

WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wednesday, 10 October 2012
Manning Chapel

SPECIAL NOTICES

There will be a university tribute to Dr. Cherry on Wednesday, 17th October at 4 pm in the Garden Room of the KC Irving Centre. Everyone is invited

The formal transition of St. John's Parish Hall to L'Arche Homefires will take Place on Saturday, 27th October at 11:00 am at the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited.

1. Meeting called to order by Penni Burrell.
2. Present: Penni Burrell, David Garrett, Gene Trites, Laurie St. Amour, Maurice Tugwell, Sandra Fyfe, Keith Churchill and Diana Shelley. (8)

Absent with Regrets: Glen Donnellan, Allison Trites, Lorraine Street, Marjorie Shaffelburg, Margaret Burton

3. NEWS OF MEMBERS

Diana read the "News of Members" that she had received. Copy attached with the Minutes.

4. DEVOTIONAL

Keith spoke of some of his thoughts around Thanksgiving. He has recently completed his chemotherapy treatment and been given a very good report. For this he is thankful. However, he realises that throughout the months of his illness he has found a great peace and contentment that he feels he would have had no matter what the outcome. God's purposes are always good: Some times we receive physical healing; sometimes it might be emotional or spiritual. For this practical experience of his faith he is very thankful.

He was also feeling deeply thankful for the life of Dr. Cherry (whose funeral had been that afternoon). Cherry had been a very good friend of Keith's family over many years and Keith feels very grateful to have known this "very gracious Southern gentleman".

Keith linked his feeling of thankfulness to the story of the ten lepers – Luke 17:11-19 - where ten are healed of their leprosy by Jesus but only one comes back to say "thank you". "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"

5. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 12 September 2012 had been circulated. Approval of Minutes as circulated moved DS/KC. Motion carried

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Penni mentioned a letter sent out by the Quakers – “Canadian Quakers call for Peace and Eco-Justice”. This letter is attached with the minutes for discussion at a later date

7. TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Maurice Tugwell circulated the Financial Report to 10 October 2012. Balance-on-Hand in Current account \$8640.46 and in Capital account \$20,000. (Statement filed with Minutes) He noted a significant increase in spending by Food Bank when compared with last two years. This is quite easily explained by increase in usage and increase in food prices. However, it is a concern and if the trend continues, the total for the FB at year-end might be around \$65,000 where the budgeted amount for the year is \$50,000. There was some discussion about this. It is almost time to send out the WAICC Christmas appeal letter and the situation will be stressed at that time. There was also some discussion as to how this information might be made available to the larger community. Press coverage and speakers at churches and other organization were possibilities which were suggested. Acceptance of Financial Report moved MT/KC. Motion carried.

7. BUSINESS ARISING

- (a) Jennifer Smart and presentation on mental health. Penni reported that Jennifer has not yet been able to give a specific date when she would be available. The presentation will not, therefore, take place at the November WAICC meeting. Hopefully it can be scheduled for early in 2013
- (b) Consilio Prison Ministry – no further report
- (c) Death and Dying – no further report

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clergy – David and Sandra reported that changes have taken place in the Chaplaincy Programme at VRH which have been noted and discussed by the clergy of the Wolfville and the Canning inter-church councils. For example, the Pastoral Services Advisory Committee, established when the Coordinating Chaplain position at VRH was founded and funded by the community, will no longer function. The clergy will continue to update WAICC about pastoral care at VRH.

- (b) Food Bank – Gene reinforced the importance of letting the whole community know about the increase in the cost of running the Food Bank.
- (c) Programme – no further report
- (d) Habitat for Humanity – David reported that H for H is still seeking family(ies) for new the building project. One of the existing houses in Wolfville is now vacant and suitable family is sought for that too. There was discussion as to where to advertise so as not to appear to be targeting any one group.. At food banks and also as a hand out to all school children were ideas suggested
- (e) Friends of Jane – Diana reported that on 27th September Jane received her Student Visa. This was a great relief. It allows Jane to remain in Canada until July of 2014, it gives her a SIN number which in turn enables her to receive her Acadia scholarship and it also allows her to work on campus for *real money*. In that time it is hoped that her “permanent residence” status will come through. Jane thanks WAICC for their support.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) WAICC Constitution – was distributed with the Agenda. Penni urged everyone to read it by the time of the next meeting. She suggests that it be looked at two or three points at a time over the next few WAICC meetings. She also mentioned that Doug Hergett has made available some copies of his book “Visible Faith” and she plans to give one to anyone who does not have a copy.
- (b) “News of Churches” – some general discussion ensued. Please see notices at the head of the Minutes
- (c) Changes recently introduced re prison chaplaincy were discussed. Agreed that Keith would draft a letter to be sent to minister Vic Toews expressing the feeling of the WAICC.

10. The meeting was adjourned

Keith closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites and
Diana Shelley
Secretaries

NEXT MEEITNG OF WAICC
Wednesday, 14 November
7:00 pm
Manning Chapel Library

(Devotions: Maurice Tugwell)