

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday 11 January 2012  
Manning Chapel**

1. Meeting called to order by Keith Churchill.
2. Present: Marilyn VanBuskirk, Allison Trites, Lorraine Street, Margaret Burton, Penni Burrell, Helen Whidden, Marjorie Shaffelburg, David Garrett and Diana Shelley.  
Absent with Regrets: Glen Donnellan, Shirley Marston, Sandra Fyfe, Keith Churchill, Maurice Tugwell, Gene Trites, Liz Johnston

3. DEVOTIONAL

Penni led the meditation, sharing her reflections based on her participation in the Truth and Reconciliation meetings which were held in Halifax on October 24th-26th, 2011. Canada's indigenous people have experienced great pain and have suffered many kinds of abuse. "Fractured souls" have been deeply hurt, so the ability to share memories, tell their stories, and be heard is a very important part of the healing process. Penni found this to be a powerful and overwhelming event, and was grateful to be among the thousands of people who participated in it. Healing and justice were important themes, and the indigenous people were honoured that so many of their fellow citizens turned out to express their support.

4. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 9 November 2011 had been circulated. Approval of Minutes moved MS/MVB. Motion carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Maurice had received letters of thanks for recent donations by WAICC to their food programmes from Gaspereau, Horton and Wolfville Schools

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of Financial Report distributed. Balance on Hand 10 January 2012: \$35,101.48. Acceptance of Financial Report moved DS/DG. Motion carried. (Copy of financial report filed with minutes) Maurice not able to be present but had noted the following: Ahead of budgeted revenue by ~ \$10,000 and also have grant from EKM of \$4,000.00; \$10,000 returned from operating account to capital account; 4 x \$1,000.00 grants sent to our area schools; slightly over budget in special relief but otherwise pretty well on target. With benefit of extra revenue this fiscal year, Maurice anticipates a surplus by year end (31 March 2012).

## 7. BUSINESS ARISING

- 7.1 Emergency Assistance protocol. Penni has cleared with the clergy. Suggested that those involved (Penni, Maggie, Marilyn Maurice and Diana) meet at 6:30 preceding the next WAICC Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March to finalize details.
- 7.2 Membership in WAICC – Diana reported as follows: Original membership in WICC (Wolfville Inter Church Council) in March 1970: St. Andrew’s, St. John’s, Horton, Wolfville Baptist, St. Francis and Manning Chapel with “adjunct” membership. In 1985 The Friends (Quakers) joined WICC. In 1989 Port Williams Baptist joined and in 1990 St. John’s, Cornwallis. At this point WICC was renamed Wolfville *Area* Inter Church Council. L’Arche became a member in May of 2006 and New Life Ministries in May 2007. Diana noted that although The Lamb’s Way appears on the most recent list of WAICC members, she could find no record in the minutes of their ever applying for membership or of any motion or action to make them a member. It was felt that Keith should approach Lamb’s Way and ascertain if they wish to become a member.

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 8/1 Clergy Committee – David Garrett noted that the pulpit exchange, part of the Week of Prayer, would be take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January and the combined service the following Sunday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Members of L’Arche will lead the worship and it will take place at Port Williams Fire Hall at 4 pm
- 8/2 Food Bank – Diana reported working well – much helped in the efficiency of running by the the use of the large hall. Many thanks to the Wolfville Baptist Church. Hamper programme went very well this year. The event was greatly enhanced by the “re-gifted gifts” component. 150 hampers were distributed. Full report filed with Minutes.
- 8/3 Programme – No report. Imperative that a date be set by the February meeting time. Janet Denton is planning to run a programme on palliative care at the EKMCHC. It was suggested that WAICC might be able to combine its programme with the series. MVB will contact Janet.
- 8/4 Habitat for Humanity – David reported that families have moved in – each family has a six-year-old boy
- 8/5 Friends of Jane – Diana reported that there is relief that the trial is over. It was very stressful for Jane but helped by the presence of Judith and a few of the “Friends” in the court room. It is a waiting game now as far as the Immigration Department is concerned. Some contingency plans are in place. Full report filed with Minutes

## 9 NEW BUSINESS

- 9/1 Mentioned by Margaret Burton that a programme on homelessness was being put on by the Schizophrenia Society. It will take place at 7 pm in the Lions Hall in Kentville on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. She will obtain further details and email to WAICC members

10 NEWS OF MEMBERS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John's Horton Held a "New Year's Levee" on the first Sunday in Advent at which both congregations came together for worship, study and refreshments.

Wolfville Baptist – Will be holding a "Games Night" on the first Friday of every month to which all are welcome. Starting Bible Study on a biweekly basis on Monday evenings. Also starting a new type of Small Group meetings in which one member will reflect on an incident in his or her life and will receive input from others in the group. Retirement Party for Ron Baxter will be held at the church on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> January

St. John's Cornwallis –

St. Francis – Observing "World Marriage Day" on St. Valentine's Day

Port Williams Baptist - Is hosting a Dinner for the Parents of Young Children on 21<sup>st</sup> January. Is holding regular services at Shannex

Announcements

"Religion Soup Debate" being held at the Festival Theatre and will consist of a Debate between Bart Ehrman and Craig Evans. Tickets may still be available from ADC.

First Baptist Church, Dartmouth is organizing a trip to the Holy Land from 28 April to 8 May. Allison Trites is leading the group.

Next Meeting – will be on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Note small meeting re Emergency Relief at 6:30 see 7:1 above

There being no further business, adjournment moved by Diana. Penni closed the meeting with prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Shelley  
Secretary

**WEDNESDAY, 8 February 2012**

**7:00 PM**

**Library, Manning Chapel**

