St John's: work is being done on increasing outreach to the community, a needs assessment concerning access to the food program is being carried out, the congregation is using the Peace Prayer for the Holy Land, there is a Taizé service on Wednesday nights at the Chapel.

(c) St Andrews: a new church secretary has been appointed. A luncheon in honour of retiring secretary Truth Cavanagh will be held on 16 February.

(d) Wolfville Baptist Church: the Senior and Associate ministers have both resigned.

(e) Friends: a study entitled "What Does the Lord Require of Me?" is in progress.

(f) Port Williams: no report

(g) Manning Chapel: rehearsals for the new passion play, "The Valour of the King" are in progress. The play will be presented on March 25-28 (TWTF evenings at 7:30).

#### 9. New Business

(a) Good Friday, 18 April. The service is scheduled to be held at Wolfville Baptist Church. The matter was referred, by general agreement, to the Clergy Committee.

(b) Autumn "Hymns of Praise" service: This item was introduced to make sure that an excellent means for keeping the WAICC's ecumenical activities in the public eye is not forgotten.

10. Other business

(a) Moved that Dr Martin Rumscheidt be given an honorarium of \$100 to cover his expenses in connection with the WAICC Spring Program [Cathy Lee Cunningham/R. Cann] Carried

(b) Notice: the World Day of Prayer will be held at St Francis' and focus on Lebanon.

11: Next meeting: 12 March, 2003, 7:30, in Chapel Hall.

12. The meeting adjourned on motion (Cathy Lee Cunningham)

13. R. Prentice pronounced a benediction.

VOLUNTEERS FOR OPENING MEDITATION:

April 9: Diana Shelley  
June: Rodger Forsman

**March 12: Nancy Burbidge**  
May: Annual General Meeting