

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Wednesday 15 October 2008
7:30 pm
Manning Memorial Chapel**

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

Present: Neil Cloghesy, Liz Vermeulen, Ann Watson, Nancy Burbidge, Gene Trites, Allison Trites, Keith Churchill, Gary Dunfield, Diana Shelley, (9)

Absent with regrets: David Garrett, Tim McFarland, Glen Donnellan, Marion Bulley, Maurice Tugwell

2. DEVOTIONS

Gene Trites read from Matthew 25:34-40. She commented on the recent world-wide financial bailouts for banks and businesses: Only a very small portion of these vast sums could alleviate the condition of the 850 million people who go to bed hungry each night. Details of an upcoming workshop were distributed – “Hunger for Change: Responding to the Global Food Crisis”. All are welcome to attend the workshop which will take place at the Fountain Commons on Tuesday 21st October from 9 am until noon. Panel participants will include visitors from Africa and India as well as local people. For more information call Sheila Levy 585-2213. Gene also recommended two books on the topic: “Living for Less and Loving It” by Maxine Hancock and “Mustard Seed versus McWorld” by Tim Sine

- 3 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 10 September 2008 had been circulated. Secretary noted two errors viz: incorrect date for October meeting and the inclusion of Maurice Tugwell’s name twice among the “Present”. Moved KC/NC that Minutes be accepted as corrected. Motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:/COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. TREASURER’S REPORT

Copies of the Treasurer’s Report were distributed. Balance-on-Hand on 8 September 2008 \$9394.06 Gary noted that that changes made to the budget at last month’s meeting were reflected in the report.. Adoption of report moved NB/AW and motion carried. The Christmas financial campaign is imminent and Liz drew attention to the fact that the list and mode of distribution need to be revised. After some discussion as to how this might best be done, it was agreed that Liz, Diana and Marilyn with any co-opted help needed will meet to come up with a recommendation as to how the revision might best be done.

6 OLD BUSINESS

Habitat for Humanity - the question arises, does WAICC wish to be actively involved and if so how? Keith mentioned the other aspect of homelessness, the need for a homeless shelter in the area. The big question seems to be who might initiate either of these projects? After some further discussion, it was agreed that Gary would do the following: contact Mel Early (member of Faith Relations Committee) and see if there have been any further developments; contact Andy Northup re the local homelessness initiative; contact Forrest Bent who has had a fair amount of experience with Habitat for Humanity. The matter will be further discussed at November meeting.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Clergy Committee – no report

(b) Food Bank Committee

Nancy Burbidge reported that although use of FB has been increasing and there have been some shortages both locally and at FNS level, the news is very encouraging as far as overall interest and support are concerned. Acadia students will be running “Trick or Eat” again this Halloween. Wolfville Save Easy will have a Food Drive on 25 October from 8 am until 4pm. There was a good response to the recent press release. Maggie Kenny has recently produced Food Banks statistics which show that so far in 2008 140 families have visited the Food Bank but interestingly, only 12 have visited each month. Wolfville Market will be having its “un-scrooged” event on 13 December. FNS in conjunction with Farm Credit Canada has had a three-day food drive across the province. Excellent support received from KCA. Acceptance of report move NB/NC and carried

(c) Programme Committee

Keith Churchill reported that all is coming together well. The programme, entitled “God Deity or Delusion?” will take place in the Fountain Commons on Tuesday 25th November at 7 pm. Moderator will be Bruce Matthews and the panelists Dr. John Delong (scientist), Dr. Lara Hazleton (psychiatrist) and Dr. Maxine Hancock (theologian). The committee is about to embark upon the Publicity campaign.

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

8. NEWS OF MEMBERS

(a) Port Williams Baptist – First Sunday of each month designated as Food Bank Sunday. Starting on 20 October will be the series “Living the Question”. (See below for details*)

(b) St. Francis – 125th Anniversary was celebrated on 4th October with pot-luck supper in the Anglican parish hall. Mission led by Fr. Eugene O’Reilly will take place at 7:30 on December 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Wolfville Baptist Church

(c) St. John’s Horton – not much happening as they prepare to search for a new rector

- (d) Wolfville Baptist – ordinations of Carol Dimmock and Mike Shreve to take place in November. Emphasis will be placed on Food Banks first Sunday of each month
- (e) Greenwich United – Blessing of the Animals very successful. Farmers' Golf Tournament held recently proved a very successful fund-raiser
- (f) St. Andrew's United - Book Club with pot-luck and discussion. being held. Pastor and secretary back in the Wolfville church following completion of part of the repairs and renovations.
- (g) St. John's Cornwallis - Study series on hymns will be held first four Sunday afternoons in November. Harvest Supper to take place on 25th October

There being no further business, the meeting was closed and the Grace said.

Next Meeting will take place on Wednesday 12 November 2008 at 7:30 pm in Manning Chapel Library

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites and Diana Shelley
Secretaries

* Living the Questions is a seven-week series intended to help participants explore the future of Christianity and what a thoughtful and meaningful faith can look like in today's world. Video contributors include some of the most stimulating Christian 'thinkers' in our time: Nancy Ammerman, John Bell, Marcus Borg, Minerva Carcano, John B. Cobb, Jr., John Dominic Crossan, Lloyd Geering, Culver "Bill" Nelson, Siyoung Park, Stephen Patterson, Tex Sample, John Shelby Spong and Emilie Townes.

The series will be held at the Port Williams United Baptist Church on Monday evenings at 7 o'clock beginning On Monday, October 20.

The topics are: Oct. 20 -- *An Invitation to Faith*; Oct. 27 -- *Thinking Theologically*; Nov. 3 -- *Stories of Creation*; Nov. 10 -- *Lives of Jesus*; Nov. 17 -- *Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry*; Nov. 24 -- *A Passion for Christ: Paul the Apostle*; Dec. 1 -- *A Kingdom Without Walls*. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 542-3495.