

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday 10 September 2008**

**7:30 pm**

**Manning Memorial Chapel**

1... Meeting called to order by President, Gary Dunfield. Agenda circulated and accepted

Present: Neil Cloghesy, Maurice Tugwell, Liz Vermeulen, Penni Burrell, Nancy Burbidge, Gene Trites, Allison Trites, Helen Whidden, Keith Churchill, Maggie Kenny, Maurice Tugwell, Gary Dunfield, Diana Shelley, (10)

Absent with regrets: David Garrett, Marion Bulley, Ann Watson, Tim McFarland, Glen Donnellan, Robin Brown-Hewitt

Prior to start of the meeting Tim McFarland asked for a few minutes to tell the committee about a student going into her second year at Acadia. The student is originally from Somalia but her family members are now refugees living in a refugee camp in Kenya having had to flee Somalia. Tim stated that the student, Farhiyo, is an engaging, go-getting young woman who is deeply concerned about the five members of her family still in the camp. He asked members of the WAICC committee to bring this back to their respective churches to see if there might any interest in helping with this situation.

2. DEVOTIONS

Pat Moore spoke about “Crumbs from the Table” - a project operating in the town of Antigonish wherein collection boxes are placed in selected restaurants and people are encouraged to donate a small portion of the cost of their meal. Under the slogan “Sharing Gives Hope” the money is collected and distributed to different agencies in the business of feeding the hungry. Currently the charities being supported are PWRDF, Stephen Lewis Foundation, Food Provision and Canadian Hunger Foundation... Pat wonders about starting such a project in Wolfville. She herself would be happy to act as the “collector”. She asked WAICC members to phone her and give her their input.

3 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 13 June 2008 had been circulated. Moved AAT/PB Minutes be accepted as circulated. Motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:/COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) An invitation for a representative to attend a Wine and Cheese reception on the 18<sup>th</sup> September to honour the late Dr. Barbara Archibald Chase. It was felt that the invitation more correctly belongs to the Inter-Church Housing Society. Gary will pass it on to Anne Cameron who is the current chair of the group
- (b) A thank you letter from Erika for allowing the group from Addictions Services in Truro to participate at the Food Bank earlier in the summer.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Maurice Tugwell (Treasurer) circulated Financial Report.. The balance on hand on 8 September 2008 \$10,573.19. Maurice went through the budget highlighting and explaining some points Acceptance of report moved MT/NB and motion carried.

6 OLD BUSINESS

Habitat for Humanity – will be deferred for discussion at the October meeting

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Clergy Committee – no report

(b) Food Bank Committee

Nancy Burbidge circulated a written report (see copy of report attached with Minutes). She highlighted a few items in the report, noting that the number of clients continues to increase. Also, the long-awaited gift card will soon be available and can be used both for making donations and as a thank-you card. It was also noted that in the next edition of the telephone directory there will be an addition entry for *Food Bank, Wolfville* under the “F’s”

Gary raised one or two concerns he has about the Food Bank: Firstly, he feels that only perhaps 20% of most of the member church congregations are aware of what is actually going on within both WAICC and the Food Bank. He wonders if WAICC representatives should be giving direct presentations to their congregations. The possibility of having a Food Bank Sunday perhaps once a month was also suggested. His other concern was that clearly the Food Bank was going to exceed its budget by the end of the year. This is both because of the increasing number of clients and the increasing cost of food and other staples.

There ensued considerable discussion as to what action should be taken to address both these issues. As a result two motions were made: Firstly, it was moved by PB/HW that a press release be developed highlighting the problem that has been identified and clearly stating how people can help. Motion carried. Gary and Nancy will write this press release. Secondly, moved by KC/LV that in view of increased client base and rising costs and given the unanimous desire to maintain the current level and frequency of orders which are being dispensed to clients, the budget amount for the Food Bank be raised from \$25,000 to \$35,000. Motion carried.

(c) Programme Committee

Keith Churchill reported the committee had continued to meet throughout the summer planning a public programme on a theological issue. The chosen date had been 14<sup>th</sup> October but this had had to be changed after the election announcement. It is now hoped to hold it on 25<sup>th</sup> November in the Fountain Commons. The programme will be entitled “God – Delusion or Deity” with Bruce Matthews as moderator and panel consisting of Maxine Hancock (theologian), Lara Hazleton (psychiatrist) and a scientist still being sought.

(d) AEC report – in David Garrett’s absence, this was postponed until October

- (e) Back-to-School Campaign – Maggie circulated and highlighted her report. (Copy attached to Minutes). Money has been budgeted by WAICC for this project. It was therefore agreed that when the shortage is established, this will be made up by WAICC

## 8 OTHER BUSINESS

Maggie reported on a recent house on Wolfville ridge which has left one of the families To both St. V d P and the Food Bank homeless.. The family consisting of mother and three Boys is already struggling. Both agencies are involved in helping. Maggie will keep Gary posted and he will circulate the information

## 9 NEWS OF MEMBERS

- (a) St. John's Cornwallis – Bible study and Evensongs planned for the fall. Harvest supper on 18<sup>th</sup> October and ongoing plans for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010
- (b) Wolfville Baptist – “Spirituality and Children” a lecture given in conjunction with ADC being held tonight. Gentlemen's Chorus going well. Parlour rebuilding almost complete. Two members being ordained this fall. Pot Luck Supper next Tuesday with St. Francis
- (c) St. Andrew's – 14<sup>th</sup> September – Men Choir from Ottawa Valley will perform as a fund-raiser. Rummage Sale on 27<sup>th</sup> September and later that day Bean and Brown Bread supper at St. John's Parish Hall.
- (d) Greenwich Pastoral Charge – holding Farmer's Golf Tournament at Hennigar's on the 27<sup>th</sup> and combining at aforementioned Bean and Brown Bread Supper... Blessing of the Animals on the 28<sup>th</sup> September.
- (e) St. John's Horton – the Rev. Cathy-Lee Cunningham is leaving at end of September. She will be priest-in-charge at Christ Church Dartmouth for one year and then be joining the Alban Institute as a travelling consultant in Healing and Reconciliation in parishes across the country. There will be a farewell reception for her at the Parish Hall on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> September to which everyone is invited.
- (f) Port Williams Baptist – Their \$25,000 campaign launched in April is now within \$800 of reaching its goal. The church has been painted and re-shingled. Fund-raiser lunches (soup and chowder) will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of October and on 12<sup>th</sup> November. An Ice Cream Social was held to mark David Ogilvie's five years with the church. Sunday brunch launched the Fall season on 7<sup>th</sup> September
- (g) St. Francis – On 4<sup>th</sup> October there will be a celebration of 125 years. Parish Mission to be held in November. A mass was recently held in the cemetery. Combined pot luck supper with Baptists on 16<sup>th</sup> September
- (h) Friends – Now back meeting in Just Us Coffee Shop in Grand Pre. They hope this is a reasonably permanent arrangement

There being no further business, Allison Trites closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th October 2008 at 7:30 pm in Manning Chapel Library

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites and Diana Shelley  
Secretary