

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday 13 October, 2010**

**Manning Chapel – Library**

1. Meeting called to order by Keith Churchill

2 Present: Keith Churchill, Maggie Kenny, Virginia Cookman, Helen Whidden, Penni Burrell, Pat Moore, Gary Dunfield, Maurice Tugwell, David Garrett, Diana Shelley and Bishop Ronald Cutler (guest accompanying David Garrett),  
Absent with Regrets: Nancy Burbidge, Sandra Fyfe, Hughie Bagnell, Margaret Burton, Allison Trites, Gene Trites, Robin Brown-Hewitt

3 DEVOTIONAL

Virginia Cookman read from a book entitled "In His Steps" by Charles Sheldon.

4. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the meeting of 8 September 2010 as circulated moved MK/HW.  
Motion carried

5 CORRESPONDENCE

5/1 A letter from Gaspereau School requesting financial assistance with meal programmes

5/2 A letter from Carol Bradley on behalf of the Quakers expressing thanks to the "Wolfville Baptist Folks" for their assistance in attempting to find the Quakers a Meeting space

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of current Financial Statement circulated. Balance-on-Hand in operating account 12 October 2010 - \$\$7,842.15 (capital a/c \$27,250.00). In order to make the overall financial picture clearer, Maurice made note of the amount of income which had come in on behalf of the "Friends of Jane". Acceptance of the Financial Report moved MT/MK and motion carried.

Maurice noted that the time to send out the annual appeal letter was drawing close. He has approached Nancy Burbidge and Kathie Manko to take a look at the existing letter and to make some suggestions re updating and refreshing it. He also noted that the list of people to whom the letter will be sent has been expanded

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7/1 Lounge Hours in Wolfville – as suggested at the September meeting, Keith approached each of the member churches and asked them to note the proposed extended lounge hours in the Town of Wolfville and to contact the Mayor if they had anything they wished to express concerning the proposal.

7/2 Emergency Assistance – As discussed at the September meeting, Maggie and Penni met to review the current situation re emergency assistance and to produce a report and some recommendations. They saw the issue in two parts: Firstly the larger picture: Ascertaining what emergency relief is currently available in the Town of Wolfville and how it is accessed. This they suggested might include long term vision, and development of a plan to include areas identified by WAICC as well as other aspects such as literacy programmes, social programmes, community service workers, etc.. To this end, if a volunteer cannot be found, perhaps it might be worth considering applying for a grant (such as the Health Projects Grant funded by the EKM Health Foundation) and hiring someone to look at the issue. The second part of their report looked at the more immediate situation. How can WAICC best administer its existing emergency relief when the call for assistance comes? Who should be the first responder, who should make the decisions and how should clients be identified who need much more help than a short-term band aid solution?  
(Copy of the full report is filed with the minutes)

It was felt that the second part of the report was the more pressing. Considerable discussion ensued. It was noted that the clergy were often the first ones approached by those in need and often were not the ones who best knew the circumstances of the individual cases with which they were confronted. Since each church/member organization is administered differently, a system which might work for one, will not necessarily be the best for another. It was agreed that Maggie and Penni would draw up a list of fairly basic questions regarding preferences in administering emergency assistance. This will be emailed to WAICC representative who will be asked to confer with their individual clergy and report back to the November WAICC meeting

7/4 Organizational Issues: A meeting of the “sub-council” of WAICC (consisting on this occasion of Keith, Penni, Maurice and Diana) met on 22nd September to discuss the next three items:

7/4/1 and 2 Chair for Programme Committee and striking of a Worship and Study Committee – Keith is to contact several more people to see if they would be willing to Chair or serve on either of these committee. It was agreed that the special celebration of WAICC`s 40 years would be postponed until spring of 2011

7/4/3 Communications – Bruce Dienes who is currently WAICC Web Master would be more than willing to undertake the technical side of this but there is still the need for a person to work on the “human resources” part of the job

7/5 – Defining and hopefully increasing member congregation representative to WAICC – continues to be a “work in progress”.

7.6 – Friends of Jane – Diana reported that Jane is now enrolled with a full course load at AU and seems to be very much enjoying being back at her studies. She is able to work some hours each week at both *Just Us* and *Jane’s Again*. Donations both from within the community and places far beyond have been extremely generous. Student visa has still not been obtained and Lee Cohen’s help will be sought if this does not come through very soon. A letter of thanks to donors with an update of Jane’s story has been prepared and will be mailed out with receipts...

8. Community Assistance Co-ordination – dealt with under 7/2

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9/1 Clergy – No report

9/2 Food Bank Management – Diana reported that number of clients seems to be largely maintained at higher level. Nancy Burbidge and Diana have recently spoken at two different town Rotary Clubs. A very generous donation from the RBC in Wolfville is to be received and Farm Credit Canada currently has a large food drive underway with distribution to take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> October

9/3 Programme Committee – no further report

9/4 Habitat for Humanity – final go-ahead expected to be given on 19<sup>th</sup> October and after it is obtained, building will commence on Maple Avenue in Wolfville.

10. NEWS OF MEMBERS

Friends/Quakers – Have decided to declare a Jubilee Year in which there will be no Formal officers elected and instead they will focus on Spirit. Recently a very Successful 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration for the local members was held

Bishop Cutler explained that he was in the area making one of the regular episcopal visits to the Region. This has included a quiet Day with the clergy and there is to be a regional service with Confirmation in New Ross on 14<sup>th</sup> October

St. Francis – Mass will now be celebrated in Wolfville at 11 am on Sundays from here on. (A blessed relief for those who do not like to rise early!) Healing Mass will take place in November and on 23 October there will be a Retreat in Kentville

Manning Chapel – a number of weekly events involving the students are underway including “Book club”, “Burning Questions” and Meet and Eat. Regular Sunday night services are held with some of the upcoming speakers to include Keith Churchill and Ray Ivany

Wolfville Baptist Church – a Retreat is to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October. More details can be obtained from the church secretary

St. John’s Cornwallis – Planters event at Willowbank on 3<sup>rd</sup> October was successful and meaningful. On Sunday 24 October there will be a pulpit exchange in the Canning area. On 7<sup>th</sup> November, special memorial plaques will be installed and dedicated in memory of George Price e and Mary Peake and on 12<sup>th</sup> December, the Primate will be in the parish as part of the 250 celebrations and at that time the resurrected pipe organ will be dedicated.

St. John's Horton – two studies are commencing: “Always Open: Being an Anglican Today” and “Praying Alone and Together”. ACW Clermont Regional Annual ACW Meeting will happen at St. John's on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October and on 22<sup>nd</sup> October there is to be an evening of fine dining – a gourmet Harvest Dinner at the Parish Hall. Tickets available from any member of St. John`s

Port Williams Baptist – Community Gathering Sunday was held. \$40,000 has had to be spent to repair water damage in the foundation under the church. Pastor Ogilvie is “back in harness” after his study leave

There being no further business, adjournment moved by Helen Whidden at 9:00 pm.

Virginia closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Diana Shelley  
Secretary

**NEXT MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**  
**AT 7:00 pm**