

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday 11 June 2008  
7:30 pm  
Manning Memorial Chapel**

1. Meeting called to order by President, Gary Dunfield Agenda circulated and accepted

Present: Neil Cloghesy, Maurice Tugwell, Liz Vermeulen, Barry Morrison, Penni Burrell, Gene Trites, Allison Trites, Ann Watson, Kay Watson, Gary Dunfield, Diana Shelley

Absent with regrets: David Garrett, Helen Whidden

2. DEVOTIONS –

Tim McFarland, quoting from Song of Songs 8:8 “Wear me as a seal over my heart. . .”, Tim reflected that while this canticle is usually thought of in terms of romantic love between a man and a woman, it also applies to other personal relationships. This includes relationships between members of different denominations as they interact with one another in terms of love seeking understanding.

- 3 MINUTES

Moved MT/KC that Minutes of WAICC meeting of April 9 2008 be accepted as circulated.  
Motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:/COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

Maurice Tugwell (Treasurer) circulated copies of Financial Report. Balance on hand as of 6 June 2008 \$712.98. Adoption of Financial Report moved MT/LV and carried

- 6 OLD BUSINESS

Update on Ramirez family – Neil noted that the family were hopeful that legislation to be passed by Federal Government would be helpful to their case

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Clergy Committee – Barry Morrison reported on the most recent meeting of Clergy Committee at which a *Pulpit Exchange* was planned: it will take place on Sunday 29 October. There had also been some discussion around the observation of the *Week of Prayer* and the possibility of spreading some events throughout the year rather than concentrating them at a time when bad weather was often disruptive.
- (b) Food Bank – Liz reported that Food Bank activities were going well. There has been an increase of about ten families over recent months. RBC had invited the Food Bank to have a display in the bank as part of Community Awareness week. This had been done and the bank had generously presented the FB with a cheque for \$1000.00. She noted that she had recently spoken about the Food Bank to Wolfville Town Council
- (c) Programme Committee – Keith reported that the April public meeting had gone very well. Two issues had emerged from the programme, viz: an urgent need for affordable housing for the “working poor” and the need for an emergency shelter/drop-in facility. Both of these issues should be kept in the forefront of WAICC’s future planning. He reported that planning is in hand for a fall programme for October or November which will have a spiritual/theological focus. This will probably take the form of a forum/panel to respond to the current popular atheistic best sellers such as those of Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens and will look at them from theological, philosophical and scientific points of view.
- (d) AEC – David Garrett will be asked to report on his recent attendance at the AEC meeting at the September meeting

## 9. NEWS OF MEMBERS

**St. John’s Cornwallis** – Concert in Musique Royale series to take place at St. John’s on 7<sup>th</sup> July

**Wolfville Baptist** – End of life issues, anticipating grief and how to have a “good death” will be among issues discussed on Thursday evenings starting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 7:30 pm. A grant has been received to hire a programme coordinator for the summer months

**Friends** – Atlantic Friends’ gathering held recently. Continue to meet in members homes but are optimistic that an arrangement may be made with Just Us Coffee in the near future.

**St. Andrews/Greenwich Pastoral Charge** – A joint service to be held in University Hall on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June for all the United Church congregations in Eastern King’s County

**St. John’s Wolfville** – A celebration of 90-year-olds to take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Church picnic on 29<sup>th</sup> June

**Port Williams Baptist** – 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations ongoing. Successful church picnic held last Sunday

**St. Francis** – Plans in hand to celebrate 125 anniversary

**Manning Chapel** – Organist John Scott recently married. Many weddings to take place through the summer. Tim reported that he has two positions for Chapel Assistant still to be filled. If anyone knows of a student who is interested in things ecumenical they should be encouraged to contact Tim

Gene noted that Myra Prentice will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 14<sup>th</sup> of June. A card will be sent from WAICC

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites  
Diana Shelley

Secretaries

Meeting turned over to guests from the Halifax Branch of Habitat for Humanity – Paul Frank, recently elected chair and Mel Early, a member of the Faith Relations Committee. They gave a very interesting presentation about the work of the organizations and their hope that at some time they will be able to embark on building a home in the Valley area.

**NEXT MEETING  
OF WAICC**

**Wednesday, 10 September 2008  
7:30 pm  
Manning Chapel**