

## **WOLFVILLE AREA INTERCHURCH COUNCIL**

### Minutes of Executive Meeting Manning Chapel 8 January 2003

1. President Roger Prentice called the meeting to order at 7.35 pm.

Members present: Roger Prentice (chair), Nancy Burbidge, Roger Cann, Neil Cloghessy, Cathy Lee Cunningham, Bruce Dienes, Rodger Forsman, John Mercer, Diana Shelley, Helen Whidden, Ralph Winter.

Regrets: Margaret Burton, Sean Lombard

2. A meditation was conducted by R Prentice.

3. The minutes of the last meeting (13 Nov 2002) were approved on motion. (R Cann/J Mercer)

4. Correspondence

(a) Port Williams Nutrition for Health Association: a request for \$1,000 towards a school lunch program. It was agreed to pass the request to R Cann for consideration by the Ministries Committee, the view being expressed that we need guidelines for dispersal of funds.

(b) From the Acadia Divinity College Students' Association, accompanying a donation to the WAICC.

(c) From Meals on Wheels: the letter requested continuation of the annual funding from the WAICC, then went on to indicate that the grant was not need for 2003. The letter was received for information.

5. Old business

(a) Chipman donation: see minutes of 13 Nov 2002 item 5(a)(ii) for reminder of details of recent activity on this matter.

(b) Re the food program at Wolfville and Gaspereau schools (13 Nov 2002 item 5(a)(iii): this will be acted upon in the very near future.

(c) Re palliative care (13 Nov 2002 item 5(a)(iv): The Valley Pastoral Counselling Association will create and supply a training program for spiritual care of dying people. The WAICC will then advocate support of this program in the WAICC's constituent congregations.

(d) Re World Hunger (13 Nov 2002 item 5(a)(v): Helen reported that an initial meeting has been held. The committee would like more people to be involved. The direction thus far: a focus on Africa.

---Major problems: AIDS and famine

---Possible strategy: link with a prayer partner in Africa

---Literature supplied: a brochure from *Kairos*

(e) *Messenger*

The publication seemss to have been well received. The second edition will focus on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, with information about each of the supporting congregations.

## (f) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

Noon-hour meetings will be held as follows:

Mon 20 Jan	St Francis
Tue 21 Jan	St John's
Wed 22 Jan	St Andrew's
Thur 23 Jan	Wolfville Baptist Church
Fri Jan 24	Greenich United Church

Sunday evening service: 7:30 PM at

St Andrew's United Church, Wolfville

Acadia students and Chapel Assistants Jesse Zink and Tom Peace will present a dialogue on the theme: "We are Earthen Vessels Carrying God's Treasure".

## (g) Advent: the event went well.

## (h) Spring General Meeting

The Planning Committee proposes a workshop on Dietrich Bonhoeffer under the leadership of Dr Martin Rumsheidt:

8 March, 10:00 AM to 3:00 Pm, including a soup-and-sandwich lunch. Place to be determined.

There was enthusiastic agreement with the proposal.

## (i) WAICC web site: consideration postponed pending arrival of Bruce Dienes.

6. Treasurer: Ralph Winter gave a verbal update, as information from the stores pertaining to the Christmas vouchers is incomplete. Contributions were down from last year.

## 7. Committees

(a) Atlantic Ecumenical Council: the Spring meeting is May 2-3.

(b) Clergy (Cathy Lee): preparations for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are proceeding.

(c) Interchurch Housing: no report

(d) Ministries Committee: see 5(a) – 5(d) above

(e) Other committees

The Ministries Committee needs a representative of the clergy. Cathy Lee volunteered

(f) Reports from the churches

- ( i) St Francis': continuing with Alpha program
- ( ii) St John's: There was a Christmas pageant, service of lessons and carols, a baptism. Preparations are being made for Lent, and for the annual meeting.
- (iii) St Andrew's: There was a Christmas service. A new roof has been installed. The congregation is to begin working on the theme: What Do We Believe? The meeting of the General Council will be held here this year.
- (iv) Wolfville Baptist Church: There have been several services of different sorts, including a baptism. 175 people were present for the Christmas turkey supper.
- (v) University Chapel: services have resumed. A new Passion Play has been written, and casting begins soon.

8. New business

- (a) Nominating Committee: will consist of R. Prentice, R. Cann, D. Shelley
- (b) There was a brief discussion of a private proposal to support a medical venture in Ramallah, presented for information.

9. Other business: none

5.(i). WAICC web site

Bruce Dienes summarized a proposal to create and manage a web site for the WAICC.

- ( i) Motion: that the report be accepted as a prototype for the creation of a web site for the WAICC. [R. Cann/R. Winter] Carried
- ( ii) That Bruce Dienes, Ralph Winter and Rodger Forsman serve as an *ad hoc* committee to oversee the development. Agreed
- (iii) Each member congregation needs to have a contact person to update the information it posts on the site.

10. Date of next meeting: **12 February, 2003, 7:30 PM, basement of Chapel Hall**

11. The meeting adjourned on motion [R. Forsman] at 9:38. R. Prentice pronounced the benediction.

VOLUNTEERS FOR OPENING MEDITATION:

**February 12:** John Mercer  
 April: Diana Shelley  
 June: Rodger Forsman

March 12: Nancy Burbidge  
 May: Annual General Meeting