

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday 10 November 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, Maurice Tugwell, David Garrett, Nancy Burbidge, Diana Shelley  
Absent with Regrets: Glen Donnellan, John and Sarah Hawley, Allison Trites, Gene Trites

3. DEVOTIONAL

Penni Burrell explained that Quaker worship is largely silence – an hour of silence waiting and listening to hear the inner spirit speaking and directing. She gave some very helpful tips on how to spend this silence. One should have no guilt for wandering thoughts. The practice becomes easier with patience and with the use of common sense. Her words were followed with a few moments of silence.

4. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the meeting of 13 October 2010 as circulated moved PM/HW. Motion carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Angela Johnston of “Steward of Children” inviting attendance on Thursday 25 November 6-9 at the Coop, Sutton Oak Farm for special Sunday School training particularly regarding sexual abuse

6. TREASURER’S REPORT

Copies of current Financial Statement circulated by Treasurer. Balance-on-Hand in operating account 12 October 2010 - \$\$7,821.58 (capital a/c \$27,250.00). Maurice made a few explanatory remarks noting that the annual appeal letter is just starting to be distributed. Copy of Financial Report attached with Minutes. Acceptance of the Financial Report moved MT/NB and motion carried.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7/1 Emergency Assistance Protocol – Members of committee had been asked to discuss with their respective clergy and to obtain feedback. The following represents some of the ideas put forward:

- a separate phone for obtaining emergency assistance as there once was. It was noted that this number became the food bank number and it would overload it to try to have EA calls coming in on it too
- a discrete, trustworthy person to field requests – paid or volunteer?
- sharing of information
- individual church “benevolent” funds can deal with small requests but WAICC needed for “big ticket” items
- overall support for a collaborative approach – the clergy, small committee or one or two people on a rotational basis

- most people felt the present registration form to be too cumbersome and not suitable in an emergency, time-sensitive situation and indeed who should be filling it in?
- St. Vincent De Paul set-up might work - having several teams with one team on duty each week whose job it is to collect messages from an answering machine and take the necessary action. This would entail quite a bit of organization and training of those involved

After a lengthy period of discussion it was clear there could be no quick solution to the problem. It was agreed that Maggie and Penni will take these ideas and develop them to the next level and report back hopefully at the December meeting. In the meantime, the status quo would continue for distribution of emergency assistance.

7/2 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - no further report

7/3 – Organizational issues – no report

7/4 – Friends of Jane – Diana reported that Jane is fully immersed in her five-course load term. She looks tired but seems to be keeping well on top of her academic studies. Student visa has still not been received but it seems that progress is being made

## 8 NEW BUSINESS

Back to School Campaign – Maggie had prepared a very comprehensive report a copy of which is attached with the Minutes. WAICC's contribution to the campaign to date is \$1793.79. Maggie agreed to prepare a condensed report suitable to inclusion in church bulletins. It was generally felt that there had been considerable interest among the churches and that people would be very interested to see this report.

It was moved HW/PB that WAICC pay the amount of \$1,793.79 owing to St. Vincent de Paul. Motion carried.

## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9/1 Clergy – no report other than that from the copy of Minutes of the last meeting of the Ministerial (received by Keith), it would appear that clergy are organizing Week of Prayer 2011

9/2 FBMC – Diana reported that client numbers remain high (cf. 2009 and back) Encouraging community involvement this fall which has included drives and donations from K-Rock, Farm Credit Canada, Poultry Farmers of NS, the RBC, AU students' Trick or Eat and most recently, Rotary and Muir Murray Fun Run. More events coming up in near future which include a Tim Horton's and a Sobeys. food drive.

Maggie reported that hamper preparation is well under way. 170 recipients being anticipated this year. The programme in Wolfville is being co-ordinated with Port Williams Lions Club to make sure all requesting hampers receives one. Turkeys look like being more expensive.

9/3 – Habitat for Humanity – David reported that construction is about to commence and that there are one or two families who might be suitable recipients of a HH home.

## 10 NEWS OF MEMBERS

- Port Williams Baptist – is to have a cabaret – gourmet dinner with entertainment on 19<sup>th</sup> November
- Greenwich Pastoral Charge – “Breakaway Dinners” Friday nights and every Sunday during November “Sunday Morning Live” also in Greenwich. Tea and Sale on the 20<sup>th</sup>
- WBC – Kings Chapel choir in concert on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December.
- St. Francis – 11 am Mass has commenced and is *packed*
- Friends – have a permanent home in the Horton Community Centre
- Manning Chapel – Remembrance Service 10:45 on the 11<sup>th</sup> and Advent Service in the Chapel on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm
- St. John`s Cornwallis – coming to the end of it 250<sup>th</sup> celebration year. A Craft Sale with refreshments will take place in the Parish Hall on the 20<sup>th</sup> and the Primate is to visit the parish on the 12<sup>th</sup> December
- St. John`s Horton – Turkey supper held on the 9<sup>th</sup> and coffee party to take place on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>

There being no further business, Nancy moved adjournment.

Meeting closed with prayer led by Penni

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Shelley  
Secretary

NEXT MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010  
**7:00 PM**  
Manning Chapel Library  
(Devotions Maggie Kenny)