

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday 20 February 2008**

**7:30 pm**

**Manning Memorial Chapel**

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

Present: Neil Cloghesy, Maurice Tugwell, Liz Vermeulen, Penni Burrell, Nancy Burbidge, Gene Trites, David Garrett, Helen Whidden, Gary Dunfield, Diana Shelley, (10)

Absent with regrets: Allison Trites, Keith Churchill, Tim McFarland, Glen Donnellan

2. DEVOTIONS

Led by Gene Trites. Gene spoke on the importance of social justice, mentioning Dr. Julius Karanja's recent visit from Kenya and Hans Van Nie's book, Journey to Easter (1990) where the same social concern is expressed. She stressed the need for our WAICC members to be people of integrity in all we attempt to do in the name of our Christian churches. Gene closed her meditation by reading Psalm.

3 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 9 January 2008 had been circulated. Moved NB/PB Minutes be accepted as circulated. Motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:/COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Maurice Tugwell (Treasurer) first thanked Liz Vermeulen, on behalf of himself and WAICC for so ably acting as Treasurer during his absence. He circulated Financial Report from April 2007 until 13 February 2008. The balance on hand on 13 February was \$33,979.70, (NB, now diminished by transfer back to Capital account and outstanding cheques having been cashed.) Maurice noted that generally expenditures had been less than the budgeted amount and income had exceeded it. Acceptance of report moved LV/GD and motion carried.

6 OLD BUSINESS

None

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Clergy Committee – Next meeting on 21 February. At last meeting there had been discussion re Good Friday service and the Carrying of the Cross on Good Friday
- (b) Food Bank – Nancy reported that in celebration of Food Bank’s first anniversary, a tea had been held on 1<sup>st</sup> February to thank the volunteers and all who have helped with the food bank over its first year of operation. 12 boxes of food have been picked up at libraries as a result of their recent food-for-fines programme. A number of monetary donations have also been received. Nancy is to speak to a Wolfville Town Council meeting in near future. A garbage allotment has been given to the Food Bank by Valley Waste Management and garbage and recyclables will be picked up at the Baptist Church on regular garbage day
- (c) Programme Committee – Neil reported for Keith that public meeting of WAICC entitled “*Who Needs Help in the Valley? Looking at human needs and resources in our community*” will take place at Wolfville Baptist Church on 16 April 2008. Four speakers will give short presentations to be followed by questions/discussion time and concluding with refreshments. More details and posters will be available for distribution to member churches at next WAICC meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

## NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Raising level of fuel assistance allocation - this has recently been raised from \$100 to \$150 but it was felt that this is still inadequate given the current price of heating oil. Moved MT/DG that fuel assistance be further raised from \$150 to \$200 effective immediately. Motion carried. There ensued considerable discussion regarding a need for a quick easy process to be in place so that help can be accessed by those in need or by those acting on their behalf as quickly as possible. To this end, a committee was formed consisting of Maurice Tugwell, Penni Burrell, Nancy Burbidge, Robyn Brown-Hewitt and Neil Cloghesy to look into this and to set up a procedure.
- (b) There is also a further need to help in such areas as rent/mortgage payments, power bills, medication costs, etc. There was a suggestion that a round-table discussion might be set up with other agencies in the community offering such assistance. However, after some further discussion, it was agreed that this might infringe on confidentiality and that perhaps it is better at this time to stay with ways in which WAICC can help. It was, therefore, agreed that the new committee (named above) be asked to look at this aspect of financial assistance and report back to WAICC.
- (d) Atlantic Ecumenical Council – Annual meeting to take place on South shore in May. No one from WAICC has, as yet, agreed to take the position as AEC Representative. Suggested that Nominating Committee be asked to attempt to fill this position.
- (e) Nominating Committee – agreed that Nominating Committee consist of current Chair and past Chair, i.e., Neil and Nancy

9. NEWS OF MEMBERS

**St. Francis** – has “invented” a system to augment the books for loan in the parish library which will involve people lending new books from their own collections to people who are interested in borrowing them.

**Wolfville Baptist** – Pot Luck Supper at which the invited speaker, Joy Foy, will look at the question of why Roman Catholics and Protestants have different Bibles. Gary’s Youth Group is going very well

**St. Andrew’s and Greenwich Pastoral charge** - recently had Dinner Theatre at which the theme was Peace. Two Lenten study groups going: one looking at Islam and Christianity and the other the movie “*Chocola*”t and involving among other things consuming a special chocolate dessert!

**St. John’s Horton** – confirmation service last Sunday with Bishop Moxley in attendance. Pancake supper held on Shrove Tuesday and also Valentine Bridge Party. Canon Elliott is conducting a Lenten study on Wednesday mornings.

**St. John’s is hosting the World Day of Prayer** this year. It will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30 pm in St. John’s Wolfville. The country of origin this year is Guyana and the special speaker is Jamel Moriah.

**Friends** – Penni reported that they are now “homeless” having recently lost their meeting place in Grand Pre. Actively looking for somewhere to meet and meanwhile meeting in member’s homes

**St. John’s Cornwallis** – special series of Evensongs on the five Sundays of Lent. Each service will feature a visiting choir and a visiting preacher. They take place at 4:00 pm and a reception follows at the rectory. All welcome.

There being no further business, adjournment moved MT

Gene closed with the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites  
Diana Shelley

Secretaries

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008**  
**7:30 pm**  
**Manning Chapel Library**