

# WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

## Executive Meeting

12 January 2005

### MINUTES

Present: Nancy Burbidge, Gary Dunfield, Gene Trites, Helen Whidden, John Mercer, Roger Prentice, Bruce Dienes, Audrey Lounder, Neil Cloghesy, Diana Shelley

Regrets: Allison Trites, Margaret Burton, Maurice Tugwell

Meditation – from psalms led by John Mercer

1. Meeting called to order by President Nancy Burbidge

2. Minutes of meeting 8<sup>th</sup> December 2004 approved as circulated with correction of date of previous meeting to 10 November 2004

3. Correspondence

(a) Letter of thanks from Wolfville School for donation to Breakfast Programme

4. Old Business

(a) “Time for Caregivers” project – Upon receipt of endorsement of all members of WAICC, an application has been submitted for a New Horizons grant. Meanwhile, the group is working on curriculum for orientation and training sessions for volunteers.

(b) ESL training for church sponsored refugee family – local volunteers have been found to give ESL instruction pending more formal training being obtained

5. Treasurer’s Report

Copies of report prepared by (MT) circulated. Balance as of 12 January 2005 - \$45,989.97. Agreed to accept Treasurer’s report as circulated. Moved (AL/HW) that GIC which comes due on 3 February 2005 be cashed. Carried.

6. Committee Reports

(a) Atlantic Ecumenical Council – (BD) reported that an evaluation on the workshop on “Ecumenism in the Post Modern Age” held at AST in the fall had provoked considerable interest. The subsequent meeting of heads of the denominations in the Atlantic Region has resulted in a commitment from them to continue to meet on a biannual basis. AEC Annual Meeting to be hosted in Wolfville (6 and 7 May/05) – no meeting of committee held since New Year, but will meet soon.

(b) Clergy Committee - (AL) reported Week of Prayer had been main focus of discussion at the December meeting with following schedule for week being established:

Monday 24 January/05	St. Francis
Tuesday	St. Andrews
Wednesday	Wolfville Baptist
Thursday	Manning Memorial Chapel
Friday	Port Williams Baptist Church
Sunday Ecumenical Service	St. John’s Anglican

There had also been discussion of a Lenten Study over a four to six week period using the book “Finding God in the Dark”. More details of this to follow.

- (c) Ministries Committee – report submitted from (MB) summarizing statistics for Christmas voucher distribution. She also noted that \$400+ had been donated from the proceeds of a pot-luck held at Greenwich United Church
- (d) Nominating Committee – to be formed at the February meeting
- (e) Programme Committee – (NC) (with assistance of Janet K) has obtained information NFB video on Inter-church Housing/Hearth Home videos. Hubert Schurman (who was involved in the making of the videos) is to be contacted to see if he would be willing to come and talk about his involvement... The showing would be intended primarily for Executive members and a Tuesday in February or March was suggested. Neil will contact Mr. Schurman and see when he might be available and thereafter communicate with Executive members.
- (f) Web page – (BD) continues to urge churches to send along interesting information
- (g) “VLT Menace.ca” – (AL) reported that committee plans to meet again soon

## 7. Church Reports

- (a) St. Francis (NC) – Annual Meeting and budget preparation in the works
- (b) St. John’s (HW) – Two older children baptized last Sunday. Liturgy from NS Companion Diocese of Manicaland incorporated into the service, Concert featuring Donna and Andy to be held in the church on 28<sup>th</sup> January with proceeds to go to tsunami relief. Hopefully there will be a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday.
- (c) St. Andrew’s (JM/NB) Lenten Programme planned. Mardi Gras celebration on Shrove Tuesday. Ash Wednesday service planned
- (d) Wolfville Baptist (GT/GD) – Ash Wednesday communion service. Support of refugee family continues to be an important and rewarding part of life of the church. Wednesday suppers resumed today. (GD) noted that the wife of a Divinity College student, members of the congregation, had lost a number of family members in Sri Lanka as a result of the tsunami. (GT) noted Word Day of Prayer service to take place at Baptist Church (prepared by women of Poland this year) on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March.
- (e) Society of Friends – (BD) Christmas Pot Luck had been very successful and well attended
- (f) Manning Chapel – (RP) – noted with sadness that a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of for Morris Lovesey had taken place in the chapel that afternoon. Morris was one of the founding members in the Inter-Church Council in Wolfville and a passionate supporter of ecumenism. Sunday services have resumed at the chapel. On 21 January the Chapel Choir and the Vocal Ensemble will perform the premier of an oratorio for which the music was written by John Scott... Passion Play plans are in progress. The theme this year will be centered around the WW2 bombing of Coventry Cathedral (dates 29 March to 1 April)
- (g) Port Williams Baptist – No report but are still seeking a representative

There being no further business, adjournment was moved by BD at 9:10 and closed with prayer.

Diana Shelley  
Secretary pro tem

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Wednesday 16 February, 2005 at 7:30 pm**  
**Library, Manning Memorial chapel**

**(NB – change to 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday due to Ash Wednesday)**