

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Wednesday 18 November
7:30 pm
Manning Memorial Chapel Library**

1. Meeting called to order by President, Gary Dunfield Agenda circulated and it was agreed that it be adjusted to accommodate the guests at the beginning of the proceedings. accepted

Present: Gary Dunfield, Liz Vermeulen, Gene Trites, Keith Churchill, Hughie Bagnell, Maurice Tugwell, Helen Whidden, Sandra Fyfe, Penni Burrell, Diana Shelley and guests, Kathy Manko and Shelley Archibald and Lesley Malley (or was it O'Mally??) from Wolfville Branch of RBC.

Absent with regrets: Barry Morrison, David Garrett, Nancy Burbidge, Allison Trites, Virginia Cookman

Kathy Manko gave an introduction to the G of C Canada Learning Bond. This is a scheme available to families whose income is \$37,000 or less with children born after 31st December 2003. Over time, the Canada Learning Bond could add up to \$2000.00 (plus interest) in grant money for a child's education after high school.. A "community intermediary" is required and the two representatives from RBC made it known that they would be available to assist anyone interested in applying for the bond. Kathie is anxious to get the message and the information out to the community and to this end she suggested that Food Bank volunteers and WAICC members should be aware of the programme for any potentially eligible clients. She had also made the information available to the school and to such places as physicians' offices.

2. DEVOTIONS

Diana Shelley read a column by Alan Gibson who previously wrote a column for the Religion Page of the Halifax Chronicle Herald. Dr. Gibson muses on "Search for Happiness" particularly in the light of a quotation taken from H. G. Wells' "The Outline of History". Wells states that to take (Jesus) seriously was to "assay an incredible happiness".

3 MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of 14 October 2009 had been circulated. The following corrections were noted: under the heading "present", spellings corrected to *Cookman* and *Robyn* and in item 6(b), amount paid to Baptist Church by WAICC on behalf of Food Bank should be \$150 and not \$250.

Moved KC/LV that Minutes be accepted as corrected. Motion carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

Maurice had received donations from several local professionals. He had also received a letter from a regular giver who lives in Edmonton and who has been supporting WAICC for a number of years.

A letter from Farm Credit informing of a food donation to be given to the Food Bank

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

- (a) Maurice Tugwell (Treasurer) first thanked Keith Churchill for filling in for him during his recent absence from the country. He presented his report and noted a balance-on-hand on 18 November 2009 of \$7,726.22. Acceptance of the report moved MT/HW and motion carried.
- (b) Maurice noted that there were significantly bigger amounts given out so far this year under "special relief", particularly in relation to paying power bills. He further noted that amounts given for special assistance in excess of \$500 needed approval by the WAICC committee. Recently a family experiencing an emergency need of \$750 for a power bill had been helped. In this case, Maurice had consulted with Maggie Kenny, Keith Churchill and Gary Dunfield. A motion for approval of this decision to assist the family was made by HB/PB and carried.
- (c) Liz drew attention to an article in the local paper describing a recent initiative by the Rotary Club with the support of local businesses in which reportedly enough money had been raised to "fully fund the breakfast and lunch programmes for the entire year" The schools listed included LE Shaw, Gaspereau and Port Williams Elementary all of which are supported by WAICC in this endeavour. There followed considerable discussion as to whether, in the light of this information, WAICC should give its usual financial support for these programmes. It was agreed that Gary would contact the schools and ask for a report on their needs re breakfast and lunch programmes at this time.
- (d) The question of moving WAICC bank account from BMO to RBC which was deferred from the October meeting was raised. After some discussion it was agreed to leave the account where it is at this point
- (e) Signing officers at bank – It was moved PB/HW that names of those no longer members of the WAICC committee be removed and that in order to make it easier for the Treasure, three names be added – viz: Keith Churchill, Gene Trites and Diana Shelley. Motion carried

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Clergy – No report. Next meeting Thursday 19 November
- (b) Food Bank - Liz reported usage up 50-60% cf. this time last year and cost of food higher
A used lap-top computer is sought by the FB for record-keeping in conjunction with appointment booking for clients
- (c) Habitat for Humanity – report filed with the Minutes
- (d) Programme Committee – Keith reported that things are in hand for the Fall Programme on the 25th November. He noted that additional members are needed for the Programme Committee. The RC and UC are under-represented on the committee at present.

7.. BUSINESS ARISING

- (a) Week of Prayer – Clergy Committee hope to confirm plans for Week of Prayer at their meeting on the 19th November.
- (b) Deep Roots – Robyn has reported that a letter requesting a partnership with the Festival has been sent. No word back so far.

9. NEWS OF MEMBERS

Friends Peter MacInnes is now clerk in training. Bruce Dienes stays on as monitoring clerk
Wolville Pastoral Charge (United) Tea and Sale on 21st November and a Cantata on 20th December
St. John's Horton – Cratchit's Coffee Party on 28th November
St. Francis - Lay Leadership ongoing. Teams are being actively trained by deacons and will be able to function in certain aspects of leadership in worship in the absence of a priest. The programme has the blessing of the bishops and the Pope.
Port Williams Baptist Church – Learning Circle went well and was concluded on 17th November. AGM and budget meeting to take place on 19th November. There is a proposal to appoint a part-time youth pastor.

Request for following items to be added to the agenda of the next meeting: WAICC brochure and the WAICC website

Next Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, 9th December 2009 at 7:30 pm.**

There being no further business, adjournment followed and Diana closed the meeting with the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites
Diana Shelley
Secretaries