

WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

*Next meeting of WAICC
Wednesday 9 November 2006
7:15 Devotional time
7:45 Business Meeting
Manning Memorial Chapel*

MINUTES of meeting of Wednesday 12 October 2005

1. Meeting called to order by President Nancy Burbidge

Present: Nancy Burbidge, Gary Dunfield, Gene Trites, Roger Prentice, Neil Cloghesy, Allison Trites, Maurice Tugwell, Margaret Burton, Helen Whidden, Diana Shelley

Regrets: David Ogilvie, Barry Morrison, Ingrid Blais, Robyn Brown-Hewitt

It was noted that John Mercer has resigned from WAICC. A card of thanks will be sent to him.

2. MEDITATION – Silent prayer remembering especially Ingrid Blais and the L'Arche Community and the victims of the earthquake in Asia.

3. MINUTES of meeting 14 September 2005 – approval as circulated moved AT/DS and carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

From Gaspereau, Horton High, Port Williams and Wolfville schools requesting any help which might be available from WAICC for their food programmes.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

(a) Hymn Sing – will take place on 18 November in PW Baptist Church. Heather Price and David Ogilvie have arrangements in hand

(b) List and demographics of current members has been circulated.

(c) Sign-up for devotions passed around

(d) Changes to constitution – Nancy presented some changes that she would recommend.

It was noted that these changes can only be implemented at a full meeting of WAICC. They will, therefore, be brought forward with advanced notice of motion and voted on at the Annual Meeting in May 2006

(e) Caregiver initiative – Baptist Church deacons discussed the issue at their most recent meeting: They see caregivers as but one aspect of a broad spectrum of pastoral care. They have requested more time and Roger Cann has been invited to speak to them in November. After some discussion, it was agreed, given this request for more time, that the application for funding from the EKM Foundation will, it is hoped, be made at a later date.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of report circulated by Treasurer. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report moved RP/GD and carried.

There was discussion and some questions asked and answered by the treasurer.

Acceptance of report moved MT/GD. Motion carried

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Clergy Committee – Roger reported that the Advent service will take place on 27th November. Preparations are underway for the Week-of-Prayer services for January 2006.

(b) Neil suggested that WAICC consider a special presentation on Taize worship. He wondered if it might make a good topic for a WAICC programme. If he can get something together fairly quickly, it will be presented as a fall programme. If not, it might be deferred until the spring.

(c) Ministries Committee - Margaret reported that the committee had met briefly prior to the regular meeting and that previously committed funds for assistance for school food programmes were allocated as follows: Wolfville, Gaspereau and Port Williams schools \$1000 each and \$500 to Horton High School. She noted that the NS government is making inroads in developing a healthy eating policy but as yet lacks funds to implement this. If there is funding in 2006, perhaps some of these WAICC funds can be used to assist in this direction.

Considerable discussion followed as to the mandate and membership of the Ministries Committee. Margaret feels that at least two more members ought to be added to the committee. She herself wishes to be replaced as Chair. The committee's current mandate is large and the committee has been somewhat overburdened. It was agreed that the existing committee would meet one more time in its current form and come up with recommendations as to the constitution and mandate of the Ministries committee for the future. These will be presented at the November meeting of WAICC.

7. CHURCH REPORTS

In the interest of time, it was agreed to dispense with Church Reports

8. NEW BUSINESS

(a) The possibility of restructuring WAICC meetings was discussed. Could more devotional/prayer time be incorporated into the monthly meeting and still enable the necessary business to be transacted? After some discussion, it was agreed to start the meetings at 7:15 pm and to open with 30 minutes devotional/prayer time. The business meeting will commence at 7:45. This will be tried in November.

(b) Allison Trites spoke on the Canadian Bible Society and mentioned that the latest resources available from CBS included Bibles for the deaf and Bibles which are available for all newly baptized people. He also noted that the CBS will be holding a Symposium at Acadia University on 16, 17 and 18 May 2006. He urged all to make this known at their respective churches.

Adjournment moved by Nancy. Benediction given by Roger

Respectfully submitted

Gene Trites – (recorder)

Diana Shelley (scribe)