

WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
Executive Meeting
10 November 2004

MINUTES

Present: Nancy Burbidge, Maurice Tugwell, Margaret Burton, Roger Cann, Helen Whidden, John Mercier, Roger Prentice, Bruce Bruce Dienes, Rodger Forsman, Diana Shelley
Regrets: Audrey Lounder

1. Meeting called to order by President Nancy Burbidge
2. Minutes of meeting of 13 October 2004 approved as circulated
3. Correspondence
 - (a) From Nancy Fraser offering her congratulations to all concerned on the November 5th Hymn Sing, Ode to Joy.
4. Old Business
 - (a) AEC Meeting '05 to be held in Wolfville – sub committee has been formed. Dates 6 and 7 May 2005. Chapel confirmed as venue
 - (b) Hymn Singe 5 November – well received. Overall comments suggest that it was preferred by both choir members and congregants that choirs not perform individually. Thanks extended on behalf of WAICC to all committee members.
 - (c) Cochrane's Health and Wellness Luncheon is scheduled to take place on 17th November. H. Whidden reported that arrangements well in hand. M. Burton met recently with a representative from Cochrane's Pharmasave. It is confirmed that the \$5.00 cost of luncheon plus a matching donation of \$5.00 per diner from Cochrane's will be donated to the WAICC Food Programme. Committee will meet at St. John's Parish Hall on 11th November to iron out details.
 - (d) On-line donations – B. Dienes reported as follows: that using the free service of Canada Helps it is now possible to donate to WAICC online using a credit or debit card with the only cost to WAICC being the 3% credit card usage service charge. (No charge for debit transfers.) Funds are electronically transferred to WAICC's bank account and CanadaHelps.org provides the charitable receipt and sends to WAICC the contact information of the donor (unless donor has requested anonymity). It is possible for donor to specify to which particular fund donation should be applied or it can simply be given to the general fund. See web site for further details.
5. Treasurer's Report

Copies circulated by M. Tugwell. Balance as of 10 November 2004 \$31,955.17 Moved by M. Tugwell, seconded by H. Whidden that treasurer's report be accepted as circulated.
Carried.

6. Committee Reports

(a) Atlantic Ecumenical Council – 24 people attended well run and informative workshop at AST.

(b) Clergy Committee – no report

(c) Ministries Committee – M. Burton clipped recent cuttings from newspaper re WAICC activities which she felt should be filed with the minutes. She further reported that Royal Bank food drive was extended for an extra week. Food items and a cheque for \$1,000 to be presented to WAICC next week. Cochrane's lunch dealt with earlier in minutes.

Women at Rafuse Home Hardware will be donating non-perishable food items to WAICC which will be distributed between Wolfville Baptist Church and St. Vincent de Paul Society. Noted that a Homelessness Panel discussion will take place on 22 November from 6:30 to 8:30 in Kentville.

Margaret also noted that she had received a report from Jennifer Longley (recently contracted to undertake survey of unpaid caregivers in Wolfville area) regarding a family with very significant "special needs". Margaret will follow-up.

(d) Nominating Committee – no report

(e) Programme Committee – no report

(d) Web Page – B. Dienes has contacted people concerned for up-dates for page.

Not all member groups are involved. Photos/stories of relevant local events always welcome.

(e) Initiative against Gambling – R. Cann reported that Audrey Lounder is attempting to put the information which has been obtained thus far in to some succinct format. There is a possibility of setting up an interactive web site. However, as B. Dienes pointed out this sort of site is very labour intensive. B. Dienes, A. Lounder and R. Cann will meet to discuss further

7. Church Reports

(a) St. Francis – new priest is "quietly making changes"

(b) St. John's – Suffragan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Susan Moxley attended service last Sunday. Christmas puddings will be available this year. They will be for sale at the coffee Party on 27th November

(c) Greenwich and St. Andrew's United – Have a "phenomenal new organist". Christmas Tea and Sale will take place on Saturday 20th November form 2:00 to 4:00 pm

(d) Friends – winter study group underway. One new member in their congregation

(e) Manning chapel – no report

(f) Port Williams Baptist – no report

7. New Business

- (a) Update on “Time for Caregivers” presented by R. Cann... Jennifer Longley has continued with her needs survey of unpaid caregivers in the Wolfville area.. She has become aware of an enormous need from the sample she has visited... As a result of this initial exploration, the Ecumenical Management Group which is responsible for overseeing the “Time for Caregivers” work has formulated a proposal which would involve the establishment of an ecumenical programme with a paid coordinator who working with the local churches would organize and oversee home visitation and pastoral care to in the homes of residents of Wolfville and area. Start up funding could be applied for from the New Horizons Programme and possible ongoing operating money from the Clarke Foundation. The deadline for applications for a New Horizon grant for this year is 13th December. After considerable discussion it was moved by R. Cann and seconded by M. Burton that WAICC recommend the establishment of “WAICC Ecumenical Ministry in Home Visitation” to member church for their consideration and endorsement. Motion carried.
R. Cann will immediately prepare packages to be handed to individual clergy of the member churches. Jennifer Longley will adjust her schedule and make herself available for further individual discussions with the people concerned
- (b) H. Whidden reported on a memo she received from Nancy Fraser concerning the refugee families in Wolfville both of whom have been sponsored by Wolfville Baptist Church with input from the United Church. Awatef Rasheed, the mother of one of the families started a job in Kentville on November 8th and her daughter Layal started classes at Kings Tec on the same day.
Pending the purchase of a second-hand car by the family both are in need of daily transportation. Nancy Fraser has organized a car roster to drive them to Kentville and asks anyone able to help in this respect to contact her at 542-5726. The cost of the gas can be shared by Awatef.
- (c) B. Dienes gave notice of an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training program will be put on by SOAR at the Wandlyn Inn, Coldbrook. It will take place from 8:30 to 4:30 pm 22 and 23 January 2005. Few seats still available for anyone interested in obtaining certification. Cost is \$170 per person. Training will be led by Wendy Hayden and Deborah Proctor of Kings Regional Rehab Centre, Professional Development Services. Certification provided upon completion. Contact SOAR at coordinator@survivorsofabuserrecovering.ca or by phone at 542-1363 if interested.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm and closed with prayer.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8th December 2004
at 7:30 pm
Small Meeting Room
Manning Memorial chapel