

# **WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Wednesday, 10 April 2013**

## **Manning Chapel**

1. Meeting called to order by President, Penni Burrell
2. Present: Penni Burrell, David Garrett, Allison Trites, Maggie Kenny, Margaret Burton, Sharon Doyle, Andy Pitter and Diana Shelley.

Absent with Regrets: Maurice Tugwell, Lorraine Street, Marilyn VanBuskirk, Gene Trites, Randy Crozsmann, Keith Churchill, Pix Butt, Sylvia Stuchbery

### 3. DEVOTIONAL

The Devotional was given by Allison Trites on the theme "Stronger Together" (Philippians 1:3-11). Using three examples from Acts 16 (Lydia, the soothsaying girl, and the jailor) and two from Philippians (Syntyche and Eudoeia, Philippians 4:2), he stressed the importance of Christians working together, forgiving each other, and keeping good relationships with one another.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

David Garrett introduced Edith Menzies from Habitat for Humanity and she addressed the meeting giving some very interesting information about Habitat for Humanity, its goals and its modus operandi. Edith is the Chair of the Selection Committee of the Valley Chapter of H for H. The first dwellings built by Habitat in this area was a duplex built in Wolfville. One part of the duplex is now occupied and the other had to be vacated due to personal reasons on the part of the occupant. A new occupant is being sought. Land has now been purchased in the New Minas area and "build number two" for the Valley is shortly to be underway. Meanwhile, suitable families are being sought. Such families must fit into the income guidelines and be able to perform 500 hours of sweat equity. The latter can be done by a proxy arrangement where the person/persons are unable to perform physical labour themselves. There is no down payment and no interest charged on the loan. Monthly mortgage and tax payments will not exceed 30% of the family's monthly income. Ms Menzies left some literature and was thanked for her most informative presentation.

### 4. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 13 March 2013 had been circulated. Acceptance of Minutes as circulated Moved DS/MB . Motion carried.

### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Maurice had prepared a financial report to 31 March which included the Budget for 2013-14. He had also prepared a few notes regarding the financial situation. Both were passed around and copies are filed with Minutes. Adoption of Financial Report moved DG/MK and carried

## 7. BUSINESS ARISING

- (a) Jennifer Smart unable to attend and thus the presentation cancelled at this time.
- (b) Prison Ministry presentation. Lorraine is organizing this. The date for Pierre Allard to speak has been confirmed as 29<sup>th</sup> May. Posters are in the making and location has been confirmed as being Wolfville Baptist Church to commence at 7:30. Since this presentation would fall just three weeks after the date slated for the AGM, following some discussion, it was decided to combine the two events. The AGM would be as short as possible and take place at 7 pm on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Accordingly, it was moved DG/MB that the WAICC/AGM be moved to take place immediately prior to the Prison Ministry presentation on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013. Motion carried. Lorraine, Penni and Diana will work on the details for the presentation and the AGM and members will be asked to participate in the publicity as soon as the posters are ready and other details finalized.
- (c) Death and Dying – no report
- (d) WAICC website - this has been updated and Easter service times and locations were made available on it.
- (e) Clarification of information sharing - No further clarification needed
- (f) Youth Initiative – Penni reported that the clergy had discussed and were supportive of the initiative “in heart” but feel that it needs structural support and a supervisor before it can proceed. The venture has received a grant of \$500 for “Active Kids: Healthy Kids”. It is hoped that it will be possible to run a pilot at the Wolfville Recreation Centre in May and June and that the Centre will be able to provide one staff person.

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Clergy – Both the Walk with the Cross and the service on Good Friday went well. The service was simple and very meaningful.
- (b) Food Bank – Diana reported all going along as expected. Client numbers continue to be high and food prices continue to go up. (See Treasurer's note). An appreciation event is being planned for 7<sup>th</sup> June and hoping as many as possible of WAICC members will come along. More details to follow.
- (c) Programme – see 7 (b)
- (d) Habitat for Humanity – see above.
- (e) Friends of Jane – Diana reported the wonderful news re Jane's acquiring her “leave to apply for ‘Permanent Resident’ status” in Canada. (The news was distributed to WAICC members by email last month.) Jane leaves to take up her co-op programme position in Calgary on 30<sup>th</sup> April. She will return for the last semester of her programme at Acadia in January 2014. Her co-op employment will be a paid position and thus she will not be requiring her monthly stipend at this point. Jane especially asked that her thanks be conveyed to WAICC for its wonderful and unswerving support over the past almost three years.
- (f) Youth Ministry – see 7 (f)

8. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Discussion re date for AGM. See 7 (b)
- (b) Penni spoke about “Building Prosperous Caring Communities” – a forum being facilitated by *Housing First* which is to be held in the Louis Millett Centre, New Minas on 14 and 15 May. To register on line: [www.housingfirstkc.ca](http://www.housingfirstkc.ca) or by phone 300-5266. Penni encouraged members of WAICC to attend if they could.

10 NEWS OF MEMBERS

There followed a short informal discussion of the happenings and concerns of the churches represented by those present.

There being no further business, adjournment was moved by Sharon Doyle.

Allison closed the meeting with a Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Shelley  
Secretary

NEXT MEEITNG OF WAICC

ANNUAL MEETING  
AND PRESENTATION on PRISON MINISTRY

Wednesday, 29 May 2013 at 7 pm  
Wolfville Baptist church