

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2015 7:00 pm  
Manning Memorial Chapel Library**

1. **Call to order and welcome** – President Roger Prentice
2. **Present:** Sylvia Burgher, Maggie Kenny, Margery Shaffelburg, Sharon Doyle, Roger Prentice, Diana Shelley, Gene Trites, Maurice Tugwell, Nancy Harber, Andy Pitter. (10)
3. **Absent with Regrets:** Allison Trites, Timothy McFarland, Penni Burrell, Karen Hennigar
4. **Devotional** - (Sharon Doyle). We were reminded that as we enter the season of Lent it is important to remind ourselves of the necessity of having a childlike dependence upon God. H. McCabe, O.P., writes that on the cross Jesus casts himself upon God because he was wholly human, wholly free, loving and helpless to achieve what he sought apart from the Father. Scriptures like John 5:30 and John 15 (the vine and the branches imagery) underline the Christian's need of total dependence upon the Holy Spirit. The deeper we delve into the basics of our spiritual life, the great awareness we have of this dependency in every aspect of life. Sharon closed with a time of silence during we were asked to recommit to that childlike dependency.
5. **Adoption of the Minutes:**  
Minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 had been circulated. Acceptance of minutes moved and carried (EGT/MK).
6. **Correspondence:** see item 8a
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Financial statement is attached. Maurice expressed sincere appreciation to Diana whose help has been invaluable since he moved out of the area. The committee appreciates Maurice's willingness to remain as Treasurer until the end of the financial year. As always Maurice explained the current position which is generally quite positive. Acceptance of report moved and carried (MT/AP).
8. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
  - a) Ivany sub-committee report  
Roger received a reply from Bernie Miller, Deputy Minister, Office of Planning and Priorities (copy attached). This is in response to the letter prepared by Sharon. Roger prepared and circulated a letter for each of the WAICC churches (copy attached). Should the response be positive, a spring gathering will be planned.
  - b) Youth Initiative- WAY project  
The assessment process continues. Because of increased pastoral responsibilities, Annika Sangster feels unable to continue supervising potential student leaders. (All were all thankful to hear that Randy Crozsmann is returning to his pastoral role with Orchard Valley United Church on a limited basis in the near future). It has been decided to defer weekly meetings with youth until September. Meanwhile two events are planned during the spring/summer. Details later.
  - c) Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - feedback was positive, It was agreed that earlier planning would be desirable in future

## 9. Committee Reports

### a) Clergy

Sharon reported that the clergy had agreed to change their meeting day from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday to the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month in order to improve communications with WAICC. Planning for Lent was undertaken at the recent meeting – details attached with Minutes

### b) Food Bank Management

Diana reported that things are running smoothly. Numbers fairly steady. The average number of families served per food bank in 2014 was 56. 1575 food boxes were given out feeding a total of 3260 people. Appreciation was expressed for the fact that WAFB is well regarded in the wider community thanks conveyed to dedicated volunteers.

### c) Habitat for Humanity (no report)

### d) Programme Committee

The committee will meet before March council meeting.

### e) Nominating

The need for a Treasurer is urgent. Some potential names were shared. All members are asked to continue to pray for the right person to fill this position.

## 10. New Business

Web site – Maurice shared that donations are coming through Canada Helps. In spite of the service charge (3.9%), it is felt that this is a positive alternative.

## 11. Church News

- Quakers- report a two part workshop on Building Organizational Trust. Part I was held Feb.8<sup>th</sup>. Part II will be held in March.
- Port Williams Baptist Church - will be holding a vote on Inclusion on Monday, Feb.16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

## 12. Adjournment at 8:30 pm

## 13. Benediction: Sharon offered the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diana Shelley and Gene Trites  
Secretaries

### NEXT MEETING

(Please note change of time and venue to enable those who wish, to attend Lenten Bible Study)

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6p.m.-7p.m.

Parlour at Wolfville Baptist Church

