

# WOLFFVILLE AREA INTERCHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of Executive Meeting  
Manning Chapel 12 November 2003

1. President Roger Prentice called the meeting to order at 7.00 PM.

Bruce Dienes led a meditation.

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

Regrets: Cathy Lee Cunningham, Janet Kirkconnell, Sean Lombard, Barry Morrison

2. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated.

3. Correspondence

The Port Williams Nutrition for Health Association thanked the WAICC for its contribution of \$1,000 to the program last year and requested another \$1,000 this year.

It was agreed that this request be dealt with by the Ministries Committee.

4. Business arising

(a) Re item 4(a) in the minutes of 8 October 2003 (special envelopes for fund-raising appeals). The matter has been dealt with and the envelopes were used at the Fall Program (Hymn Sing) and will be used in the Advent service.

(b) Re item 8(b) in the minutes of 8 October: the Lamb's Way interest in affiliation with the WAICC.

There was extended discussion, which was postponed until later in the meeting.

5. Treasurer: R Winter

(a) The report was circulated. Proceeds from the Hymn Sing are approximately \$675. The report was accepted on motion. [R. Winter/N. Burbidge]

(b) Letter from West Nova Fuels: request for credit application to allow them to deliver fuel. R. Winter recommended that we not bind the WAICC to such an agreement, but pay for fuel as it is delivered. Agreed.

(c) Re a repair to a fuel tank: Rotary has underwritten the cost of repairs to a fuel tank inlet pipe (\$460). WAICC will deliver payment when repairs have been done satisfactorily.

(d) The St Vincent DePaul Society has given the WAICCa cheque for \$450 with a request that be designated for paying for fuel.

R. Winter raised the question as to whether the WAICC should accept conditional contributions. It was agreed that the matter be passed on to the Ministries Committee for deliberation and a recommendation.

## 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". The planning committee is looking for suitable leaders/facilitators. Suggestions are welcome.

### (b) Clergy Committee (Roger Prentice)

Preparations are being made for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

### (c) Inter-Church Housing (Margaret Burton)

There will be an ICH Open House at the Lions' Hall on Sunday, 30 November to acquaint the public with the Housing Society. Margaret Burton, Nancy Burbidge and Roger Prentice volunteered to attend on behalf of the WAICC.

### (d) Ministries Committee (Margaret Burton)

The Committee has met with the RCMP to acquaint them with the outcomes of the "Who's Hurting" program.

### (e) Nominating Committee: R. Cann

Motion: That Maurice Tugwell be appointed assistant treasurer. [R. Cann/R. Winter] Carried.

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

The Festival of Hymn went well. There was general support for doing it again next year.

There was good reaction to the Sallie McFague event, especially the discussion after the chapel service. Costs were shared between the Dean of Arts and the Chapel.

### (g) Website committee (Bruce Dienes)

**More input is needed from the churches: photographs, calendar events, news, etc., are needed.**

### (h) Finance committee (R. Winter)

Some GIC's have been rolled over.

## 7. From the churches

(a) St Francis: A retreat for Advent is being planned. Small groups have begun meeting.

(b) St John's

( i) The men did the annual turkey supper.

( ii) There is an episcopal election on 22 November for a Suffragan Bishop.

(iii) The women have made plum puddings which will be on sale during the Dickens Weekend at: **Cratchett's Coffee House, St John's Parish Hall.**  
**29 November, 9:30 – 12:00**

(iv) Ongoing repairs/renovations are being taken as the occasion for renewal of the congregation.

- (c) St Andrew's/Greenwich: Things are routine, and fine.
- (d) Wolfville Baptist Church: sandblasting, mortaring and painting have been finished. The anniversary event was well attended.
- (e) Society of Friends:
  - ( i) Bi-weekly meetings for worship sharing continue. These are aimed at participation, by providing a non-formal environment for sharing personal journeys.
  - ( ii) Workshops on "Experiential Quakerism" continue. They focus on meeting for worship, spiritual discernment, community, and faith into action.
  - (iii) The Open House has generated several enquiries.
- (f) Manning Chapel:
  - ( i) The Remembrance Day service was well attended. The Legion was happy about the service.
  - ( ii) Preparations are being made for the Advent service on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Both the Vocal Ensemble and the Chapel Choir will sing.
  - (iii) The Chaplain has a heavy counselling schedule.
  - (iv) There is a good team of chapel assistants.

#### 8. New business

- (a) Advent service: see above.
- (b) Helen Whidden: There is a campaign to collect elementary level children's books for teachers and children in Chile, in support of an ESL program. **Coordinator:**  
**Jan Buley**  
**Book Drive Coordinator**  
**542-7030**
- (c) Roger Cann: The Board of Deacons at the Wolfville Baptist Church has adopted Dr Gerald Classen's "Completion of Life" program. Roger Cann and Howard Taylor would like to present the program to the Clergy Committee.
- (d) The discussion begun at 4(b) above was resumed. It was agreed that the WAICC should take the initiative and respond to an earlier informal expression of interest by the Lamb's Way in affiliation with the WAICC. To that end it was agreed that:
 

The secretary send a copy of the constitution of the WAICC to Pastors Bruce and Ruby Patstone Lamb's Way Christian Ministry, with an appropriate covering letter containing the following elements:

  - ( i) Acknowledgement by the WAICC of the earlier informal expression of interest by the Lamb's Way in affiliation with the WAICC;
  - ( ii) Request that the Lamb's Way fellowship study the constitution and the web site of the WAICC to determine its structure, operating principles, and affiliations, and
  - (iii) Indicate that if the Lamb's Way fellowship wishes to join the WAICC it should send a letter asking for membership.

9. **Next executive meeting: 10 December 2003, 7:30 PM, in Chapel Hall**

10. The meeting adjourned at 9:19

11. Dismissal following silent meditation.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR OPENING MEDITATION:**

**2003**

10 December: 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