

WOLFVILLE AREA INTERCHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of Executive Meeting
Manning Chapel 11 June 2003

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

Members present: Roger Prentice (chair), Nancy Burbidge, Margaret Burton, Roger Cann, Neil Cloghesy, Bruce Dienes, Rodger Forsman (acting secretary), John Mercer, Diana Shelley, Helen Whidden, Ralph Winter.

Regrets: Robyn Brown-Hewitt

2. Rodger Forsman conducted a meditation.

3. The minutes of the last executive meeting (9 April 2003) were approved on motion (R Forsman/R. Cann), with the following correction: the annual general meeting was scheduled for St Francis' church hall, not Chapel Hall.

The minutes of the annual general meeting were received for information.

4. Correspondence: none

5. Business arising

(a) from the executive minutes 2003/6/09

(i) Robyn's report on Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was well received. **It was agreed to refer it to the program committee for action.**

(ii) Nominating Committee (R. Cann, D. Shelley): the committee has not yet succeeded in recruiting someone for the position of assistant treasurer.

(iii) Hymn sing committee (Nancy Burbidge): tentative date for the next WAICC hymn-sing: **7 November**

(b) from the minutes of the annual general meeting 2003/5/14

(i) WAICC lecture series: this item is referred to a program committee consisting of Neil Cloghesy, Diana Shelley and Roger Prentice

(ii) Publicity needs

This item was referred to the agenda of the next meeting.

The following points were noted:

--- The "Cycle of Prayer" cards are used and should be continued. It was suggested that in addition to the supporting bodies the WAICC's clients might also be referred to as a group for whom to pray.

- The *Messenger* is well received.
- The website is functioning, but churches need to be trained in effective use of it.
- The *Advertiser* can be used more effectively.
- Publicity needs to do more than announce WAICC activities; it also needs to highlight what the WAICC actually does.

6. Committee reports

(a) Atlantic Ecumenical Council (Bruce Dienes)

Business was taken up mostly with reports from church bodies and a report from *Kairos*. Of special interest is a conference proposed for **November 2003** on the theme: "Ecumenism in the Post-Modern Age".

(b) Clergy Committee. (Roger Prentice)

The meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, 19 June, 09:30 at St John's**.

(c) EKM Health Centre (R. Cann)

Appointment of a nurse practitioner has been announced.

(d) Website committee (Bruce Dienes)

- (i) A decision on uniformity of presentation of content has been implemented.
- (ii) The calendar is sparsely used at present. **More input is needed from the churches. For example, a bulletin or calendar can be posted for everyone's information.**
- (iii) The issue of implementing a facility for making donations on-line is in the hands of the Finance Committee.

(e) Program Committee: no report as the committee has just been established. See 5(b)(i) above.

(f) Ministries Committee (Margaret Burton)

A written report was circulated and there was extensive discussion of it.

Moved [M. Burton/H. Whidden] that the WAICC establish a fund for special purposes identified by the Ministries Committee and which fall outside of the WAICC's other goals. Carried. [Note: in the discussion this fund was generally referred to as the "ministries' fund".]

(g) Other: there were no reports from Interchurch Housing, Meals on Wheels.

7. Treasurer (Ralph Winter)

A written report was circulated and the budget for 2003/2004 presented.

The treasurer noted that our relief administrator has been given additional duties by the recent decision to include fuel and electricity costs as emergency relief categories.

Moved [M. Burton/R. Winter] that the administrator's remuneration be increased to \$90/month plus an extra \$90 in December. Carried.

Moved [R. Winter/B. Dienes] that the treasurer's report be accepted. Carried

Moved [R. Cann/M. Burton] that the treasurer be authorized to pay up to \$2,000 to Joao Matwawana from the new Ministries' Fund money raised for his support in Angola during his forthcoming visit there. Carried.

8. New Business

- (a) Fall lecture: Nancy is to work on this event with Bruce Matthews.
- (b) Information at the Wolfville tourist office: Poster/pamphlets about the WAICC and religious services available in Wolfville could be made available. Margaret Burton offered to do some work on this matter.
- (c) Meditation volunteers: a sign-up sheet was circulated during the meeting. The results are summarized below. Please note when you are on duty!

9. Church reports

- (a) St John's: The gardens are being done. There was a Sunday School picnic. A Ways and Means committee has been established to connect needs with funds. The teaching series on the Eucharist has been completed.
- (b) St Francis: The Sunday School has had a good year. Attendance has been good. It ended with a barbecue in the church parking lot. There was a cemetery service on Saturday.
- (c) St Andrews: Sunday School closing at Greenwich marked the completion of a good year. There was a Cancer Walk from Greenwich to the park. Preparations continue for the forthcoming meetings of the General Council.
- (d) Wolfville Baptist Church: With the departure of the former senior and associate ministers provisions have been made for on-going leadership in worship, preaching, pastoral work and youth ministry.
- (e) Friends: There is an annual Quaker family camping trip to Keji. There will be a marriage celebrated under the care of the Wolfville Meeting; this is the first such in the Wolfville Meeting. The peace vigil is still being sponsored. Preparations are being made for the 2004 gathering of Friends in Windsor, Nova Scotia.
- (f) Port Williams: no report
- (g) Manning Chapel: The chaplain continues with his writing projects:

- (i) a short history of Acadia University to be put into the hands of incoming students.
- (ii) a “book of days”
- (iii) a new Passion Play for the coming academic year
- (iv) construction of a schedule for the Fall/Winter chapel sermon series.

10. Other Business: none

11. **Next executive meeting: 10 September 2003, 7:30 PM, in Chapel Hall**

12. The meeting adjourned on motion (M. Burton)

13. R Forsman pronounced a benediction.

VOLUNTEERS FOR OPENING MEDITATION:

2003

10 September: Roger Cann
8 October: Neil Cloghesy
12 November: Bruce Dienes
(December, if there is a meeting:
John Mercer)

2004

14 January: Margaret Burton
11 February: Diana Shelley
10 March: Helen Whidden
14 April: Nancy Burbidge
12 May: (annual general meeting:
Roger Prentice)
9 June: Rodger Forsman