

WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday 16 March 2011
Manning Chapel Library

1. Meeting called to order by Penni Burrell. She welcomed three new members: Shirley Marston representing St. John's Wolfville and Liz Johnson and Marjorie Shaffelburg representing Port Williams UBC.
2. Present: Penni Burrell, Helen Whidden, Shirley Marston, Marjorie Shaffleburg, Liz Johnston, Keith Churchill, Gene Trites, Diana Shelley and guest from Habitat for Humanity, Bill Davenport.
Absent with Regrets: Nancy Burbidge, Maurice Tugwell, Virginia Cookman, David Garrett, Robin Brown-Hewitt, Sandra Fyfe, Allison Trites, Maggie Kenny, Gary Dunfield, Glen Donnellan, Hughie Bagnell, Margaret Burton,

3. DEVOTIONAL

Helen Whidden spoke about *Keeping a Holy Lent* and told of the ancient parable of the Shepherd of Hermas. One should keep a Holy Lent not by giving up what is good but rather by rejecting what is wrong and evil in our lives. Helen said she found some very practical suggestions in Karen Armstrong's book *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*.

4. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the meeting of 8 December 2010 as circulated moved DS/KC. Motion carried. Note – some people had received the December Minutes bearing the date 10 November – this was an error on the secretary's part

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of report prepared by Treasurer were circulated. Balance on Hand on 7th March 2011 \$14,466.30 and in Capital Account \$40,000. Acceptance of the Financial Report moved DS/HW and motion carried.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 7/1 Emergency Assistance – Tabled until a full discussion possible
- 7/2 Organization Issues – no report
- 7/3 Friends of Jane – Diana reported that news still not very encouraging. There is a great need or as many letters as possible to be sent to Immigration Canada supporting Jane's being allowed to remain in Canada. The threat of deportation still looms large. Despite all this, Jane continues to carry her heavy academic load at Acadia and remains outwardly cheerful and positive. Her courage is an inspiration to those of us who know her. Latest bulletin of the *Friends of Jane* is attached with the Minutes for your information.

8. NEW BUSINESS - none

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9/1 Clergy Committee – No clergy. No report

9/2 Food Bank – Diana reported that client numbers continue to climb steadily. The good news is that it appears as if the FB will come in under budget at the end of WAICC’s fiscal year. This is perhaps due in part to high profile of the FB and MUCH generous community support. Credit must also be given to a team of very canny shoppers! Busy around Christmas time both in client numbers and in receiving community support from many different sources. 125 Christmas hampers distributed. Food Bank is much blessed with a growing number of enthusiastic AU students. 16th March marked the day of “March Against Hunger”, largely organized by some AU students. Under Kathie Manko’s able leadership, the Food Bank has branched out into a number of social programmes – seems like a new one every week!

9/3 Habitat for Humanity – Special guest, Bill Davenport representing Habitat for Humanity spoke to the meeting. The first house, to be constructed by HHAV, a duplex in Wolfville is now weather tight again after its first roof was blown off by the big wind-storm in December. Two families have been found to become owners of the homes and each family is required to contribute 500 hours of “sweat equity”. Help is needed to make the houses become homes.

There are four ways in which the general public can help, viz:

- (1) “adopt-a-Day” and get up to 10 people to obtain each obtain sponsorship of \$100 for them to work on the houses for a day.
- (2) Fund raiser through churches or other charitable organizations, eg, suppers or teas
- (3) Feed work crews. Crews consist of 15 persons now but in the spring they will be up to 30
- (4) Obtain donations from congregations (envelopes can be supplied for this)

Further details of all these fundraisers can be obtained by going to habitatav.com

10. News of Members

- A **WAICC LENTEN CALENDAR** of events has been compiled and is available at the member churches
- St. John’s Wolfville – St. Patrick’s Day Tea at the Elms. Student Assistant Minister Mel Malton being ordained in May. Lenten studies being led by Canon Russell Elliott each Wednesday following morning service.
- Port Williams UBC – Chowder Luncheon held on 16th March and St. Patrick’s Day Supper coming up. Lenten study on the Lord’s Prayer taking place. A very successful playgroup is taking place at the church
- Wolfville Baptist – WAICC Wednesday evening book study being taken in by a number of church members. Lenten noon-hour concerts on four Wednesdays in Lent: soup and bread in the vestry at 11:45 am followed by a 40 minute concert. (see WAICC Lenten Calendar for details) Taize services continue on first Wednesday in the month

- Friends – No formal meetings as this is the *Jubilee Year*. Penni recently attended Canadian Service Committee of the Friends. Kairos and others are putting pressure on the federal government to strengthen the recently passed “Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples” which they believe, in its present form is considerably watered-down. Trains will converge on Ottawa on 20th of June as part of this lobbying move.
- St. John’s Port Williams – Lenten Sunday Evensongs are again underway and will be held at 4 pm from 13th March until 10th April. More information available from posters or parish website. Canon Elliott is leading a Lenten Quiet Day on 16th April

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned and was closed with a blessing given by Helen.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites
Diana Shelley
Secretaries

NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 13 April
7:00 PM
Manning Chapel Library
(Devotions Diana Shelley)