

WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

**Wednesday 13 April 2011
Manning Chapel Library**

1. Meeting called to order by Keith Churchill. He welcomed and introduced new member Lorraine Street, a representative of St. John`s Wolfville
2. Present: Penni Burrell, Helen Whidden, Shirley Marston, Liz Johnston, Keith Churchill, Allison and Gene Trites, Maurice Tugwell, Nancy Burbidge, David Garrett, Sandra Fife, Margaret Burton, Keith Churchill and Diana Shelley.
Absent with Regrets: Glen Donnellan, Marjorie Shaffleburg,

3. DEVOTIONAL

Gene based her devotional on a reading from a book called Journey to Easter by Hans van Nie. One of the significant events of Holy Week that applies to us all in WAICC is the washing of the feet of the disciples by Jesus. This has come to symbolize the requirement for all Christians to show caring and concern for others (John 13:12ff.).

4. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the meeting of 16 March 2011 as circulated moved DS/LJ. Motion carried.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 From Donna Holmes re the possibility of her being a part-time paid secretary to WAICC
Item will be discussed under 7.3.2
- 5.2 A letter from Marilyn VanBuskirk drawing WAICC`s attention to the recent honour bestowed on Maggie Kenny when she was made Wolfville`s 2011 Volunteer of the Year.
It was unanimously agreed that this was a much deserved award. Congratulations Maggie!

6 TREASURER`S REPORT

Treasurer circulated copies of his Annual Financial Statement and Budget for 2011-12. Maurice highlighted and further explained some items. Copy of report and budget attached with Minutes. Acceptance of Financial Report moved MT/PB. Motion carried. Acceptance of Budget moved MT/NB and motion carried.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 7/1 Emergency Assistance – The recommendations of subcommittee consisting of Penni Burrell and Maggie Kenny were circulated together with some comments contributed by committee members. (copy attached with Minutes) Penni went through the items on the report. There was considerable discussion. Overall, feelings were that the procedure should be kept as simple, confidential and as speedy as it is possible for it to be. Arising out of the discussion, Penni agreed to attempt to write a protocol to include some of these ideas for presentation at the June WAICC meeting.
Everyone present gratefully agreed to accept Penni`s offer.

7/2 Organization Issues –

7.3.1 – Worship and Study Committee – no report

7.3.2 – Communications Director – Keith invited further discussion re the offer from Donna Holmes (under correspondence). After some discussion, the consensus was that WAICC has always operated without paid help and to initiate such might alter the nature of WAICC. It was therefore, agreed that Keith would write to Donna and thank her but decline her offer at this time.

7/3 Friends of Jane – Diana read a few comments from the latest note from Judith Tod re Jane. Jane has finished her courses and is writing examinations at this time. She will then be seeking summer employment as she did last year. She has had several offers. No recent news from Lee Cohen. Letters have been coming in well but there is still a need for more. Funds have also continued to be received. Maurice noted that at present there is \$4743.83 in the Friends of Jane account”.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8/1 Clergy Committee – The traditional “Walk with the Cross”, this year entitled “Walk with the World” will take place on Good Friday, starting at 10:30 am from U-Hall steps. The WAICC Good Friday Service this year will be at St. Andrew’s United Church at 1:00 pm

8.2 Food Bank – Diana reported that things were going smoothly as far as FB operations are concerned. It does seem as if the FB will come out under budget for the past year and this is due in no small part to the increased community involvement. The big event over the past month has been “March Against Hunger” which was put on by some enthusiastic and hardworking Acadia students and Mud Creek Rotary Club. Almost every home in Wolfville had been visited during the month of March and then revisited to pick up donations. This netted over 3000 food items. There had been much co-operation from town merchants, particularly Save-Easy and Cochrane’s Pharmacy. In addition, almost \$3000 had been collected, mostly by members of Mud Creek Rotary who sat in the Post Office lobby on an almost daily basis. The students hope to make this an annual event. Much gratitude is due to the students, the merchants and to Mud Creek Rotary

8/3 Habitat for Humanity – David reported that progress was good. Help received from students from Kings Tec . Walls are up and roof is on Help from various churches and other organizations in supplying meals for the workers also gratefully acknowledged.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Keith circulated a petition from the Canadian Council of Churches addressed to the five Canadian political party leaders covering a diversity of issues from Canadian and global poverty to climate change, Afghanistan and human trafficking. Document is attached with the Minutes. Keith noted that he had discussed this with Dr. Dan Gibson who wonders if some connection could be formed between WAICC and the CC of C. It was agreed that Keith and Dan Gibson will discuss this and Keith will report back to WAICC.

10. News of Members

Not given due to lateness of the hour

There being no further business, Margaret Burton moved adjournment

In closing, Gene gave the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites
Diana Shelley
Secretaries

NEXT MEETING

**ANNUAL MEETING
& DINNER**

**Wednesday, 11 May 2011
6:00 PM sharp**

Port Williams Community Hall