

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Wednesday 20 October 2007

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

Present: Neil Cloghesy, Gary Dunfield, Liz Vermeulen, Ann Watson, Penni Burrell, Helen Whidden, Ingrid Blaise, Nancy Burbidge, Diana Shelley,
Absent with regrets: Keith Churchill, Gene Trites, Allison Trites, Maurice Tugwell

2. DEVOTIONS

Led by Gary who read Matthew 5:1-12. This version of the Beatitudes he said was well received by his Junior High Boys Group...

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 12 September 2007 had been circulated. Correction - 7(b) should read Advent Service on 2 December not 2 November Adoption of Minutes as corrected moved DS/HW. Motion carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE:/COMMUNICATIONS - none

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Liz Vermeulen (acting Treasurer) reported balance-on-hand 9 October 2007 \$634.47. She has since transferred \$15,000 from GIC to operating account. Adoption of Treasurer's report moved LV/NB and carried. There was some discussion re the payment of annual dues by member congregations. It was felt invoicing was necessary Liz will prepare a notice re annual dues and distribute to representatives at the November meeting.

6. BUSINESS ARISING

To be dealt with under New Business

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Clergy Committee – no report
- (b) Food Bank Committee – Nancy reported that things going very well with an excellent team of volunteers. Plans in hand for Christmas hamper preparation. Numbers of clients growing

8. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Responding to Dr. Doran's request (see September Minutes) – Neil has discussed the proposal with Roger Cann who feels that it can only be undertaken if an adequate number of people are involved so that there is always someone available when the need arises. It was moved PB/NB that a committee be struck to discuss the issue further and make a proposal to present to Dr. Doran. Motion carried. Neil, Penni, Diana and Ann agreed to sit on the committee.

- (b) Possible topics/speakers for WAICC meeting(s) in the winter or spring had been suggested at the September meeting – viz: *Grandmothers for Grandmothers; Habitat for Humanity; Canadian Food Grain Programme*. In order to pursue this idea, Neil suggested the re-establishment of a Programme Committee. Neil and Ingrid agreed to serve and Keith Churchill will be asked to join them upon his return.

9. NEWS OF MEMBERS

- (a) Wolfville Baptist – Recently held an excellent Turkey Supper; an Anniversary Service is planned for 28 November; a very lively Junior High Youth group is flourishing with between eight and 14 in attendance
- (b) Friends – an exciting and dynamic AGM was held in Windsor in August with 300 in attendance. On six alternating upcoming Sundays different members will address the topic “As a Quaker where is my relationship with Christianity?”
- (c) St. John’s Wolfville – A Retreat held on 29 September on the subject “Exploring Prayer”, with more such retreats planned for upcoming months. A party, supper and presentation of gifts to Cathy-Lee Cunningham was held on the same day. Turkey supper is planned for 13th November and a Coffee Party for the end of November. About 11 AU students are now attending worship services with some of them acting as servers at the altar. Regional Youth Group has been started. Turkey Supper and walk-a-thon held on the 30th September at St. Anne’s Camp.
- (d) Greenwich United church – on the 5th Sunday a combined service was held with “Blessing of the Animals”
- (e) St. Andrew’s United – Fashion show using recycled clothes, and tea to be held on 27th October and on the 28th a “Bottles to Church” drive will be in place when people can bring recyclable bottles to church
- (f) St. John’s Cornwallis – Choir practice has recommenced as has Sunday School. Bible Study held each Wednesday evening (studying Psalms)
- (g) L’Arche Homefires – Things busy but going well. Ingrid tries to encourage a daily quiet/prayer time in each house and to emphasize in the Community how much we all have to be thankful for. The new house at 26 Marsh Hawk drive is almost completed
- (h) St. Francis – a deacon, David Hasler is now in the parish assisting Fr. Pitcher and he will be taking the weekly service at Manning Chapel. A new course – “Catholicism 201” a continuation of the Alpha course with Catholic emphasis is underway

Nancy mentioned a very special concert to be held on 24 November with guest organist Craig Humber performing in Manning Chapel at 8:00 pm

11. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 14th November 2007 at 7:30 pm.

Diana moved adjournment of meeting

Gary closed with prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Shelley
Secretary