

WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday 11 October 2006

1. Meeting called to order by President, Neil Cloghesy. Agenda circulated

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

Absent with regrets: Kurt Bowen, Ingrid Blais

2. DEVOTIONS

Led by Gene Trites

Devotional thoughts – thanksgiving for the indescribable gift of God’s grace in Christ available to us all II Corinthians 9:15); thanksgiving for our fellowship in WAICC and, quoting from William Barclay’s somewhat provocative and prophetic assertion (written in 1974) that we need to get rid of denominational labels, etc. and join forces to fight evil and do good and to remember that we stand for Jesus Christ in an increasingly Christ-less world.

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 9 September 2006 had been circulated. One correction under “correspondence” where Rahel should be Rachel. Adoption of Minutes as corrected moved MT/NB and motion carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

Email received from Catherine Stanley (representing the children’s Saturday movie programme, “WACKY”) who said that she had recently learnt of the establishment of a Food Bank in the local area. “WACKY” customarily donates the proceeds from its Christmas performance to a local charity and Catherine wonders if this year they could donate to the new Food Bank. Neil has responded explaining that the Food Bank is not quite up and running but that their kind gift would be happily received and used for the Food Bank as soon as it is operational.

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

Maurice has received a letter from Susan Hergett, Chair of the Nutrition for Health project at Port Williams elementary school, thanking WAICC for last year’s contribution of \$1,000.00 to the programme and requesting a donation for this year. It was agreed that this support would continue.

Maurice circulated Financial Report and elaborated on certain points. Balance on Hand on 10 October 2006 \$6175.33. Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report moved MT/GD and carried.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- (a) Enquiry made by Glen Donellan regarding WAICC membership for “New Life Ministries”. Neil has extended invitation to Glen to attend meetings and has also forwarded a copy of the constitution to him. A copy of the letter filed with Minutes

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Clergy - Roger Prentice unable to attend most recent meeting of clergy, thus, no report
- (b) Care for Caregivers – Roger Cann in attendance to give WAICC an update. He reported that Jennifer Longley has been elected Chair of Caregivers Nova Scotia, a province-wide organization funded by the Province of Nova Scotia. Ms Longley has informed WAICC that CNS will be setting up an outreach project in Eastern Kings along the same lines as that which WAICC had proposed to the Eastern Kings Memorial Foundation. As a result, the committee recommends withdrawing its project and returning funds to the EKM Health Foundation. There was some discussion about redirecting funds to a related/supportive venture such as respite care but it was agreed that the money must be returned to the foundation at this point with a possible re-application being made in the future.
Wickwire Co-operative project – Roger reported that 15 acres of land is available off Maple Avenue wherein it is proposed to construct a community consisting of 24 units and a “Village Square” which would have facilities for an adult daycare and spaces for medical assessments. Roger recommended that WAICC keep “unpaid caregivers” and a “general ministry for mature adults” on its agenda for the foreseeable future.
Full report attached with Minutes
- (c) Food Bank – Nancy reported that news is good in that electricians have determined that no updated panel necessary at the Baptist Church. Church Trustees have also confirmed that the church’s existing insurance policy is adequate to cover the operation of the food bank on its premises. The next step is a special meeting which will be held on Wednesday 25 October 2006 at 7:30 pm in Wolfville Baptist Church at which time formal backing from WAICC for the Food Bank venture will be sought. All WAICC committee members invited to attend in addition to members of the ad hoc Food Bank Feasibility Committee. Maurice commented that (provided the Food Bank goes ahead) there will be a transition period as the Food Bank gets up and running during which the voucher system will still be operating. Customary annual letters soliciting financial support for the Food Voucher Programme will be sent out as usual. It is unlikely that the Food Bank will be operational before the New Year. A thank-you letter should be sent to Food Land for their considerate and tactful handling of the vouchers over the years

8. NEW BUSINESS

None

Adjournment moved by Roger Prentice

Gene closed with the following Benediction:

The Morrison/Shoemaker/Coffin Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short;
grace to risk something big for something good;
grace to remember the world is now
too small for anything but truth
and too dangerous for anything but love.

So God take our minds and think through them;
God take our lips and speak through them;
God take our hearts and set them on fire.

Through Jesus, the Saviour

Amen

(Barry Morrison's benediction, based on a benediction by H. Spencer Shoemaker, based on a benediction by William Sloane Coffin)

Next regular meeting of WAICC will be on Wednesday, 8 November 2006 at 7:30 pm in Manning Memorial Chapel.

Gene Trites
Diana Shelley

Secretaries