

WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
Executive Meeting
8 June 2005
MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order by President Nancy Burbidge

Present: Nancy Burbidge, Gene Trites, Helen Whidden, John Mercer, Roger Prentice, Neil Cloghesy, Diana Shelley, Allison Trites, Maurice Tugwell, Marion Bulley (L'Arche), Emily Levy-Purdy (Voice of Women)

Regrets: Gary Dunfield, Gloria Churchill, Margaret Burton

2 Meditation – led by Roger Prentice on Christian compassion (Col 3:12-17) - the importance of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness as binding agents in God's love. The practice of these qualities enables WAICC representing the churches of Wolfville to reflect God's love and be a witness for Christ in the community

3 MINUTES of meeting 9 March 2005 – approval as circulated moved HW/JM and carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter of appreciation from AEC
- (b) Letter from L'Arche indicating their wish to join WAICC. (See under New Business)
- (c) Letter of acknowledgement from Peter Christie (Minister responsible for Gaming Act)

4. BUSINESS ARISING

(a) Nancy reported that she had received phone call from Jennifer Longley concerning Caregiver project. In view of the failure of the project to receive a grant and that at the June meeting the committee had been disbanded, Jennifer is concerned that all the work done by the committee will be lost. Roger P. noted that he had expressed this concern at the last Town Clergy meeting but had received only lukewarm response. Neil suggested that maybe Jennifer and/or Roger might hold a workshop on the topic, sponsored by WAICC. It was further suggested that Roger Cann might be asked to share his vision and sense of direction and see how WAICC might continue to be helpful.

It was observed at this point that the lack of clergy representation at WAICC meetings marks a real change in attitude compared with past years and was to be regretted.

5. Treasurer's Report

Copies of report prepared by (MT) circulated. Balance as of 8 June 2005 - \$26,253.53.
Acceptance of Treasurer's Report moved MT/DS and carried.
Moved MT/HW that annual dues for founding members be raised to \$250 pa. Carried

6. Committee Reports

Suggested by Nancy that, in the interest of brevity, these reports and Church Reports be restricted to committee chairs who has anything of importance to report and to highlights from the churches

No reports

7. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Neil reported on a small subcommittee of the Nominating Committee which had met recently and come up with the following suggestions:
 - (i) Establishing a “WAICC Sunday” to be observed in each of the member Churches
 - (ii) Arrange for WAICC spokesperson to address congregations and/or committees in member churches
 - (iii) Letter from WAICC President to member churches encouraging participation
- (b) WAICC boundaries were discussed. Roger agreed to approach Mark Shaw of Gaspereau Baptist church
- (c) Suggested that each church bulletin advertise the VLT web site.
- (d) Letter from Ingrid Blaise of L’Arche was read and a lengthy discussion about the practical implications of membership of L’Arche in WAICC followed. It was noted that the WAICC constitution requires that for a new member to be admitted, notice of motion must be brought in prior to an Annual Meeting. Such notice will be prepared by the Executive and in the mean time, L’Arche representatives are welcome to attend the Executive meetings
- (e) Emily Levy-Purdy addressed the group asking for endorsement for a “Remembering Hiroshima” evening planned for 6th August 2005. Moved RP/NC that WAICC would be pleased to endorse “Remembering Hiroshima” evening. Motion carried. Suggested that David Mangle be asked to give a background. Nancy will keep members informed of progress.

There being no further business, adjournment was moved by DS

Closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Gene Trites – (recorder)
Diana Shelley (scribe)

ADDENDUM

Following formal closing of meeting, it was noted that 2005 marks the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the Wolfville Inter-Church Council. (Its inaugural meeting actually took place on the 8th March 1970). It was suggested that the anniversary might be observed in some way before the end of the year, perhaps in the form of a worship service which might be held in Port Williams. Heather Price’s input will be sought.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 14 September, 2005
7:30 pm
Library at Manning Chapel