

WOLFFVILLE AREA INTERCHURCH COUNCIL
Minutes of Executive Meeting
Manning Chapel 14 April 2004

1. President Roger Prentice called the meeting to order at 7.32 PM.

Members present: Nancy Burbidge, Margaret Burton, Roger Cann, Neil Cloghesy, Rodger Forsman (acting secretary), R. Prentice, Maurice Tugwell, Helen Whidden.

Regrets: Diana Shelley, Ralph Winter, Bruce Dienes

2. Nancy Burbidge led a meditation on suffering. Suffering is not caused directly or indirectly by God, and Christians are called to share in the suffering of others.

3. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated. [R. Forsman/M. Tugwell]

4. Correspondence: material from the Atlantic Ecumenical Council requiring no action.

5. Business arising

(a) Bishop Champagne will speak on ecumenism in relation to the world's religions. The meeting will be held on 28 April in the auditorium of the K. C. Irving Centre, 7:30 PM.

(b) The annual meeting of the WAICC will be held at Port Williams Baptist Church on 12 May, 7:30 PM.

(c) Caregivers (Roger Cann)

Application has been made to the Eastern Kings Health Foundation for a grant. Each communion supporting the WAICC will be asked to name one individual to a working group whose mandate will be to determine how the caregivers committee will proceed.

It is envisaged that the connection between the caregivers group and the WAICC will be similar to that between the WAICC and Meals-on-Wheels: the WAICC will have representation in the caregivers group, which in turn will also be accountable to the WAICC.

6. Treasurer: (M. Tugwell): report circulated

Moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as circulated. [M. Tugwell/ N. Cloghesy].
Carried

7. Committee reports

(a) AEC: no report

(b) Clergy; (R. Prentice) Good Friday services went well

(c) Interchurch Housing: no report

(d) Ministries Committee: (M. Burton) Report circulated

- (i) Moved [R. Cann/N. Burbidge] that the WAICC contribute \$1,000 towards the cost of the electricity upgrade identified in the Ministries Committee report dated 18 April 2004.

Carried

- (ii) Wolfville Town council follow-up: the Ministries Committee is trying to keep abreast of issues as they arise.

There will be a workshop on suicide prevention this Spring at Mount St Vincent.

- (iii) Moved [H. Whidden/M. Tugwell] that the WAICC reimburse Margaret Burton in the amount of \$70.00, being the registration fee paid by her on behalf of Mary Beth Miles to attend the Advocacy workshop.

Carried

- (iv) It was agreed that the remaining funds collected for assistance to Joao Matwawanna be transmitted to him.

(e) Nominating Committee: Roger Cann: will report at the annual general meeting

(f) Program Committee: See 5(a) and 5(b) above.

(g) Website Committee: no report. Brief discussion urged the churches to be much more energetic about posting church news.

8. Church reports

(a) St Francis:

- Ten candidates are being confirmed.
- Contributions have resulted in doubling the holdings in the library..
- A women's prayer breakfast is being established, with good success.
- Easter celebrations went very well, with excellent collaboration between the two congregations in the parish.
- Many students attend Sunday services. Parishioners frequently offer transportation from the Acadia campus and back again.

(b) St John's (Helen Whidden)

- Holy Week services were well attended. This year there was a Maundy Thursday service, an Easter vigil, and four services on Easter Sunday.
- The WAICC Good Friday service was well attended, approximately 80 people.
- The Parish Council is focusing on assessment of future needs.

(c) St Andrew's (Nancy Burbidge)

- Holy Week services, including a Maundy Thursday service, were well attended.
- The parish is conducting a needs assessment.

(d) Wolfville Baptist Church (R. Cann)

- There was a "superabundance of music" during Easter week.
- The search committee to examine the need for addition to the pastoral staff is at work.
- An *ad hoc* committee is examining the church building with reference to need for space, use of space, and equipment.

(e) Society of Friends: no report

(f) Port Williams: no report

(g) Manning Chapel (R. Prentice)

- Under the leadership of John Scott the Chapel Choir has been an outstanding contribution to the work of the Chapel. In addition to singing at weekly services, the choir performed a concert in the Chapel, and a benefit concert at a Lutheran church in Mahone Bay.
- There was a large attendance on Easter Day
- The Passion Play was well attended. There was a cast of 44.
- Expansion of the Chapel will begin soon to provide:
 - additional office space
 - better access to offices from outside
 - better use of space in the building
- The stained glass window will soon be removed for repairs
- A search committee to seek a part-time assistant chaplain is in place.
- The University recognizes the value of the chaplaincy for life on campus.

9. New business

- (a) Recommendation from Ministries Committee. See 7(d)(i) above.

10. Dates of forthcoming meetings:

- 28 April: Spring program: **K. C. Irving Centre, 7:30 pm.**
- 12 May: Annual meeting: **Port Williams Baptist Church, 7:30 pm.**

11. The meeting adjourned at 8:57.

12. Nancy offered a prayer and benediction

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- 12 May: (annual general meeting: Roger Prentice)
- 9 June: Rodger Forsman