

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Wednesday 12 November 2008
7:30 pm
Manning Memorial Chapel**

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

Present: Neil Cloghesy, Gene Trites, Allison Trites, Keith Churchill, Penni Burrell, Marian Bulley, Gary Dunfield, Helen Whidden, Maurice Tugwell, Tim McFarland, Diana Shelley, (11)

Absent with regrets: David Garrett, Nancy Burbidge, Liz Vermeulen, Barry Morrison, Ann Watson

2. DEVOTIONS

Allison Trites read James 1:19-25 and spoke on the topic of the art of listening. James exhorts his readers to be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger. If we wish to hear ourselves correctly, our wavelength must be honesty: If we wish to hear others our wavelength must be compassion: If we wish to hear God, our wavelength must be humility

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 15 October 2008 had been circulated. Moved AAT/KC that Minutes be accepted as circulated... Motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:/COMMUNICATIONS

Maurice had received letters from the three area schools (Wolfville, Port Williams and Gaspereau) requesting assistance with their breakfast programmes. He also received a letter of thanks for same from Susan Hergett on behalf of Port Williams School.

Gary reported that he had received word of a meeting to take place on 1st December in Kentville to discuss the need for housing for people with mental health issues. Gary will attend and invited any others who might be interested to attend too

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Maurice distributed copies of his report showing a balance-on-hand in operating account on 10 October 2008 of \$9227.18. He made special note of one or two items in his report. He also said that he is now sending out Christmas appeal letters at the rate of about 100/day... There was some question regarding school supplies and the involvement of the member churches. Maurice will contact Maggie Kenny to find out what she understands to be the expectations of WAICC in this respect... There was also a question regarding rent to be paid to Wolfville Baptist Church for use of its premises for the operation of the food bank. Diana will raise this at the next Food Bank Management Committee meeting. Maurice agreed to follow up concerning making envelopes available for Food Bank donation at the Acadia Advent Service. Adoption of Treasurer's Report moved by MT/NC. Motion carried.

6 OLD BUSINESS

Habitat for Humanity – as agreed at the October meeting, Gary has conferred as follows: with Andy Northup; with Mel Early who reported on a recent meeting he had attended in the Berwick area. It was a very positive meeting and there seemed to be enthusiasm for starting a Habitat for Humanity initiative in the Annapolis Valley. The plan is to hold another meeting in December (date TBA) and target a larger area. Gary indicated that he would like to attend and invited anyone else from the committee who is interested to attend also. He will email members as soon as he knows the date. Gary also contacted Forrest Bent who is interested in the idea and has some previous involvement in Habitat for Humanity.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Clergy Committee – no report
- (b) Food Bank Committee

Diana Shelley reported on the very positive response to the “Trick or Eat” project carried out by Acadia students on Halloween. The amount of food they had collected was overwhelming. Also very good response both in cash (\$382.80) and kind to the Food Bank drive held at Save Easy in Wolfville in October. Christmas Hamper day is 22nd December. Member churches will again be asked to be responsible for one component of the hamper, e.g. gravy, cranberry sauce. Letters are to be sent to each church and Maggie suggests that in order to improve communications, perhaps three different people be contacted in each case. Diana will follow up with Maggie on this.

- (c) Programme Committee

Keith Churchill reported that publicity is in full swing. Posters have been put up over a fairly wide area and information sent to churches in more or less the same area asking them to advertise in their bulletins. Chronicle Herald, the Advertiser, Acadia U and the CBC will be contacted. Gene suggested that each committee member might perhaps give a personal word in their respective churches.

8. NEWS OF MEMBERS

- (a) L’Arche Community - Ingrid Blaise attended an international L’Arche gathering in Calcutta celebrating Jean Vanier’s 80th birthday. 300 people attended from across the world including a number of handicapped people and the event included a pilgrimage to the site of Gandhi’s fasts. The sod has been turned for a new L’Arche home in the north end of Halifax. Local Craft Fair will be held at Applewicks on Saturday, November 29th from 10 am to 4 pm World wide crafts will be available all made by handicapped people.
- (b) Port Williams Baptist – their programme “Living the Question” went very well. It was both interesting and stimulating. On Saturday the 15th November there will be dinner to celebrate PWUBC’s 140th anniversary.

- (c) Friends – have a newly formed outreach committee. Bruce Dienes continues as clerk. Gwyneth Dwyon has become recording clerk in place of Penni Burrell. Penni herself recently attended meetings in Toronto concerning the universal declaration of aboriginal rights. She has copies of same if anyone has interested
- (d) St. John's Wolfville – Bruce Matthews has been officially appointed priest-in-charge until March 2009. Annual Cratchit's Coffee Party to be held on 22nd November 10 am until noon. Famous plum puddings, among other items will be for sale.
- (e) St. Andrew's United – Tea and Sale to take place in newly repaired and re-opened (following the flood) hall on Saturday next, 15th November
- (f) Manning Chapel - 45th Anniversary of the chapel celebrated in October. Remembrance Day Service held on the 11th and Advent Service to take place on 30th November – tree decorating and hot chocolate at 6:30 followed by service at 7:30. Harpsichord has been dedicated
- (g) St. Francis – fourth and final part of mission taking place tonight. The mission conducted by Fr. Eugene O'Reilly has gone well
- (h) Wolfville Baptist – New doors and wheel chair ramp have been installed. Mrs. Thelma Langley's 98th birthday recently celebrated
- (i) St. John's Cornwallis – Following a service of Evensong, a pre-Advent series on the history of hymnody is taking place on the Sundays in November leading up to the first Sunday in Advent on which day there will be a service of Lessons and Carols at 11 am. Coffee party took place this morning in the Parish Hall...

There being no further business, adjournment moved by Penni and the meeting was closed with prayer.

Next Meeting will take place on Wednesday 10 December 2008 at 7:30 pm in Manning Chapel Library

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites and Diana Shelley
Secretaries