

**WOLFFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

**7:30 pm**

**Manning Memorial Chapel**

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

Present: Neil Cloghesy, Liz Vermeulen, Nancy Burbidge, Gene Trites, Allison Trites, Ann Watson, Gary Dunfield, Marian Bulley, Helen Whidden, David Garrett, Tim McFarland, Diana Shelley, (12)

Absent with regrets: Maurice Tugwell

2. DEVOTIONS

Marian Bulley read from “Out of the Ordinary” by Joyce Rupp – an Easter meditation of the Risen One, the Compassionate One, the Source of Amazement, the Compassionate One, the Trusted Companion, the Sacred Teacher, welcomed into our midst in order that we might live as He commands us.

3 MINUTES

Moved AAT/TMcF - Minutes of WAICC meeting of 12 March 2008 be accepted as circulated. Motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Society of St. Vincent de Paul request re school supplies. Maggie Kenny attended the meeting to explain the request. Since 2002 St. Vincent de Paul has been assisting with supplies for children returning to school in September. Maggie requests that this assistance be expanded to cover children of the families who are clients of the Food Bank. She has checked the files and identified 28 children who could be added. Costs of school supplies have risen considerably and with the addition of a further 28 children (making a total of about 80) Maggie, on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul requests WAICC to assist in the undertaking. There was considerable discussion as to how WAICC might best do this - by a direct donation or by making an appeal to the member churches. Gary suggested that the member churches be approached in mid to late August for a contribution of money and/or supplies. This appeal would be for the academic year 2009/10. As an interim measure to take care of the current year, it was moved GD/LV that WAICC authorize the Treasurer in consultation with St. Vincent de Paul Society to provide up to \$5,000 for school supplies for the academic year 2008/09. Motion carried.

- (b) As a result of a recent house fire in Wolfville a family of five is now homeless. Maggie has organized supplies through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Family now has temporary accommodation at Rose Lawn Cottages. They will be there for the next month and the rent for that month is \$1,000.00. Maggie asked if WAICC would be prepared to help with this rent and with food and other supplies as needed. It was agreed that WAICC would do so. The woman in the other half of the fire-damaged duplex will move into accommodation at Basin View. She has some insurance. WAICC further agreed to help in this situation should her insurance be inadequate.

## 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Maurice Tugwell (Treasurer) not able to be present. Copies of the financial statement and the Budget for 2008-09 prepared by the Treasurer were circulated.

- (a) Financial Statement – to year-end 31 March 2008 – Balance-on-Hand 31 March 2008 - \$4966.08 (less outstanding cheques for \$1,000.00) plus Capital Account balance of \$40,000. Adoption of Financial Report moved CD/NB and motion carried
- (b) Budget for 2008-09 – There was some discussion regarding the proposed budget following which Gary suggested three modification: viz: increase school supplies from \$3,000 to \$4,000; add Programme Committee expenses of \$1,500; modify revenue to reflect appeal to churches for school supplies from \$34,000 to \$36,500. Acceptance of budget with these modifications moved GD/AAT and carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

Ramirez Family – noted that Town of Wolfville not able to send a letter on behalf of the Town but each member of Council has been urged to write individually. Members of WAICC and other citizens similarly urged to write expressing their support.

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Clergy Committee – David reported that clergy committee has agreed to have its meetings in Manning Chapel henceforth and to appoint a fixed Chair. Good Friday service went well as did *March with the Cross* despite bad weather. Thanks to Clergy for the Good Friday events extended by Neil on behalf of WAICC
- (b) Food Bank – Nancy reported that things continuing to go well. She suggested that bearing in mind the phasing out of plastic grocery bags, churches might put a request in their bulletins for donations of reusable “cloth” grocery bags
- (c) Programme Committee – Keith reported that arrangements are in hand. Publicity has been as wide-spread as possible

- (d) Nominating Committee – A report will be prepared for the AGM
- (e) AEC - David Garrett has agreed to serve as the representative from WAICC. He plans to attend the AEC Annual Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May.
- (f) Ad hoc Committee on Relief Assessment – Committee has met. Minutes have been circulated and certain matters will be discussed further.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Tim would very much like to have a representation of the WAICC member churches attend the Baccalaureate Service on 11<sup>th</sup> May and possible sit together. Neil will communicate this request by email
- (b) Gary reported that Mel Early who is very involved with Habitat for Humanity in Halifax would be willing to come and talk to WAICC. It was agreed that he be asked to come to the June WAICC meeting and address the committee and any other interested persons.

## . 9. NEWS OF MEMBERS

**St. John's Cornwallis** – Will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the Planters in 2010 in conjunction with their own celebration of 250 years of worship in the Parish of Cornwallis. It was suggested that perhaps WAICC might acknowledge the arrival of the Planters too.

**Wolfville Baptist** – on 29<sup>th</sup> March a full day of discussions on stewardship - a vision for the future

**L'Arche** – Sandy Baxter's death was mourned in the communities. Sandy had worked in Applewicks for seven years and died last Saturday in a car accident.

**St. Andrew's/Greenwich Pastoral Charge** – on 15<sup>th</sup> June there will be a joint service in University Hall for the United Churches of eastern Kings County. St. Andrew's suffered considerable loss recently in a flood. Robyn will have a temporary office in Greenwich while repairs are underway in Wolfville

**St. John's Wolfville** – Renewal and Restoration ongoing. Outreach being assessed

**Port Williams Baptist** – “The Learning Circle - Courses of Community Interest” had its first session on Monday. It went well and there were over 90 people in attendance. Programme continues for the next three Mondays. Painting of the church to be undertaken to coincide with the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the village of Port Williams. \$20,000 to be raised to cover the cost of the painting and at the same time the church will raise \$5,000 for medical clinic in Angola.

**St. Francis** – A cookbook is being prepared. Youth Group Fast being planned with its conclusion planned to coincide with Sunday Mass. Book lending/borrowing continues

**Manning Chapel** – Services ended with last day of classes. The last Sunday evening chapel service took place this past Sunday. Four of the five chapel assistants will leave this year and will be missed. Tim experienced great energizing learning curve in his past year and he looks forward now to a time of reflection and planning.

Closed with prayer led by Marian

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites  
Diana Shelley

Secretaries

**NEXT MEETING**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF WAICC**  
**St. Francis Roman Catholic Church**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008**  
**7:30 pm**