

## **WOLFVILLE AREA INTERCHURCH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
St Francis Roman catholic Church Hall  
14 May 2003

1. President Roger Prentice called the meeting to order at 7.30 pm.

Members present: Roger Prentice (chair), Gwen Archibald, Robyn Brown-Hewitt, Nancy Burbidge, Margaret Burton, Roger Cann, Sadie Cann, Neil Cloghesy, Rodger Forsman (acting secretary), Joe Foy, Janet Kirkconnell, Sean Lombard, Rosaleen MacDonald, Cheryl Manzer, John McNeil, John Mercer, Diana Shelley, Helen Whidden, Ralph Winter.

2. There was a hymn sing for half an hour.

3. A meditation/homily was offered by the President.

4. The minutes of the last meeting (22 May, 2002) were approved on motion. (M. Burton/D. Shelley)

5. Correspondence

(a) from the Angolan council of Christian Churches: a response to our letter (See minutes of 12 March, 2003, item #5.)

(b) from Neil Cloghesy: a proposal for a series of lectures chosen by the churches.

(c) from Gwen Archibald: an update on Abbeyfield

(d) from Wolfville Schools: thanks for our contribution to the food program.

6. Business arising from the minutes

(a) "WAICC Directions 2002.05.22", a worksheet distributed with the minutes of the 2002 annual general meeting. Roger Prentice called attention to this document.

(b) Ministries committee (See minutes of 22 May, 2002, "Reports" item (b)). The Committee has been established and is working.

(c) Finance committee (See minutes of 22 May, 2002, "New Business" item (a)). The Committee has been established and is working.

7. Treasurer's report (R. Winter)

The audited financial report was presented. Moved [R. Winter/S. Lombard] that the report be accepted.

Discussion:

- (a) Receipts from the Christmas appeal were down from last year as changes to the postal service in Wolfville affected our mailing list. Also there are fewer contributors.
- (b) The Chipman fund is not treated as income in the financial report, but interest on the fund's GIC's goes into general revenue.
- (c) In order to increase revenue we need to publicize the work of the WAICC more widely. Our publicity currently consists of occasional items in the *Kentville Advertiser*, bulletin inserts in the churches, and information in the appeal letter.

The motion was carried.

The President expressed the WAICC's appreciation to Ralph for his thorough and extensive efforts on our behalf.

## 8. Committee reports

- (a) President's report: (tabled)
- (b) AEC: (R. Cann): (tabled)
- (c) Clergy Committee: Robyn Brown-Hewitt

Report on Week of Prayer for Christian Unity attached. Robyn commended the collated comments from the Friday session of the Week of Prayer to the Ministries Committee for inclusion in any discussion of the Committee's guidelines.

- (d) Interchurch Housing (Janet Kirkconnell)

Anna Cameron is now in charge of operations.

- (e) Ministries Committee (M. Burton) (Report tabled)

Margaret Burton will become the chair of the Committee.

- (f) Meals-on-Wheels

Ralph Winter has received a letter from Meals-on-Wheels that the organization has no need of financial support from the WAICC this year.

- (g) EKM Health Centre (R. Cann)

The Management Committee of the Health centre is a subcommittee of the District Health Authority. One nurse practitioner position has been authorized. Hours of operation of the Centre will be increased. A full-time administrator, with additional responsibilities in the DHA, is in place. Physiotherapy is being moved to a larger space in the building. There will be an "Open House" on **Saturday, 21 June**, featuring these changes.

(h) Nominating Committee (R. Cann/D. Shelley)

President: Roger Prentice  
Vice-President: Nancy Burbidge  
Treasurer: Ralph Winter  
Secretary: Rodger Forsman

A search is in progress for an assistant treasurer with responsibilities related to coordinating fund-raising and informational services.

The report was accepted on motion. (R. Cann/J. Mercer)

(i) Finance Committee: no report

9. New Business

(a) Letter from Neil Cloghesy (5b, above)

It was agreed that this item be forwarded to the Program Committee, which will report to the Executive of the WAICC in due course.

(b) Honorarium to Dr Andrew MacRae

Moved [R. Cann/J.Mercer] that Dr MacRae be given an honorarium of \$100. Carried.

**10. Date of next executive meeting: 11 June, 7:30 pm, in Chapel Hall**

11. Our thanks was expressed to St Francis Church for the hospitality about to be enjoyed.

12. The meeting adjourned on motion (M. Burton) at 9:27. The President pronounced a benediction.