

WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wednesday 13 September 2006

1. Meeting called to order by President, Neil Cloghesy. In circulating the agenda for the meeting, Neil noted that in order to accommodate the pressing concerns surround the food bank feasibility issue, the usual format of WAICC meetings had been shortened.

Present: Roger Prentice, Liz Vermeulen, Gary Dunfield, Neil Cloghesy, Helen Whidden, Ann Watson, Bruce Dienes, Maurice Tugwell, Peter MacInnes, Nancy Burbidge, Ingrid Blais, Allison Trites, Gene Trites

Absent with regrets: Kurt Bowen, Diana Shelley

2. DEVOTIONS

Led by Peter MacInnes

Many people have experience of God through the four Gospels but we should also celebrate our own personal Gospel. Peter went on to share a poem he wrote about his personal experience of God. He said that he has a sense of awe when he realizes that God in his omnipotence still hears us individually. He asked us to meditate on our own personal Gospel.

3. MINUTES

It was agreed to accept the Minutes of the meeting of 14 June 2006 as circulated

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Kurt Bowen concerning Rahel Rosa Ochola, an Acadia student who is exploring how to assist her orphaned younger brother and sister to immigrate to Canada from Kenya where they are now living and attending school. Ms Ochola feels that her siblings face an uncertain future in Kenya and, at this stage she is looking for technical help with the complexities of Canadian immigration law. Kurt is currently on sabbatical in Kenya.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Maurice circulated Financial Report and explained details. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report moved MT/BD and carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Creation of Relief Assistance Committee to replace the Ministries Committee which was recently disbanded after several years of work. Neil circulated a proposal (see attached) to create a structure to handle non-food relief that would not be covered by the proposed food bank committee discussed in the Report of the Food Bank Feasibility Committee (see attached). It was moved BD/NB that a Relief Assistance Committee be established in accordance with the proposal that was circulated and that the appointment of non *ex-officio* members to the Relief Assistance Committee be left to the Nominating Committee. Motion carried

- (b) Meeting turned over to Nancy Burbidge who presented the report of the Food Bank Feasibility Group. Discussion followed and there was agreement that the public needs to be educated about poverty. Ideas were shared about this issue. When final word is received from the Wolfville Baptist Church, a special meeting will be called. Ingrid Blais offered to meet informally with John Murphy re education.
- (c) Glen Donnellan, pastor of United Pentecostal Church of Wolfville (meeting at St. George's Lodge, Wolfville) has requested that his church join WAICC. It was agreed that he be invited to attend as a guest for the time being.
- (d) It was noted that cards on behalf of WAICC have been sent to: Ingrid Blais congratulating L'Arche Home Fires on its recent special celebration; and to Margaret Burton extending the thanks of WAICC for all she has done for the organization over her years of involvement.

There being no further business, Peter MacInnis moved adjournment.

Roger Prentice closed with the Benediction

Next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, 11 October 2006 at 7:30 pm

Gene Trites
Diana Shelley

Secretaries