

# WOLFVILLE AREA INTERCHURCH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Executive Meeting Manning Chapel 8 October 2003

1. Vice-President Nancy Burbidge called the meeting to order at 7.37 PM.

Members present: Nancy Burbidge (chair), Margaret Burton, Roger Cann, Bruce Dienes, Rodger Forsman (acting secretary), Sean Lombard, John Mercer, Barry Morrison, Diana Shelley, Ralph Winter.

Regrets: Janet Kirkconnell, Roger Prentice

2. Item 10(a) in the minutes of the last executive meeting (11 June 2003) was amended by the addition of the sentence "This information is to be included in the next edition of the *Messenger*." The minutes as amended were approved on motion (R Forsman/D. Shelley).

3. Correspondence

(a) Nancy Burbidge read a letter of thanks from João Matwawana.

(b) Bruce Dienes distributed posters announcing a celebration of the tenth anniversary of S.O.A.R., to be held on 22 October, 11am to 1pm at the Kentville Research Station. (Item on file)

4. Business arising

(a) Re item 5(b) in the minutes of 10 September 2003 (special envelopes for fund-raising appeals). The Ministries committee will take up this item.

5. Treasurer: R Winter

There are no new items to report. Our bank balance is approximately \$9,600 with \$2,100 in cheques outstanding.

6. Committees

(a) Atlantic Ecumenical Council (Bruce Dienes)

Plans are proceeding for a conference to be held in **November 2004** on the theme: "Ecumenism in the Post-Modern Age".

(b) Clergy Committee (Sean Lombard)

Preparations are being made for the forthcoming hymn fest and for the Week of Prayer.

The fall lecture by Sally McFague is scheduled for 27 October, 7:00pm, in the Beveridge Arts Centre, Room 244.

(c) Inter-Church Housing: no report

(d) Ministries Committee: report by Margaret Burton attached.

Report attached.

Moved R Winter, Seconded J. Mercer, that Margaret Burton and the Ministries Committee be commended for the September “Who’s Hurting” event. There was enthusiastic agreement with the motion.

(e) Nominating Committee: R. Cann

The committee is still trying to recruit an assistant treasurer.

(f) Program Committee (D. Shelley, N. Burbidge)

Planning continues for a hymn-sing at Wolfville Baptist Church on 7 November. Posters were distributed. The choir directors have met. Roger Cann will see that envelopes comparable to those used at the Advent Service are available at the Hymn Sing.

(g) Website committee (Bruce Dienes)

( i) **More input is needed from the churches. For example, a bulletin or calendar can be posted for everyone’s information.**

( ii) Bruce will contact the churches to determine what it is that inhibits some of the churches from making more use of the web site.

(h) Finance committee (R. Winter) See Treasurer, item 5 above.

## 7. From the churches

(a) St Francis: A blessing of animals service was held.

(b) St John’s: A blessing of animals service was held. The church faces large costs for restoration of the building. [Secretary’s note: there is no causal connection between the service of blessing and the need to restore the building.] The portable altar has been installed. The annual turkey supper will be held on 4 November, 5pm – 7pm, at St John’s Parish Hall.

(c) St Andrew’s/Greenwich: There will be an intergenerational service on 12 October. The new ministerial intern has been commissioned. Governance structure is being reviewed.

(d) Society of Friends: An “open house” was held at St Andrew’s. Response was good, and a series of workshops entitled “Experiential Quakerism” is scheduled for four Sundays: 9am on Oct 19<sup>th</sup> and Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 12pm on Nov 16<sup>th</sup> and Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. All meetings at Horton Hall, Grand Pré.

(e) Wolfville Baptist Church: the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be celebrated on 19<sup>th</sup> October. The Wednesday evening suppers continue. Restoration of the brickwork continues.

(f) Manning Chapel: The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, 3-5 October, were very successful.

#### 8. New business

(a) Sean Lombard announced the making of a new CD by Susan Ueffing to support the Annapolis Valley Honour Choir and the Apple Tree Landing Children's Centre. There will be a concert at the Atlantic Festival Theatre on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 7:30pm.

(b) The Lamb's Way has expressed interest in becoming associated in some way with the WAICC. Moved R. Cann, Seconded S Lombard, that the officers of the WAICC determine the procedures necessary to enable participation of the Lamb's Way in the WAICC, and report at the next executive meeting. Carried.

(c) Ralph Winter referred to item 7(h)(iii) in the minutes of the meeting of Sept 10, reminding members to examine the web site of the Centre for Cultural Renewal. ([www.culturalrenewal.ca](http://www.culturalrenewal.ca)).

He argued that it is urgent for the WAICC to do two things:

(i) Advertise our contributions to the social good. Work such as that performed by the Ministries Committee needs to be placed more prominently in the public eye.

(ii) Advance our own intellectual grasp of faith issues. We should be able to give good reasons for a faith basis for life to a secular society.

These two strategies should guide the WAICC's activities.

#### 9. Next executive meeting: 12 November 2003, 7:30 PM, in Chapel Hall

10. The meeting adjourned on motion at 9:01 (D. Shelley/)

11. R Cann offered prayer and pronounced a benediction.

#### **VOLUNTEERS FOR OPENING MEDITATION:**

##### **2003**

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