

WOLFVILLE AREA INTERCHURCH COUNCIL
Minutes of Executive Meeting
Manning Chapel 11 February 2004

1. President Roger Prentice called the meeting to order at 7.35 PM.

Members present: Nancy Burbidge, Roger Cann, Bruce Dienes, Rodger Forsman (acting secretary), John Mercer, Barry Morrison, R. Prentice, Diana Shelley, Helen Whidden.

Regrets: Margaret Burton, Neil Cloghesy, Maurice Tugwell, Ralph Winter.

2. Diana Shelley led a meditation on a talk by Michael Green on Jesus.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated.
4. Correspondence: none
5. Business arising

There was discussion of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

(a) Barry Morrison was thanked for his thoughtful addresses.

(b) There was a rambling discussion of the timing of the event.

6. Treasurer

There was a general discussion of fund-raising. Two matters were agreed upon:

(a) The WAICC must do better at informing the public about its aims.

(b) We need to re-visit the issue of facilitating on-line donations through the WAICC's website.

Moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as circulated. [D. Shelley/J. Mercer). Carried

7. Committee reports

(a) AEC: Bruce Dienes

Preparations continue for the 2004 conference on Ecumenism in the Post-Modern Age.

(b) Clergy: a meeting is to be held next week

(c) Interchurch Housing: no report

(d) Ministries Committee: R. Cann

R. Cann made a report to the Wolfville Town Council on follow-up to the September consultation.

(i) On hunger

--- there are 60 indigent families in our area

--- the WAICC and the churches contribute \$50,000 annually to help meet this need

--- this is additional to what is done by food cupboards and food banks.

(ii) Suicide prevention and Safety Officer funding: more assistance needed

- (e) Nominating Committee: Roger Cann: no report.
- (f) Program Committee identified: Neil, Diana, Roger Prentice
Diana is to call a meeting to plan for May.
- (g) Website Committee
 - (i) the logo has been updated
 - (ii) photos of all supporting churches have been posted
 - (iii) photos of church activities could be posted, as well as other information, quotations, etc.
 - (iv) churches have to be more active in updating their respective parts of the WAICC calendar
 - (v) The website is essentially free publicity for the churches. It can be used to
 - minimize scheduling conflicts
 - inform newcomers about church life in the Wolfville area
 - demonstrate ecumenism.
- (h) Finance Committee: see item 6 above.

8. Church reports

- (a) St Francis: no report
- (b) St John's (Helen Whidden)
 - Feb 24: Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
 - 5 March, 2:00 PM: Women's World Day of Prayer featuring material prepared by the women of Panama. Speaker: Eugenie Trites on "In Faith Women Shape the Future"
- (c) St Andrew's (Nancy Burbidge)
 - Sundays, 10:00 AM: Bible study based on lectionary readings
 - Religion in Life program
 - Feb 24: Shrove Tuesday supper
 - Feb 28, 7:30 PM: variety night show
- (d) Wolfville Baptist Church (R. Cann)
 - The congregation has called Dr Barry Morrison as the new senior minister. The Induction Service will be on 16 May.
 - New initiatives in adult education:
 - program on "Anxiety", led by Dr Howard Taylor
 - program for caregivers, led by Jennifer Longley
- (e) Society of Friends: (Bruce Dienes)
 - Future Bible studies

- The Integrity of Creation (including an analysis of the proposed UN Earth Charter) (March)
- The Meeting Community?
- The History of Quakers' Faith and Practice
- The Wolfville Meeting is helping to plan the upcoming Atlantic Friends Gathering which will be held over the Victoria Day weekend at Camp Geddie, near New Glasgow. They are also very involved in the Local Arrangements group, preparing the ground for the national Quaker conference which will be held this August at Kings-Edgehill School.
- (f) Port Williams: no report
- (g) Manning Chapel (R. Prentice)
 - March 24: Recital by the Chapel Choir
 - March 30, 31, April 1, 2: performances of the Passion Play. Casting for the play is half finished.
 - The Chapel Choir will be going on tour
 - Wolfville Baptist Church has broken the long-standing tradition of joining the University Baccalaureate Service on Baccalaureate Sunday. The Board of Deacons of Wolfville Baptist Church has decided that their church will hold its own service at 11:00 on Baccalaureate Sunday.
- 9. New business: none
- 10. Date of next meeting: 10 March
- 11. The meeting adjourned on motion (Bruce Dienes) at 9:01
- 12. Diana offered a prayer and benediction

VOLUNTEERS FOR OPENING MEDITATION:

2004

- 10 March: Helen Whidden
- 14 April: Nancy Burbidge
- 12 May: (annual general meeting: Roger Prentice)
- 9 June: Rodger Forsman