

WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wednesday 14 February 2007

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

Present: Neil Cloghesy, Gary Dunfield, Helen Whidden, Maurice Tugwell, Liz Vermeulen, Keith Churchill, Ann Watson, Shirley Soleil, Nancy Burbidge, Gene Trites, Diana Shelley,

Absent with regrets: Kurt Bowen, Allison Trites, Roger Prentice, Glen Donnellan, Nancy Burbidge

2. DEVOTIONS

Led by Helen Whidden: Helen read from Henri Nouwen: *The Road to Peace* is a collection of his writings on peace. His appeal lies in his insistence that as Christians, being peacemakers is one of our most important roles. His genius was to inspire others to follow a three-fold path towards peacemaking:

- i. to live a life of prayer (the discipline of prayer takes us from a house of fear to a house of love).
- ii. to engage in resistance (against our own selfish and destructive ways).
- iii. to celebrate life (communion sets us free)

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 10 January 2007 had been circulated Neil noted a correction under devotions: "A Modern Book of Days" by Phil Corsineau. Adoption of Minutes as corrected moved HW/KC and motion carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE:/COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Rev'd David Garrett, Rector of Parish of Cornwallis requesting the admission of that parish into WAICC. Neil will write to Fr. Garrett and send him a copy of the constitution

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Maurice circulated Financial Report (copy filed with Minutes) and made some explanatory remarks. He brought to council's special attention the diversity of the contributors to WAICC and the Food Bank, e.g., Hennigar's Farm Market, AVR, Meal Exchange. He said that when special gifts are received, either in cash or in kind, he makes a special point to call personally and express gratitude. Balance on Hand on 14 February 2007 \$9051.08. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report moved MT/GD and carried.

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6. OLD BUSINESS

Terry Waite DVD is confirmed for Friday, 9 March 2007. It will be shown in St. Andrew's Church at 7:00 pm. Anyone able urged to attend.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Clergy – No report
- (b) Food Bank – Liz Vermeulen reported in Nancy's absence. Opening of Food Bank had taken place on 1 February and had gone well. There are some issues with getting people to register but this will be resolved in time as people understand the new system. Encouraging to note that the electrical bill for work at the Baptist church was only about half of what was expected. The arrangement at the Baptist Church is working very well and many thanks to Marilyn whose presence on the spot is invaluable. There have been a good number of people volunteering to help and Diana is working on co-coordinating these people. A workshop for volunteers is planned for 24 March (9:00 am Wolfville Baptist church). Very good publicity of the opening received (CBC, Kentville Advertiser, Chronicle Herald and Global TV).

8 NEW BUSINESS

Good Friday service this year will be held at St. Andrew's United church on Friday 6 April

9. NEWS OF MEMBERS

In view of inclement weather, this item was kept to a minimum

Gene Trites noted with sadness the passing of Miriam Ross earlier in the day. Her funeral is expected to take place on Saturday – more details to follow

Gene also reminded everyone of the World Day of Prayer Service – 2:00 pm on Friday 2 March 2007, being held this year in St. Francis of Assisi church. The service has been prepared by the women of Paraguay and the speaker is Dr. Lionel Moriah (of ADC)

Port Williams Baptist church is conducting Lenten studies on the theme "*Chocolat*" - *Chocolate for Lent*

St. Andrew's and Greenwich Pastoral Charge have a Valentine "Chocolate Fund Raiser" underway
St. John's Wolfville has a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, 20 February from 5 until 7 at the Parish Hall and St. John's, Cornwallis has one on the same day in the Parish Hall at St. John's Church Street from 4:30 to 6:30 (Pay your money and take your pick!)

11. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 14 March 2007 (devotions to be led by Penni Burrell)

Maurice moved adjournment of meeting

Helen closed with Peace Prayer of St. Francis

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites
Diana Shelley

Secretaries