

# Wolfville and Area Inter-Church Council Executive Meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2005

## Minutes

**Present:** Nancy Burbidge, Maurice Tugwell, John Mercer, Roger Prentice, Neil Cloghesy, Margaret Burton, Helen Whidden, Marilyn Manzer, Gary Dunfield, Gene Trites

**Regrets:** Allison Trites, Audrey Lounder, Diana Shelley, Bruce Dienes

**Meditation:** led by Neil who shared thoughts about the place of secularism, reading from 2 Corinthians 6:1-3 and the writings of St. Bonaventure who was strongly influenced by St. Francis of Assisi.

### Business:

1. President Nancy Burbidge called the meeting to order.
2. Minutes of January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting approved and circulated.
3. Correspondence:
  - a) Letter of thanks received from a recipient of help from WAICC with an offer to help in return, for example, by stuffing envelopes.
  - b) Letter from Tim Hergett informing WAICC of a bequest, as yet unspecified, from the estate of Dr. Alistair MacDonald. The bequest will be 6% of the estate.
4. Old Business
  - a) Pharmasave Fundraiser—the lunch that was cancelled last fall because of bad weather, has been restructured for an evening of information and strategies to achieve and maintain good health. It is set for March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 p.m., in the Wolfville Lions Hall.
  - b) Time for Caregivers—Roger Cann hopes to receive the result of the New Horizon's Grant application by March 12. Jennifer Longley's mandate has been extended to March 12th when she hopes to have completed 70 interviews.
5. Treasurer's Report

Maurice explained his printed report in detail particularly for the new members of the executive. It was moved (MT/GD) that the Treasurer be authorized to invest the cash in the WAICC (less a sum to meet our financial responsibilities for the next 30 days) in a GIC. The treasurer moved acceptance of his report (MT/HW). Carried.
6. Committee Reports
  - a) AEC—Annual meeting to be hosted in Wolfville (May 6,7/05) Nothing new to report. The registration form/brochure is being prepared. Interest being shown by prospective attendees.
  - b) Clergy Committee-- last meeting concerned with planning the ecumenical week's activities. The general feeling was positive with a worthwhile service at St. John's that was well attended.
  - c) Ministries Committee
    - 1) March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005: refreshments would be appreciated from each congregation – plates of fruit, cheese, etc., for a workshop (see item 1 Old Business). All proceeds from the evening will go to WAICC.
    - 2) This year to date the committee has paid for 5 fills of fuel oil (\$115.00 maximum for each) and helped with one electric bill.

- 3) Information has been gathered from Housing Services in Middleton regarding government help for sub-standard housing. A lengthy discussion followed concerning long term planning for the most efficient way to fulfill our mandate (particularly food storage and distribution).
- d) Nominating Committee: Nancy Burbidge, Neil Cloghesy, Diana Shelley (to be asked)
- e) Programme Committee: Neil expects an early March date for the executive to see the NFB videos on Inter-Church Housing/Hearth Home.
- f) Web Page—nothing to report.
- g) VLT Menace.ca.—no further report.

## 7. Church Reports

- a) St. Francis (MB/NC)—The Shrove Tuesday pancake supper was a great success. On Feb. 14, Father Monty Williams, author of a book on making use of movies to further spirituality, spoke to a small but appreciative group.
- b) St. John's (HW)-- St. John's hosted the Sunday evening ecumenical service. Rev. Dr. Bruce Matthews gave a thoughtful and challenging address. Lenten services are being held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., followed by Bible studies led by Canon Russell Elliott. There is to be a meeting on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss a change in the Sunday services. The proposal is to keep the 8 a.m. service as a said service and to combine the 9:30 a.m./ 11:00 a.m.
- c) Greenwich and St. Andrews—The youth organized a most successful talent night on Shrove Tuesday. Rev. Robin Brown Hewitt is offering Lenten studies each Sunday evening. Robin is to have a four-month sabbatical later this year. A popular Guess Who's Coming to Dinner event raised \$900.00.
- d) Wolfville United Baptist (GD/GT)—It is the turn of WBC to host the Annual World Day of Prayer service on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 2 p.m. (storm date March 11<sup>th</sup>). A communion service was held on Ash Wednesday evening. The church is thankful that Saafa, the husband (father of the family from Iraq) has gained employment at Michelin.
- e) Society of Friends (MM)—The fellowship is growing. The national yearly meeting has adopted the theme, "Weaving our past and present with the future". The Wolfville group decided to follow this theme through the year and the topics range from the historical and theological to current world events. An all-day study /retreat is planned for April. The Canadian Society of Friends decided to write their own faith and practice manual over a period of ten years. These are being reviewed chapter by chapter by the Wolfville fellowship. It is proving interesting and engaging.
- f) Chapel—Three Sunday evening services were missed (2 storm days, 1 ecumenical service), but this has not affected attendance adversely. The free pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday attracted 240 hungry students. The choir is organizing a "hymnathon" over a 24- hour period as a fundraiser for the proposed UK tour in 2006. The Passion play Sent to Coventry will be performed after Easter (March 29-April 1<sup>st</sup>) to accommodate the hockey playoffs.
- g) Port Williams—still seeking a representative.

## 8. New Business:

A request has been received from the Spiritual Life Committee of L'Arche, that Tom Pease be invited to attend WAICC meetings as an observer. Agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20p.m. and closed with a Byzantine Benediction (NC).

Eugenie Trites,  
Secretary pro tem

**Next meeting: Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 7:30p.m.**