

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Wednesday, 13th January, 2016

7:00 pm

Manning Memorial Chapel Library

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the President, Roger Prentice.
2. **Present:** Sandra Fyffe, Tim McFarland, Roger Prentice, Lorraine Street, Allison Trites, Eugenie Trites, Bruce Dienes.
Regrets: Maggie Kenny, Ray Bishop, Diana Shelley, Marjorie Shaffelburg, Andy Pitter, Nancy Harbers. **Note:** Understandably several members wisely stayed home because of the stormy evening. It was considered important that those of us who were able should meet to consider the current Refugee situation.
3. **Devotions:**
It was suggested Psalm 100 be read in unison (A Psalm of Thanksgiving). Roger offered prayer.
4. **Adoption of the Minutes:**
The minutes of the meeting of November 18th, 2015 had been circulated and were duly moved, seconded (AAT/EGT) and approved.
5. **Correspondence:**
None
6. **Treasurer's Report:**
Deferred until the next meeting.
7. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
 - a) WAY-no report
 - b) Refugee Initiative- a report from Co-chair of the Refugee Committee Judith Tod is attached. Lorraine was able to provide breaking news from the Refugee Committee meeting held immediately prior to the meeting:
 - i) We have been assigned a Syrian family of six-- husband, wife, sons 18,17,9 years and a daughter 10 years. Medical clearance is pending. If all goes well, more details will be posted.
 - ii) It has been agreed that two families will be sponsored because all donations have been matched by the Tartan Foundation, an anonymous charitable foundation dedicated to supporting worthy charities. Their contact person is Wolfville lawyer, Timothy Hergett.
 - iii) The Refugee support network is working well. Wendy Donavan, Chair of the Documentation Committee, is working with Judith on the extensive paperwork required.

- iv) MLA Keith Irving met with 8 groups in his constituency who are sponsoring refugee families. This proved a generous and helpful sharing time.
The report of the Refugee Committee was moved, seconded (LS/SF) and accepted.

8. **Committee Reports:**

(a) **Clergy**

The Advent Service was held at the earlier hour (4p.m.) this year and Tim feels this was a positive move. The clergy will consider an earlier time for the Longest Night Service in 2016. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service is planned for the Acadia Chapel on January 24th, 2016 at 4p.m. to be followed by a pot luck supper in the Lower Hall. Rev. Dr. Barry Morrison will preach. Daily prayers for the week are available on the WAICC web site. Some churches have hard copies available.

The clergy feel that rather than a week of prayer concentrated in one period it is preferable to collaborate throughout the whole year. They wish to encourage as much shared worship and discussion as possible. Plans are underway for a one day retreat in April.

(b) **Nominating Committee**

Appreciation was expressed to Sandra and Penni for their initiative in preparing a detailed job description for each office. **Note:** Considerable work has been Done in this area for the whole area of Finance. This is nearing completion. Warm thanks to Kathie Manko and Janet Roberts, co-chair of the Food Bank and Diana Shelley.

FYI – In the area of Finance, Bruce mentioned the value of **software4nonprofits.com**

9. **New Business:**

(a) **WAICC's Status**

Lorraine raised the point that while WAICC has always had charitable status, it is not incorporated. She feels WAICC's status should be re-examined in view of our responsibilities for the Food Bank and now Refugees. The CRA is currently much more proactive in investigating charities. Associations composed only of volunteers make individuals possibly liable. It was generally agreed that informed choice would be valuable. Lorraine volunteered to research the matter and report back to the Council. Roger agreed that it is time to have the conversation and Lorraine's offer was accepted with thanks.

(b) Copies of the short story **Mildred** are available by request from the author, Roger Prentice.

10. **Motion to Adjourn** (AAT) was accepted.

Roger closed the meeting with the Benediction

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Shelley and Gene Trites,
Secretaries

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, 10 February 2016, 7p.m.

NB – February meeting subsequently cancelled

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF WAICC
Wednesday 9th March at 7:00 pm
Manning Chapel Library

Reminder: Ash Wednesday ecumenical service –Feb.10th, 2016 in
St. John's Anglican Church, Wolfville. Pot luck soup and rolls,
6p.m. and service 7p.m