

WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday 8 April 2009
6:00 pm
Manning Memorial Chapel

On Wednesday, 8th April 2009 preceding the meeting, members of the WAICC committee met together for a pot-luck pizza supper. Following this Penni Burrell introduced and presented a very interesting 30-minute video in which Jennifer Preston, on staff with Aboriginal Affairs Committee, Canadian Affairs Committee, Society of Friends outlined the progress and ultimately passing in 2007 of the “Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People”.

Gary thanked those who had prepared the supper and Penni for her presentation.

At 8 pm the meeting called to order by President, Gary Dunfield. Agenda circulated

Present: Gary Dunfield, Helen Whidden, Pat Moore, Maurice Tugwell, Nancy Burbidge, Liz Vermeulen, Penni Burrell, Gene Trites, Allison Trites, Keith Churchill, Diana Shelley, (11)
Absent with regrets: Glen Donnellan, David Garrett, Neil Cloghesy, Ann Watson

1. DEVOTIONS

Led by Nancy Burbidge – Indigenous spirituality cannot be separated from all aspects of life from the simplest to the most intricate. For example, the whole idea of building something together like a canoe results in bringing a community together to share in building fellowship. Nancy closed her devotional with a prayer

2 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 11 March 2009 had been circulated. Moved AAT/LV that Minutes be accepted as circulated. Motion carried.

3 CORRESPONDENCE:/COMMUNICATIONS

A letter of thanks received from David Reid of Horton High School in response to WAICC’s donation of \$1,000.00 to their Breakfast Programme

4. TREASURER’S REPORT

Maurice Tugwell circulated copies of the Annual Financial Statement which he noted was adjusted from the one of 6 March. Acceptance of Annual Financial Statement moved MT/PB. Motion carried

Copies of the current Monthly Statement (to 6 April 2009) were circulated and certain points elaborated upon by the Treasurer. Balance on Hand as of 8 April 2009 \$10,036.62. Acceptance of Monthly Financial Statement moved MT/LV. Motion carried

5 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Clergy Committee – No report. People reminded that the WAICC Good Friday service will take place at St. John’s Wolfville at 1:30 pm
- (b) Food Bank Committee – Liz Vermeulen reported recent donations to the Food Bank had included one from the Kinesiology Class/ 2009 of \$350 for donor cards and one from the Wolfville Nursing Home \$500 in lieu of the usual gifts given annually to volunteers. Food Drive at Save Easy in March had gone well. Food Bank now open during the noon hour on Thursdays to accommodate increase in number of clients. Liz noted that 41 clients had already been registered this week as of Wednesday afternoon. This increase in numbers seems to represent a trend. It has been calculated that the cost of purchasing certain food items for the Food Bank had gone up about 30% cf. same time last year. Future events from which proceeds are going to the Food Bank include a performance by the Honour Choir on the 14th April (costs to be covered by the rotary Club) and a song and dance event put on by Valley Scottish Country Dancers on 26th April. A volunteer appreciation event is planned for June possibly around World Hunger Day. Adoption of Report moved LV/MT and carried
- (a) Programme Committee – Keith reported that the WAICC spring programme, “Eat Less: Save More” will take place on Sunday 26th April at Wolfville Baptist Church. Unfortunately this is a time conflict with quite a number of other events in the area... There will be a free-will offering for the Wolfville Food Bank
- (b) Habitat for Humanity – Penni reported that several public presentations had been held in the area with good results and acceptable turn-out. Volunteers are sought. Building skills are not a prerequisite for volunteering. Penni suggested and all agreed that a report on H for H be a regular item on the agenda.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Community Bible Study. Penni reported that a meeting had been held on 1st April and that the suggested “statement of faith” may have caused some difficulties. Discussions continue

7. NEWS OF MEMBERS.

- (a) St. John’s Horton – will host Good Friday WAICC service. Two baptisms have recently taken place. May 17th is to be the first Sunday for the new rector, the Rev. Sandra Fyffe.
- (b) St. Andrew’s and Greenwich - a new administrative assistant – Donna Holmes has been appointed
- (c) Wolfville Baptist – *Chair-ity Dinner* to be held on the 17th March which in addition to the Roast Beef Dinner, will include an auction and a silent auction. The items to be auctioned will include a number of artistically refurbished chairs

- (d) Friends – Atlantic Friends Gathering to be held in Merigomish on the May long weekend at which there will be a stress on youth
- (e) St. John’s Cornwallis – has completed a well-attended series of Lenten Evensongs. They will host a special concert on 24th May at which the Lieutenant Governor. will be in attendance

All member churches noted ongoing and upcoming Lent, Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter events

There being no further business, adjournment moved by Keith at 9:45 pm.

Meeting closed with benediction.

Next meeting will be the annual meeting on 13th May (see below). Keith Churchill will do Devotions.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites
Diana Shelley
Secretaries to WAICC

**NEXT MEETING
ANNUAL MEETING**

St. John’s Cornwallis (Port Williams)

**WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY
7:30 pm**