

WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday 8 September, 2010
Manning Chapel – Library

1. Meeting called to order by Keith Churchill
2. Present: Keith Churchill, Sandra Fyfe, Maggie Kenny, Margaret Burton, Virginia Cookman, Helen Whidden, Nancy Burbidge, Gene Trites, Allison Trites, Penni Burrell, Pat Moore, Bruce Patstone, Maurice Tugwell, Diana Shelley (14)

Absent with Regrets: David Garrett, Robin Brown-Hewitt, Gary Dunfield

3 DEVOTIONAL

Allison Trites gave the meditation. He spoke on the difference between a mere profession of faith and a functional Christianity. He began with a reading from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7:21-23). Then he shared some comments by an Indian Hindu philosopher, Principal Rudra, who was asked, What do you think we as Christians should do to make Christianity more relevant to India? The answer was, "First that all you Christians...must begin to live more like Jesus Christ. Second, that you practice your religion without adulterating it... Third, that you emphasize love and make it your working force...Fourth, that you study the non-Christian religions more sympathetically to find the good in them." He closed with a prayer that we might put these principles into practice in our setting here in Wolfville.

4. MINUTES

Minutes of Meeting of 9 June 2010 had been distributed – Correction – Virginia Cookman not Cookson. Approval of Minutes as corrected moved AAT/MK. Motion carried

5 CORRESPONDENCE

5/1 A letter from Bethany Jost of AU Archives informing WAICC that historical Wolfville Inter-Church Council documents have been donated to the Acadia Library by John Whidden from the papers of the late Gerald Porter.

5/2 Feed Nova Scotia – follow-up information re FNS National Food Drive

5/3 From Mayor Roberts Stead re proposal to extend Lounge Hours in the town. After some discussion, it was moved that the information be forwarded to churches in town for their input – noting that the deadline for responses was 1st October.

5/4 K-Rock re food drive – this has been handled by the Food Bank

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of Financial Statement to 8 September 2010 circulated. Balance on Hand as of 8th September 2010 - \$10,513.65 (capital a/c \$27,207.09) There followed some discussion and Maurice elaborated on one or two items. Acceptance of Financial Statement moved MT/PB. Motion carried

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7/1 Emergency Relief – after considerable discussion, it was agreed that the best way to handle this issue was for two people to confer and write a protocol. Ideally, these same two people would act as co-coordinators after the protocol has been approved by WAICC. Maggie and Penni agreed to meet and produce a protocol.

7/2 40th Anniversary observance/celebration – Programme Committee needs a chair but so far no one who has been approached has been able to serve in this capacity. It was agreed that the “Executive” (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) of WAICC will meet to decide how to proceed. A date for the celebratory event had previously been set as 5th November – this does not leave a lot of time for planning and it was suggested that perhaps the event should postponed until the winter/spring of 2011

7/3 Organizational Issues:

7/3/1 Chair Programme Committee – see 7/2

7/3/2 Worship and Study Committee – Agreed to employ same procedure as for 7/2

7/3/3 Communications – with churches and with the media – a very important part of WAICC and again the Executive will be asked to discuss and make a recommendation re such an appointment

7/4 Following up on discussion at the June 2010 meeting, Keith said that he felt it was very important that each member church be adequately represented on WAICC (max 4 and min 2 representatives in addition to clergy). At this point most churches are under-represented. To this end, Keith circulated a sheet asking for names of delegates. He urged those who were short to endeavour to recruit additional representatives from their congregations.

7/3 Habitat for Humanity – no report

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8/1 Clergy – No report

8/2 Food Bank Management – Diana reported that despite a busy summer, things were under control. Client numbers continuing to increase and concern is being felt about WAICC's ability to continue to be the sole financial supporter. Attempts to be made to involve other agencies in the community. Much gratitude must go to the dedicated volunteers and to the WBC for their generous provision of the excellent premises in which the food bank operates. . A recent visit to Berwick Food Bank where rent, insurance and electricity must be paid resulting in the need for much fund-raising made WAFB even more aware of the debt owed to the Baptist church in this respect.

A recent positive move in a new direction is that Kathie Manko has joined the FBMC and has particular interest and expertise in accessing programmes such as Canada Learning Bonds, subsidized dental programme etc., from which many FB clients might be able to benefit. She is present on FB days and sees clients on an individual basis where appropriate.

8/3 Programme Committee – see above

8/4 Habitat for Humanity – no report

9 NEW BUSINESS

Friends of Jane – Diana circulated an outline of Jane's story (copy attached with Minutes). She outlined the situation regarding Jane and reported that Jane is now back at Acadia University and has just completed her first day of classes. Many things came together just in time to enable this to happen. Friends of Jane are most grateful to WAICC for agreeing to be the sponsoring body and to Maurice in particular for adding extra tasks to his load. WAICC will be kept updated as things progress.

10. NEWS OF MEMBERS

Lamb's Way – Pastor Bruce Patstone welcomed to the meeting. He noted that they were looking for new premises as they were growing out of their present location

Wolfville Baptist – Taize has started again – the second Wednesday of the month – a simple supper at 5:15 followed by prayer at 6 pm. Covenanting Service with ADC to be held on Sunday 12th September.

St. John's Cornwallis – A special service and picnic to commemorate the arrival of the Planters 250 years ago will take place at the Cairn, Willowbank Farm on 3rd October at 4.00 p.m. Each church was given a hymn/song and asked to learn it and be prepared to lead it at the service. Other activities continuing for the 250th anniversary celebrations

St. Francis of Assisi – to mark the feast of St. Francis of Assisi (4th October) there will be a service of Blessing of the Animals in the parking lot at the church on Sunday 3rd October. It was noted that Fr. Stokes (known to many) had recently died. His funeral will be on 13th October in St. Joseph's, Kentville.

Manning chapel – Virginia distributed programme of upcoming events at the chapel

St. Andrews and Greenwich Pastoral Charge United Church – is about to be named Horton Pastoral Charge and the churches are working more and more as one. Rummage Sale on 25th September. Deep Roots concert on the 26th. Breakaway Supper on 28th September to raise funds for Pakistani relief

St. John's Horton – will have the chaplain from Waterville to preach on 3rd October. This is part of an attempt to lessen the many demands on time and money most of which tend to occur around the Christmas period. Money being collected for Pakistani relief. Welcome back to AU students supper planned and “Back to Church Sunday” on 26th September when everyone is encouraged to bring someone along to church who does not usually attend. Application for theology student/assistant is “in the works”. Fund-raising Dinner and Auction to be held in the Parish Hall on 22nd October.

Friends – now meeting at Just Us. Penni reported that about 14 people attended the *Prayer Circle regarding the Declaration of Rights of Indigenous People* in the Waterfront Park in June.

Virginia moved adjournment of the meeting at 9:12 pm

Allison closed the meeting with a blessing

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites
Diana Shelley

Secretaries

NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 13 2010
At 7:00 pm ** *note new time*
MANNING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

(Devotion Virginia Cookman)