

WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

Next meeting
Wednesday 8 February 2006
Devotions 7:30 pm (Neil Cloghesy)
Manning Memorial Chapel

MINUTES **Wednesday 11 January 2006**

1. Meeting called to order by the Chair, Nancy Burbidge
Present: Nancy Burbidge, Maurice Tugwell, Liz Vermeulen, Gary Dunfield, Neil Cloghesy, Bruce Dienes, Gwenyth Dwyn, Cheryl Manzer, Kurt Bowen, Ingrid Blais
Absent with regrets: Diana Shelley, Gene and Allison Trites, Helen Whidden, Margaret Burton, Roger Prentice
2. **DEVOTIONS** – led by Ingrid Blais, who gave a most interesting and inspiring summary of L’Arche spirituality, one important basis of which is the Beatitudes.
3. **MINUTES** of meeting of December 14 approved as circulated.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - (a) A letter received from David Morse, Minister of Community Services, in response to WAICC’s letter of Nov. 23 opposing any adoption of a Safe Streets act. Mr. Morse detailed the efforts of his department to meet the basic needs of the homeless, and he suggested that the legislation that would concern us would fall under the jurisdiction of the Minister of the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations (to whom he has forwarded our letter).
 - (b) A phone call from Stephanie Wambolt, at the Acadia Centre for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (ACSBE), to say that \$66 had been raised for WAICC at Christmas. She will send it to the Treasurer.
5. **BUSINESS ARISING:** (a) Neil Cloghesy gave an update on the Care for Caregivers steering committee; it has met twice since its reconstitution, and is busy creating a mission statement and appropriate objectives. Once accomplished, the steering committee will be approaching community agencies like the VON, to inform them about the project, and to have their comments before drafting a grant proposal.
 - (b) A short discussion of the proposed food bank; suggestions given for a possible location, including the old Horton High School, or possibly the basement of a church hall. Nancy reported that Stephanie at ACSBE had intimated that, should a food bank be instituted, there might well be a way of involving the students.

6. CHURCH REPORTS:

(a) St. Francis – the final service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at St. Francis on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 7pm. The author and artist, Regina Coupar, will speak; further details forthcoming, once we're in touch with a clergy rep.

(b) St. John's Anglican is sponsoring a series of 4 presentations, entitled *Christian Challenges in the 21st Century*; these will take place at the Manning Chapel on Jan. 16, Jan. 30, Feb. 6 and Feb.13. Further details will be e-mailed to everyone (and Bruce reminded us that the WAICC website is a good place for such info to be posted). As well, St. John's rector, Rev. Cathy Lee Cunningham, will preach at the Manning Chapel on Jan.15.

(c) Wolfville Pastoral Charge – the charge has a student minister from AST, Krista Anderson, working 5 1/2 hours/week; Greenwich has organized a skating party and lunch following for Jan 14, at the Acadia arena; Greenwich has also organized what has become a very successful women's group – the Linda Yates group – which meets every Thursday at 7:30am.

(d) Wolfville Baptist – new flooring in the vestry much appreciated by all. There is an interesting discussion of youth baptism taking place at the church.

(e) Religious Society of Friends – a new name for the group in Wolfville: the Annapolis Valley Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (and a new website: <http://annapolisvalley.quaker.ca>). The group is in the midst of a study focused on "End of Life Planning" – including the practical, emotional, and spiritual implications of the concept. On Feb 11 there will be a day-long workshop, open to all, entitled "The Role of Silence in Religion: Study and Practice" – from 11am-7pm at the Horton Community Centre (includes a potluck supper). On Sunday, Feb.12, the regular worship will be followed by a potluck lunch, and a study time, from 1-3pm, entitled "Quakerism 101" – an introduction to Quaker faith and practices. This is also open to all, and child care will be provided.

(f) L'Arche Homefires enjoyed many communal Christmas activities, including a pageant, and are looking ahead to a celebration for epiphany.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the report were circulated by the Treasurer, who was happy to note that the Christmas appeal netted the same amount as last year. In spite of this, and of the generous bequest from the MacDonald estate, there is concern about how well WAICC will be able to handle the anticipated demands during the coming cold months. Acceptance of the report was moved (MT), seconded (GD), and carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business as such, however the Chair suggested that we think about a stimulating program for the spring – something approaching the interest and value of eg. Sallie McFague's lecture, or that of Bishop Champagne.

Adjournment moved by Nancy
Closing prayer – Ingrid Blais

Respectfully submitted – Nancy Burbidge