

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday 14 April 2010  
Manning Memorial Library**

1. Meeting called to order by President, Gary Dunfield. Gary asked for approval to make adjustments to the order of the agenda to accommodate one or two people who needed to leave early. Agreed by all.

Present:

Gary Dunfield, Helen Whidden, Nancy Burbidge, Gene Trites, Allison Trites, Judith Gates, Keith Churchill, Maggie Kenny, Ingrid Blaise, Virginia Cookson, Pat Moore, Sandra Fyfe, Barry Morrison, Robin Brown-Hewitt, Penni Burrell, Maurice Tugwell, Diana Shelley (17)

Absent with regrets: Glen Donnellan, David Garrett, Ann Watson, Margaret Burton

2. DEVOTIONS

Devotions were led by Helen Whidden. Helen used the book "Amazing Grace-- a vocabulary of Faith". This collection of essays describes the spiritual journey of author Kathleen Norris, ending in a restoration of faith. For Norris the traditional language of Christianity proved too abstract and codified and became a stumbling block to spiritual growth. Helen selected the example of prayer to show how Norris's illustrations achieve a balance between personal growth and growing a heart of compassion for a hurting world.

3. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 10 March 2010 had been circulated. Adoption of Minutes as circulated moved AAT/PB and motion carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE:/COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) Maurice had received communication from Canada Revenue Agency.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Maurice circulated a financial statement for the month of March 2010 showing bank balance in operating account on 31 March 2010 of \$13,209.98. Copy of Financial Report filed with minutes. Acceptance of Financial Report moved MT/HW and motion carried. Discussion of budget deferred to later in the meeting

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Clergy – the clergy present reported that the Good Friday Walk with the Cross had taken place on Good Friday and that St. Francis had been full for the ecumenical service following. Deep sadness expressed on the death the Rev'd John Gahan, former priest at St. Francis Church in Wolfville

- (a) Food Bank – Diana reported no special difficulties. Number of clients continues to move upwards with expenses rising proportionately. Marybeth Miles and Liz Vermeulen have resigned from the committee and three new members have been added. WAFB participated in a “Volunteers Expo” at Kingstec on 12 April. Volunteer appreciation coffee get-together planned for 14 May in WBC. The budget for 2010-2011 is to be reviewed with the Treasurer. There was some discussion as to what might happen if the number of users of the Food Bank continues to climb as exponentially as it has since the Food Bank’s inception and possibly out-grows the ability of WAICC to fund it. Generally agreed that this is a bridge that will have to be crossed if and when we come to it.
- (b) Programme Committee – Keith reported publicity well in hand for “WAICC Awake” to be held on 12 May. It will take the form of short (5 minute) introductions from the four speakers, following which, six small groups will study a set of questions. Maggie suggested that it would be helpful if those questions could be made available to member churches ahead of the event. Publicity is commencing and Keith again stressed the importance of good attendance of both clergy and lay people. He also made early mention and sought the approval of the committee for an idea being explored to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of WAICC (date TBA) It has been suggested that this might take the form of Dinner-Theatre. Roger Prentice has a play which might be adapted to suit the occasion. Members gave approval in principle of the idea. More information to follow.
- (c) Habitat for Humanity – Penni attended a recent fund-raiser for Habitat in Greenwood. The local group is planning to build four units starting with the first two this year. They are seeking opportunities to speak to local congregations, etc. She reported that there was some ambivalence being expressed about the Habitat concept which she felt WAICC should be aware of. For example, salaries paid to top administrators, the fact that volunteer labour might take employment from local people and the use of large company logos in connection with Habitat in exchange for donations of supplies. There was a fair amount of discussion re these issues. Gary will be in touch with local organizers and report at the next WAICC meeting.
- (d) Building consultations – Next meeting will be on 22 April. New Life Ministries, Quakers and possibly others might join in the discussion

At this point in the meeting, Judith Gates had arrived and was welcomed to the WAICC committee meeting

## 8 NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Continuation of discussion about Emergency Relief. - Several people present noted that the current system is not working as well as it might. A number of questions were raised. For example, how do member churches handle their own requests for emergency help – do they have funds for this purpose? If help is being distributed at this level, why is there a need for WAICC to do it as well? There is no short answer to the latter question. It was agreed to wait until after the Annual Meeting/Programme in May and raise the issue again for further discussion at a regular WAICC meeting.. Meanwhile, the procedure agreed to at the February meeting, i.e., obtaining the consent of two WAICC members and the Treasurer will continue

- (b) Budget discussion deferred from earlier in the meeting. Treasurer had circulated copies of the proposed budget. Please see copy filed with the Minutes. There was considerable discussion and one or two adjustments were suggested. Acceptance of the Budget 2010-2011 as adjusted moved AAT/MK and motion carried. Maurice will prepare a revised budget and this too will be circulated with the Minutes.

In deference to the lateness of the hour, it was agreed to omit News of Members.

There being no further business, Keith moved adjournment and the meeting was closed with the Blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites  
Diana Shelley

Secretaries

**NEXT MEETING**  
**ANNUAL MEETING AND SPRING PROGRAMME**  
**WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY 2010 at 7:30 pm**  
**St. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING of WAICC**  
**WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE, 2010 AT 7:30 pm**  
**Manning Chapel Basement**