

WOLFVILLE AREA INTERCHURCH COUNCIL
Minutes of Executive Meeting
Manning Chapel 4 April 2003

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

Members present: Roger Prentice (chair), Roger Cann, Neil Cloghesy, Bruce Dienes, Rodger Forsman (acting secretary), Janet Kirkconnell, Sean Lombard, John Mercer, Diana Shelley, Helen Whidden, Ralph Winter.

2. A meditation was conducted by Diana Shelley. She included an interesting and timely reading from an article by Alan Gibson on "Happiness", construed as the shaping of our situation towards the ultimate goal of taking Christ seriously.

3. Regrets: Nancy Burbidge, Margaret Burton, Cathy Lee Cunningham.

4. The minutes of the last meeting (12 March 2003) were approved on motion. (R Forsman/S. Lombard)

5. Correspondence: none

6. Old business

(a) Report on Week of Prayer for Christian Unity [Item: March 12 minutes 6(b)]

(b) Web site committee (Bruce Dienes)

The committee met to discuss procedures for decision-making. Initially policies will stem from the proposal approved at the Executive meeting of 8 January 2003 [item 5(j)].

The contact page will feature uniform presentations from each of the supporting congregations.

Input is needed from the churches. The churches MUST appoint contact persons who will be responsible for keeping relevant information on the site.

(c) Atlantinc Ecumenical Council (Roger Cann)

R. Cann tabled a schedule of events for the forthcoming meetings of the AEC, and has prepared a report from the WAICC for a delegate to take to the meeting. Bruce Dienes volunteered to attend on our behalf. Moved [R. Cann/D. Shelley] that Bruce Dienes be our delegate to the AEC. Carried.

(d) Good Friday service

The service is at Wolfville Baptist Church at 1:00. Dr Andrew Macrea will speak. The Cross Walk begins at 11:00 at St Francis, proceeds to St John's, St Andrew's, Applewick,

Manning Chapel, and ends at Wolfville Baptist Church.

- (e) School food programs [Item: minutes of March 12, 10(e)]

The cheques have been sent.

- (f) Annual meeting: **14 May, 7:30 p.m. at St Francis'**. It was agreed that the meeting begin with a hymn-sing.

7. Treasurer's report (R. Winter)

The audited financial report was presented. Moved [R. Wintger/J. Kirkconnell] that the report be accepted. Carried.

8. Committee reports

- (a) AEC: Moved [J. Kirkconnell/H. Whidden] that R. Cann's report be accepted. Carried

- (b) Clergy Committee. The scheduled meeting was cancelled by the host church.

- (c) Interchurch Housing (Janet Kirkconnell)

(Written report tabled.) The society is doing an operational review with a view to reorganizing its activities.

- (d) Ministries Committee (R. Cann)

Margaret Burton will become the chair of the Committee.

- (e) Nominating Committee (R. Cann)

The Committee will present its report at the annual meeting.

The Committee undertook to consider adding an assistant treasurer to our roster of officers, or alternatively to add someone with responsibility for fund-raising as distinct from the office of treasurer.

- (f) Other: In future the Website Committee will be asked for regular reports.

9. Church reports

- (a) St Francis: Easter services are arranged. Joe Foy has been appointed with responsibility for ecumenical matters.

- (b) St John's: There will be services at 7:30 every evening during Holy Week. The Chit Chat Café in the Parish Hall is operating as a community drop-in centre.

- (c) St Andrews: no report

- (d) Wolfville Baptist Church: A Lenten music series is in progress

(e) Friends: a Friday evening event called “Sharing Our Spiritual Journey” is in progress. The peace vigil is still being sponsored.

(f) Port Williams: no report

(g) Manning Chapel: Daily morning services end on Friday, 11 April. There is a service on Sunday evening, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday morning at 9:30. Attendance at Chapel services and other events has been very good this year.

10. New Business

(a) Ideas for an autumn program.

It was generally agreed that the hymn-sing at last year’s fall program achieved its aim of ensuring that the WAICC’s ecumenical activities are kept in the public eye, and that we should do it again. Helen and Nancy were appointed to begin planning for the event.

(b) *Messenger*: R. Prentice

Roger Prentice will produce another edition before the annual meeting. **Input from the churches is required no later than 28 April.**

11. Future meetings:

14 May , 2003, 7:30, in Chapel Hall

11 June, 2003, 7:30, in Chapel Hall

10 September, 2003, 7:30, in Chapel Hall

12. The meeting adjourned on motion (R. Cann) at 9:06.

13. Diana offered a closing prayer..

VOLUNTEERS FOR OPENING MEDITATION:

14 May: Annual General Meeting

11 June: Rodger Forsman