

WOLFFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING - MINUTES
12 May 2009
St. John's, Parish of Cornwallis

The Annual Meeting of the WAICC took place on Wednesday, 13th May 2009 in St. John's Cornwallis Parish Hall in Port Williams.

Present: Maurice Tugwell, David Garrett, Allison Trites, Gene Trites, Nancy Burbidge, Pat Moore, Kay Watson, Ann Watson, Helen Whidden, Neil Cloghesy, Liz Vermeulen, Keith Churchill, and Diana Shelley (13) Regrets: Gary Dunfield

Keith Churchill chaired the meeting in the absence of President, Gary Dunfield. Keith welcomed those present

Devotional - David Garrett started by saying how the upcoming Provincial Election has made him think of the relationship between Church and state. The epistles of Paul and Peter deal with this issue. Our Lord himself was asked, "Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not?" The image of Caesar was on the coin. We, however, are made in the image of God and belong to him. We are stewards of creation yet subject to the powers that be (see Romans 13:1ff.). God uses humans whatever their frailty to accomplish his purposes. Our love of God and neighbor compels us to be good citizens and to vote. David closed his meditation with prayer.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Acceptance of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 12th May 2008 was moved by David Garrett/Nancy Burbidge. Motion carried

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of Financial Statement to 31 March 2009 were circulated by Maurice Tugwell, Treasurer. Maurice commented that revenues by way of donations continue to come in year round. This, he feels is to no small extent the result of the higher profile of need generated by the Food Bank. Motion for acceptance of Financial Report moved MT/NC Carried. Auditor's report also received. A letter of thanks to be sent to George Estey. Copies of proposed budget 2009-2010 were circulated and certain items highlighted by the Treasurer. Acceptance of Budget 2009-2010 moved MT/DG. Motion carried.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Clergy – No report. At this point, Pat Moore voiced her disappointment that WAICC appears to have become a lay organization with little connection with the clergy. David will convey these sentiments to the clergy. Keith suggested that perhaps an event could be organized to which both clergy and laity would be invited and at which some discussion of this issue could happen.
- b. Food Bank Management Report – Liz circulated copies of her report. (Filed with the Minutes). She mentioned that donor cards are finally available and she was able to pass some out to the representatives from the member churches present
- c. Programme Committee – Neil presented the report on behalf of Keith. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes. Essentially two programmes had been held – in the fall a forum entitled God: Deity or Delusion and in April of this year in conjunction with Roger Cann and Wolfville Baptist Church a programme was held entitled "Consume Less: Share More" to raise awareness of needs arising as a result of poverty and hunger in the world.

- d. Habitat for Humanity – David gave a history of the local group in the valley. He reported that the local chapter of H for H is now ready to undertake renovations of its first house and the current goal is to raise \$50,000.00 for this project. A presentation regarding H for H can be made available to any interested congregation. He further noted that the spring programme of WAICC in 2008 was partly responsible for the beginning of interest In H for H in the area.
- e. President’s report – no report available at this time

4. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

5. NEWS FROM MEMBERS

- a. St. John’s Cornwallis - A busy next few months including a chicken barbeque, yard sale, Sunday School barbeque, a special visit from the Lt. Gov of Nova Scotia and the honouring of Canon Davies on the occasion of his 70th anniversary of his becoming a priest
- b. St. John’s Wolfville - New rector, the Rev Sandra Fyfe will commence her ministry on the 17 May. Her induction will take place on Sunday 14th June at 3 pm. A farewell to the Rev’d Bruce Matthews was held last Sunday
- c. St. Francis – Pastoral Council has been restructured. Neil noted that this would be his last attendance at a WAICC meeting representing St. Francis. A new representative would come on board at the June WAICC meeting. Neil was thanked by those present for all his work with WAICC over the years he has represented St. Francis
- d. St. Andrews – held a wonderful Silent Auction on the 9th May and raised between \$7,000 and 8,000.00
- e. Wolfville Baptist – Alan Sell will preach at WUBC on May 17th. A retirement celebration is being planned for Marilyn VanBuskirk after 35 years’ service as church secretary.
- f. Port Williams Baptist – Keith has not been present for the past few weeks but reported that the study of Marcus Borg’s book “Reading the Bible Again for the First Time” had been completed.
- g. Allison Trites commented that our two theological colleges (Acadia Divinity College and Atlantic School of Theology) had two outstanding preachers at their respective convocations, Dr. Lois Mitchell and Archbishop Fred Hiltz.

The date of the next WAICC Annual Meeting will be 12th May 2010.

The date of next regular meeting of WAICC will be Wednesday 10th June 2009 in Manning Chapel.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer led by David Garrett.

Refreshments and a social time followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites
Diana Shelly

Secretaries