

WOLFFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wednesday, 11 April 2012

Manning Chapel

1. Meeting called to order by Penni Burrell. Penni welcomed two new members to the committee: Sylvia Stuchbery from St. John's, Horton and Laurie St. Amour from Wolfville Pastoral Charge.
2. Present: Penni Burrell, Maurice Tugwell, David Garrett, Maggie Kenney, Marilyn VanBuskirk, Margaret Burton, Marjorie Shaffleburg, Sylvia Stutchbery, Laurie St. Amour, Sandra Fyfe and Diana Shelley. (11)

Absent with Regrets: Glen Donnellan, Lorraine Street, Hughie Bagnell, Tim McFarland

3. DEVOTIONAL

Given by Margaret Burton who read a poem written by Emily Dickenson in 1885 entitled "The Easter Guest"

4. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 14 March 2012 had been circulated. Approval of Minutes moved MT/DG. Motion carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer circulated two Financial Reports: *Year-End to 31st March 2012 and month to date – 11 April 2012 with budget for ensuing year.* Maurice highlighted and explained some items on the year-end statement. The Balance on Hand on 31 March 2012 was \$18739.56. The second statement contained budget figures for the year 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 and these were discussed point by point. After some discussion, it was agreed to increase the budget figure for School Food Programmes to \$5,000, allowing \$1,000 for each school in the geographical area supported by WAICC. Moved by MT/MVB that the proposed budget for the year 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013, with an amendment under item Expenditures D - Donations to School Food Programmes increasing amount from \$4,000 to \$5,000, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

7. BUSINESS ARISING

7.1 Memberships - Lamb's Way. No further report

7.2 Nominating Committee – working on their report

7.3 Annual Meeting – Marilyn, Maurice and Diana to meet very soon to firm up arrangements

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 8:1 Clergy – David – Good Friday Walk with the Cross took a different route this year and included stops such as the school and the liquor store. Felt by those who took part to have been a good change. It was agreed that the service which followed at Wolfville Baptist Church was very lovely. The weather was clement and both events were well attended. Noted that the documentary “Occupation 101” which was shown in Greenwich in March would be well-worth re-screening. Sandra will look into this.
- 8:2 Food Bank – Diana reported that statistics which are prepared by each registered food bank annually in the month of March (kindly undertaken by Mary Carter this year) showed a number of interesting things. For example, calculated number of volunteer hours for the month was in excess of 800 and there are currently 61 “signed-up” volunteers working with the Wolfville food bank. Full report filed with Minutes
- 8:3 Programme – No further report
- 8:4 Habitat for Humanity - On 18th April at 7:00 pm in New Minas Fire Hall there is to be a meeting of the local chapter of H for H to commence the planning for another “Build”. David Garrett, who is the WAICC representative for H for H, notes that he is unable to attend this event due to a previous commitment. He wonders if anyone else might be able to take his place. Gary Dunfield’s name was mentioned and David will contact him.
- 8:5 Friends of Jane – Diana reported that Jane will be formally graduating from Acadia on the morning of the 14th May. *Friends of Jane* are planning a celebration to follow this event. (More details to follow). Jane has been accepted in a Master’s programme in computer science and has been awarded a scholarship. Jane’s immigration status is still in limbo. The prayers of WAICC members are asked in this respect. Full report filed with Minutes.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9:1 Update of Council representative list. This will be undertaken following the WAICC AGM in May
- 9:2 David Garrett reported that he heard of an arrangement made among the churches in the community of Western Shore, where on every 5th Sunday of a month the churches of all denominations join together for an evening service. He wondered if something like this might work in the Wolfville area. It was agreed to keep this in mind for future consideration

10. NEWS OF MEMBERS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that Keith has undergone his first treatment session. He is feeling well with no side effects to date. He is obeying his physician’s advice and avoiding contact with crowds and gatherings as much as possible. We will continue to hold Keith and Joan and their family in our prayers

Port Williams Baptist Church – Study on “The King’s Speech” went well

Wolfville Pastoral Charge – On 22nd April an important vote will be taken concerning options regarding the future of the area’s United Churches. Rev. Robin Brown-Hewett has resigned effective the end of June.

It was noted that it is highly probable that St. Andrew’s Church, its Hall and the Manse and possibly St. John’s Parish Hall will be sold. This will create a “space” at the north end of the Seaview/Locust Avenue block. A meeting has been arranged for Sunday 15th April at 1:00 pm in St. Andrew’s to discuss the possible uses for this “space”. Anyone interested is urged to attend.

St. Francis – Parishioners have reviewed Archbishop Mancini’s Pentecost letter. 50 prayer initiatives to be undertaken. There will be a special service at the Farmers’ Market on Pentecost Sunday, the 27th May in the afternoon.

St. John’s Cornwallis and St. John’s Horton - reported that their joint Lenten Study (with St. James, Kentville), “Growing closer to God” had been a very worth-while exercise. They hope to do something similar in the months ahead.

Wolfville Baptist – There will be three sessions in mid-May when the report of the Steering Committee will be given followed by a discussion period. This is very important in the life of the church as they look at their way forward.

Friends - Annual Atlantic Friends’ Gathering will take place in Antigonish on the long weekend in May

11. NEXT MEETING – will be the Annual Meeting which will take place on Wednesday 9th May starting at 7:00 pm in Wolfville Baptist Church. Next regular meeting of WAICC will be on Wednesday 13th June, 7:00 pm in Manning Chapel Library.

12. Margaret closed the meeting with a prayer – “Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love” which was said together.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Shelley
Secretary

Wednesday, 9 May 2012 at 7:00 pm
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wolfville Baptist Church

Wednesday 13th June at 7:00 pm
REGULAR MEETING
Library, Manning Chapel

