

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
MINUTES
Wednesday 12 September 2007**

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

Present: Neil Cloghesy, Gary Dunfield, Liz Vermeulen, Allison Trites, Gene Trites, Ann Watson, Tim McFarland, Diana Shelley,

Absent with regrets: Keith Churchill, Nancy Burbidge, David Garrett, Penni Burrell, Cathy Lee Cunningham, Helen Whidden, Maurice Tugwell

2. DEVOTIONS

Led by Neil – a meditation growing out of a book review by Edward Oakes in “First Things” In discussing Thomas Aquinas’s commentary on Job, Oakes draws attention to Job 13:3 where Job says “Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.” Thomas remarks here that Truth trumps our image of God. Thus whenever our view of God is discrepant with our view of the truth, the truth takes precedence. Neil concluded by saying “Think on these things”.

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 13 April 2007 had been circulated Adoption of Minutes as circulated moved AAT/GD. Motion carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE:/COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

Liz Vermeulen is acting Treasurer in Maurice Tugwell’s absence. She reported balance-on-hand 12 September 2007 \$3867.22. There being no questions concerning the Treasurer’s Report, adoption moved LV/GD. Motion carried. Liz noted that WAICC will be paying Baptist Church for electricity on behalf of the Food Bank (\$100/month) in the near future and that she is able to access GIC funds should the need arise.

6. BUSINESS ARISING

- (a) Reuniting of the Ramirez family. No further report at this time but Neil will investigate and attempt to get an update
- (b) VLT’s – Probably due to public pressure, government has decided to rely less on VLT revenue. To that end they have pulled out some machines, cut hours of operation and lessened the speed of the machines. These measures are estimated to remove 30% of the revenue currently generated by the machines... These are positive moves and Neil on behalf of WAICC will write a letter of appreciation and encouragement.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Clergy Committee – no report
- (b) Food Bank Committee – Liz reported that the Food Bank is going well. Approximately 80 clients are currently on the books with about 20-25 families being served at each Food Bank day. There is now a crew of excellent volunteers. A Food Drive this coming Saturday (15 September): Table will be manned by volunteers in Wolfville Save Easy on that day. Plans for Christmas to include a Hamper Day to be held on 22nd December. Each church to be asked to participate with either food or money donations. It was noted that the university Advent service will take place on 2nd November and traditionally the offering from this service has been given to the WAICC Christmas Food Programme. Everyone was urged to give some good PR in their churches both for the Food Bank and for the Christmas Hamper day. More detailed information re the latter will be available at the next WAICC meeting

8. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Devotions sheet for ensuing months circulated for people to sign-up
- (b) Neil asked for some suggestions of possible speakers for a WAICC meeting in the winter or spring. Grandmothers-for-Grandmothers, Habitat for Humanity and Canadian Food Grain Project were all suggested. There will be more discussion at the October meeting
- (c) Dr. Bill Doran of Mud Creek Medical Co-op is involved in the methadone programme. Patients attend his programme from as far away as New Brunswick and Neil had asked him if there is any way in which WAICC might help in this respect. Dr. Doran suggested that sometimes patients from NB have to stay overnight in the Valley and he thought help might be appreciated with over-night accommodation and food. Neil will investigate further.

9. NEWS OF MEMBERS

- (a) Greenwich Pastoral Charge – back to normal service hours. Recently held a Nordic Clinic and there are plans for information sessions re exercise, fitness and health in October and November. Blessing of Animals service on 30 September and also that day *MacLean Sisters* in concert
- (b) Wolfville Baptist – Thanksgiving Supper planned and thereafter, Wednesday night suppers once a month. Also monthly Hymn Sing to resume. Successful DVBS held in August
- (c) St. John's Wolfville – Turkey Supper planned for November
- (d) St. John's Cornwallis – Also, in July held successful DVBS, Sunday School registration and pot luck lunch on 9th September and Bible studies (Psalms) to commence at the end of September on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings.
- (e) St. Francis – held its first DVBS this summer. Fr. Larry Pitcher to continue in Wolfville and Saturday masses will resume at Acadia Chapel. Youth event in Antigonish this summer attended by some youth from St. Francis

11. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 10th October at 7:30 pm. Devotions to be led by Tim McFarlane

Allison moved adjournment of meeting

Allison closed with prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Trites and Diana Shelley
Secretaries