

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Wednesday 9 September 2009
7:30 pm
Manning Memorial Chapel Library**

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

Present: Gary Dunfield, Maurice Tugwell, Liz Vermeulen, Nancy Burbidge, Gene Trites, Allison Trites, Bruce Dienes, Virginia Cookson, Helen Whidden, Pat Moore, David Garrett, Diana Shelley

Absent with regrets: Keith Churchill, Penni Burrell, Sandra Fyfe, Tim McFarland

2. DEVOTIONS

Led by Maurice Tugwell Maurice selected two passages used at the United Church Conference-- Job 14:7-9 and a reading from No Great Mischief by Alistair MacLeod. He describes a woodland grove where the strong upright trees support the broken leaning ones. We were asked to consider the ways in these passages where we might find hope for ourselves, for our churches, and for WAICC. We are all finding that changes are inevitable but they bring with them the possibility of renewal if we discover the scent of life-giving water that is the source of hope. Maurice closed with a prayer of gratitude for all the accomplishments of the past and present and invoked the Holy Spirit's guidance for the future.

3 MINUTES

Moved DS/NB that Minutes of WAICC meeting of 10 June 2009 be accepted as circulated.
Motion carried.

4. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Maurice Tugwell (Treasurer) circulated copies of Financial Report. Balance on Hand as of 9th September 2009 \$7561.91 Maurice highlighted a few points in his report and made some comparisons with this year's figures compared with a year ago. Adoption of Financial Report moved MT/LV and carried

There followed some discussion re signing officers. Since Neil Cloghesy no longer serves on WAICC committee, a replacement needs to be appointed. It was further suggested that since Royal Bank has been extremely supportive of Wolfville Food Bank, the account might be moved from BMO to RBC. Agreed to discuss both of these issues at the October meeting.

6. BUSINESS ARISING

Affirmed intention to invite clergy to October meeting to discuss Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and possibly other worship events.

6 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Clergy Committee – No report.
- (b) Food Bank – Liz reported that FB seems to be operating well. This week for the first time there are already 50 clients pre-registered. A reception for volunteers was held in June and was well attended. RBC held a very successful Food Bank Drive in June and added a generous donation to the gifts of food items. Radio station K-Rock had donated 48 boxes of food items in late August and Liz commented on how pleasant and helpful members of their team had been. Three local growers have been donating generous amounts of fresh produce each Food Bank day and Alan Stewart from Wolfville Market had also made unsold produce items available... The spirit of community involvement is heart-warming. Acknowledgement cards are now available and annual dues to Feed Nova Scotia have been paid. Liz noted that it had come to her attention that the Municipality of Kings had made generous donations to Fundy Food Bank and to the Breakfast Programmes of three county schools. She suggests that early in 2010 WAICC apply for a future grant citing both the Food Bank and Breakfast Programmes in local schools as being worthy recipients.
- (c) Programme Committee – Keith had supplied a brief update on the work of this committee. Copy attached with minutes. Theme for fall programme will centre around the topic *Worship and Church Music* and will take place on 25th November, hopefully at St. Francis RC church. More details to follow in October.
- (d) Habitat for Humanity – No report
- (e) AEC – No report
- (f) School Supplies Distribution – Still in progress. Report to be available next month.

. 9. NEWS OF MEMBERS

St. John's Cornwallis – summer concerts and the celebration of the 70th anniversary of Canon Davies went well in June and July. Now into “high gear” with plans for the 250th anniversary of the parish to be observed in 2010

Wolfville Baptist – Charlotte Taylor had died earlier in the day and her funeral will be on Saturday. Regular programmes are resuming. Church now has a new secretary – Penny Fawcett who is currently working five mornings per week.

St. Andrews and Greenwich Pastoral Charge – Greenwich is holding its annual Farmer's Golf Tournament and St. Andrew's its Rummage sale on 26 September. There are to be serious discussions on the future of the two churches and whether it is possible to keep the two buildings running. There will be a joint service on the last Sunday in October as discussions continue.

Friends – Five members attended the National gathering in Kemptville Ontario this summer. The topic was "Celebrating the Relationship with the Earth" Locally, meetings are held from time to time in a house in Melvin Square which has been built with special "attention to simplicity". Tea follows the meeting.

St. John's Wolfville – Programmes starting up again. New rector now fully involved in the parish. Blue Grass/Gospel Hymn Sing to take place on Sunday 12th September: Welcome Back breakfast on the same day: A supper at the Rectory for AU students will take place on 22nd September. Dinner and Silent Auction as a fund-raiser to be held on 23rd October.

Chapel – Tim McFarland is on study leave for the year. Virginia will be "holding the fort". Sunday night chapel services resumed on the 6th September with a good attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

Liz mentioned that she, Maggie and Marilyn had met several times over recent weeks to discuss the mechanism for administering special assistance which they, as a group, believed was not running as smoothly as it might at this point. She suggested that they would bring a report containing recommendations to a meeting of WAICC in the near future. There was some discussion and Gary felt that he should be part of the group's discussion prior to the presentation of recommendations to WAICC.

There being no further business, adjournment moved MT

Closed with the Benediction given by Allison Trites

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites
Diana Shelley

Secretaries

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, 14 October 2009
7:30 pm
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