

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday 10 February 2010  
Manning Memorial Library**

1. Meeting called to order by President, Gary Dunfield. Agenda circulated and approved on a motion by HB/HW

Present:

Gary Dunfield, Helen Whidden, Nancy Burbidge, Pat Moore, Liz Vermeulen, Gene Trites, Keith Churchill, Hughie Bagnell, Bruce Patstone, Ann Watson, Diana Shelley

Absent with regrets: Allison Trites, Penni Burrell, Maurice Tugwell, Barry Morrison, Glen Donnellan, David Ogilvie

- 2 DEVOTIONS

Led by Gary Dunfield who read from one of Canadian poet John Terpstra's more recent books of poetry "Skin Boat – Acts of Faith and Other Navigations". Gary question to himself is "Why do I persist in being part of a Christian congregation?" He found Terpstra's thinking helpful concerning the value of fellowship with fellow travellers and the value of following the liturgical year. The repetition of observances can lead to a deeper understanding and commitment

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 15 January 2010 had been circulated. Adoption of Minutes as circulated moved DS/NB and motion carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE:/COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) A letter from Deep Roots Robin Brown-Hewitt had written to them on behalf of WAICC to see if they might be interested in holding a Gospel Service on the Sunday morning of the week of the Deep Roots Festival in Wolfville. Their letter indicates that they were not sure but would give some thought to holding a "sing-song". Robin will follow up with them.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

No report as Keith Churchill has only just taken over as acting treasurer. Deposits have been made and bills have been paid. The new signing officers are now in place

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Clergy – No report
- (b) Food Bank – Liz Vermeulen reported that the number of clients now averages over 50 per Food Bank week. Things are going well from the organizational point of view. She reminded the committee that the idea of approaching the Municipality of Kings re financial assistance for breakfast programmes and the food banks in the eastern part of the county as was suggested at the September meeting. Gary will investigate further by approaching the Municipality.
- (c) Programme Committee – Keith reported that the idea being floated for a Spring Programme was to bring together the clergy and lay people of all the constituent churches of WAICC and discuss the general question in relation to WAICC, namely “Where are we going and what is our future?” It seems that there is less of a feeling of co-operation between clergy and lay people and also some lack of general interest among the congregations of the member churches. It was suggested that such a discussion session should include representation from the town of Wolfville. The members present were in favour of pursuing this idea and the possible dates were 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of April.
- (d) Gary reported that there was recently a meeting of representatives of the four main churches of Wolfville (Anglican, Baptist, Roman Catholic and United) regarding shared difficulties, particularly in respect to the aging buildings which are very expensive to maintain. Could there, for example, be some sharing of these facilities? There was no resolution at the time of the meeting and the group plans to meet again on 25<sup>th</sup> February

## 8 NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Liz asked if there had been any development on the updating of the web page and the WAICC brochure. Gary said that this was pending.
- (b) Diana raised the subject of access to emergency relief. She noted that as a result of a recent experience in obtaining such relief for a client, she had become aware that she did not know the current procedure. She wondered if the system of consent of two committee members and the treasurer being the requirement for issuing relief could be re-instated. It was agreed that this procedure could be followed

## 9 NEWS OF MEMBERS

- (a) Port Williams Baptist – a team of six from the congregation is currently in Cuba on a mission of solidarity with a Baptist church there
- (b) St. John`s Wolfville – a new organist started last Sunday. Bishop Moxley was in the parish that day and preached at the 10 am service. The service was followed by a luncheon at the Parish Hall where the bishop had an opportunity to meet parishioners. The ACW is hosting a Valentine`s Tea at Wickwire Place on Monday and there will be a pancake supper on Tuesday.

- (c) St. Francis – Lay Leadership is now in effect and Maggie Kenny is a *lay leader*. Religious vocations and marriages are being celebrated in the month of February. Father Larry Pitcher returns in March. St. Francis will host Stations of the Cross every Friday night during Lent beginning at 7 pm. Everyone welcome
- (d) Lambs Way – are looking for new accommodation
- (e) Wolfville Pastoral Charge (United) - Bruce Matthews preached in both churches (St. Andrew's and Greenwich) last Sunday. On 11th March there will be a concert in Greenwich. On Ash Wednesday a session of guided Meditation and Walk in the Labyrinth will take place at St. Andrew's.
- (f) St. John's Cornwallis – a series of Lenten Evensongs is planned again this year. There will be a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday. On subsequent Tuesdays in Lent, Canon Elliott will conduct a session on prayer and meditation. Plans for celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary continue
- (g) Wolfville Baptist Church – Taize Prayer service following a simple soup supper will take place on Wednesdays during Lent. This will be followed by a Bible Study. A day-long retreat will take place for the members of the WBC in Centreville Baptist Church on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February

There being no further business, Hughie moved adjournment and Gary closed the meeting with a Blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites  
Diana Shelley

Secretaries

**NEXT MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2010**  
**7:30 PM**  
**MNNING MEMORIAL LIBRARY**