

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
MINUTES
Wednesday 11 October 2006**

1. Meeting called to order by President, Neil Cloghesy. Agenda circulated

Present: Neil Cloghesy, Gary Dunfield, Helen Whidden, Maurice Tugwell, Nancy Burbidge, Peter MacInnes, Liz Vermeulen, Gene Trites, Diana Shelley,

Absent with regrets: Kurt Bowen, Allison Trites, Roger Prentice, Keith Churchill, Glen Donnellan

2. DEVOTIONS

Led by Neil Cloghesy

Neil read from 1 Kings 19:9ff, the story of Elijah in the cave. This was followed with a reading from *Souls Aflame – A Book of Days* by Nikos Kazantzak. The writer recalled the words of Zorba the Greek on the topic of how one should behave when confronted by blind necessity. Like Elijah, we should never forget that whatever the circumstance, God is almighty and available to strengthen His servants to enable them to cope.

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 13 September 2006 had been circulated. One correction noted under 9 (e) *Longest Night of the Year* service to be held at St. Andrew's Wolfville. Adoption of Minutes as corrected moved HW/GD and motion carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE:/COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) Letter of thanks received from Rebecca Franklin, vice-principal at Wolfville School thanking the council for its donation to the school's food programme
- (b) Nancy reported on the front page article written by Wendy Elliot which appeared in the most recent edition of the Kentville Advertiser... She also noted that she had been interviewed by the CBC and the clip had been aired at least three times on the provincial radio news on the morning of 9th January. Liz had been contacted by someone from the Chronicle Herald suggesting some kind of coverage in that newspaper. Nancy further reported that the room at the Baptist church now ready for action. Electrical modifications have been completed and the hand rail installed. Excellent co-operation has been received from Karl at Food Land: He is willing to allow a preview of the "specials" each week and will then order as many as the food bank thinks it will need. First shipment from Feed Nova Scotia expected on 31 January and it is hoped to open for business that evening. A number of people have offered to act as volunteers and a training workshop is planned for the near future.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

.Maurice circulated Financial Report and clarified certain points. He noted that the revenue was close to the expected amount and also that he is holding back on reinvesting "surplus" due to uncertainty as to needs at this time of change over in the food relief programme. He has received no bills from the Baptist church to date. Balance on Hand on 10 January 2007 \$21,349.60. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report moved MT/NB and carried.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Further to the enquiry made by Glen Donnellan regarding WAICC membership for "New Life Ministries", Neil has advised Glen that the committee will recommend to the Annual Meeting in May that New Life Ministries be accepted into full membership of WAICC. Meanwhile, members of NLM are welcome to attend and to speak at WAICC meetings.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Clergy – No report
- (b) Food Bank – See above under Communications

8 NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Week of Prayer – In the hope that interest will be generated, the Week of Prayer will commence with an ecumenical service on Sunday 21 January at 7:30 pm in Port Williams Baptist Church. Discussion groups (led by the WAICC clergy) will take place each day 22-26 January in the Harvest Gallery on Main Street in Wolfville.
- (b) Terry Waite – it was agreed that Nancy would firm-up date for a further showing the DVD which, by consensus will be a Friday in early March. She will circulate the date to all so that the event can receive some advanced publicity.

9 NEWS OF MEMBERS

- (a) Wolfville Baptists – Old Fashioned Hymn Sings held on the first Wednesday of each month conducted by Nancy Denton. Everyone welcome
- (b) Friends – Annual national assembly of Friends is being planned. It will be held in Kings-Edgehill School in August.
- (c) St. John's Anglican – Ann Watson to be ordained deacon in the Cathedral in Halifax on 25 January 2007: Everyone welcome. New prayer chain established using internet and telephone, making even more instant prayer possible. A booklet incorporating the different forms of worship used in the parish, which hopefully will "cover all bases", has been put together by the Spiritual Development committee and is almost ready for use. It will supersede the temporary booklets currently in use. The new book will do away with the use of multiple books and make it simpler for people to follow. Helen noted that regretfully, Morning Prayer will not be part of the new book of liturgies. A new caretaker has replaced Dot and Jim Hancock who have retired: He will also be responsible for parish hall bookings
- (d) St. Andrews and Greenwich Pastoral Charge – Horton student recitals continue one Sunday-a- month in Greenwich. On 3 June 2007 a special combined service is planned and will include both choir and band. It will be held in the AV Room at Horton High School. All welcome.
- (e) St. Francis – parishioners continue to work on their "Mission Statement".

10 OTHER FUTURE EVENTS

- (a) Good Friday, 6 April 2007. Service will take place at St. Andrew's
- (b) Annual Meeting – 9 May 2007 at St. John's

11. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 14 February 2007 (devotions to be led by Helen Whidden)

Maurice moved adjournment of meeting

Neil closed by reading Psalm 131

Gene Trites
Diana Shelley

Secretaries

