

WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

**Wednesday 8 June 2011
Manning Chapel Basement**

1. Meeting called to order by Keith Churchill.
2. Present: Penni Burrell, Helen Whidden, Marjorie Shaffelburg, Maggie Kenny, Allison Trites, Gene Trites, Maurice Tugwell, David Garrett, Sandra Fife, Keith Churchill and Diana Shelley.
Absent with Regrets: Glen Donnellan, Lorraine Street, Margaret Burton, Virginia Cookman

2. DEVOTIONAL

Keith Churchill read Acts 4:32-37, the Scripture for Pentecost, which was celebrated on June 12th. This speaks of Barnabas- the Encourager- and seems appropriate for WAICC, whose aim is to share and encourage and helps others--- it sets a style, model, and theme for us as Christians to share. It's all about coming together in community under the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

4. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of the meeting of 13 April 2011 as circulated moved HW/AAT. Motion carried.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer circulated copies of Financial Report to 8 June 2011. Balance-on-Hand 7 June 2011: in current account \$9150.12 and in Capital Account \$40,000
Acceptance of Financial Report moved MT/PB. Motion carried.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

7/1 Emergency Assistance – Keith's attention recently brought to a document dated April 2008 compiled from workings of the ad hoc Committee on Relief Assistance. It does not appear that this report was discussed any further at the time. At Keith's request, Penni looked over the report and summarized it and copies of her summary were distributed. (Copy on file with Minutes). As part of the summary, it was identified that four decisions needed to be made – viz: how to identify and publicize services; how to communicate these policies to front-line people (e.g. clergy); establishment of a "small committee"; the development of information sheet outlining services available. There followed considerable discussion with various views being expressed. It was agreed that Maggie and Penni will work on clarifications and refinements of the document and email copies to executive for input and hopefully a *final* document can be ready for ratification at the September WAICC meeting.

7/2 AGM and 40th anniversary celebration – everyone agreed that it was a wonderful evening, well received and well attended. 84 people were at the dinner. The entertainment part was extremely enjoyable and very well balanced in its content. The caterers did a sterling job and the meal seemed to suit all. Maurice noted that the cost of the dinner was \$1008 and that \$1079 was taken in the free-will offering.

7/3 Organizational issues

- (a) Programme committee needs more members. Gene, David and Diana will hopefully stay on and Roger P. might be persuaded to continue. Two or three more volunteers would be appreciated
- (b) Worship and Study Committee – may not be needed if clergy willing to be more active in this area
- (c) Communications – nothing further to report at this time

7/4 Friends of Jane – Diana reported that nothing much changed from the immigration/visa point-of-view. Jane did extremely well in her courses at AU. She will be taking one summer-school course which will alleviate her course-load in the fall. There is to be a big “Thank you” get-together on 26th June to which all WAICC members are warmly invited. Invitations with details will be emailed.

7/5 Canadian Council of Churches – important that WAICC be aware of what is happening in CCC. Karen Hamilton, current chair of CCC spoke recently in Wolfville. Keith suggested that WAICC members might go to the web site (www.councilofchurches.ca/en) where one can sign up to receive the CCC newsletter. This would help WAICC stay in touch with what is happening in the CCC.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8/1 Clergy Committee – Next clergy meeting will be lunch on 23rd June. Clergy encouraged by the positive response to the brochure issued in Lent and feel it might be a good idea to develop this idea further and to encourage more interdenominational book-studies, etc.

8.2 Food Bank – Diana reported that things were going along fairly smoothly. Worthy of note, however, that record 70+ families registered for the next food bank (10 June). Annual volunteer appreciation party on 17th June and WAICC members will be receiving invitations.

8/3 Habitat for Humanity – House in Wolfville almost complete and will be ready for occupancy by summer’s end. David G. is looking for random volunteers (paint, etc.). Contact Judy Rafuse if you are able to help.

8/4 Atlantic Ecumenical Council – David attended annual meeting of AEC in Charlottetown. (report filed with Minutes). The existential question is still being asked by AEC and to this end a questionnaire is circulated to member councils. WAICC members asked to consider the questions and email their responses to David by the end of June. Bruce Dienes will be asked to establish a web-link with AEC

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 A sign-up sheet for devotions 2011-2012 was circulated

10. News of Members

The hour was late and it was agreed that “News of Members” would be kept to important announcements only:

Penni reported:

a) There will be a Truth and Reconciliation event in Halifax in late October, 2011. In preparation for this event, the churches who signed the legal agreement held a workshop entitled "Equipping Ambassadors" in mid-May at Tatamagouche to train their church members how to work with indigenous peoples.

b) On June 20th Kairos will be having a presentation of banners on Parliament Hill from across Canada encouraging the government to wholeheartedly endorse the UN declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples. Two banners have been sent from the Annapolis Valley. The hope is to surround Parliament with the banners.

Sandra mentioned that a special celebration marking the 70th Anniversary of Canon Russell Elliott's ordination to the priesthood will take place at St. John's (Horton) on 24th July

There being no further business, Margaret Burton moved adjournment at 9:10 pm

Keith closed with prayer and benediction

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites
Diana Shelley
Secretaries

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER, 2011
7:00 PM

MANNING CHAPEL