

**WOLFFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2015 7:00 pm
Parlour at Wolfville Baptist Church**

1. **Call to order and welcome** – President Roger Prentice

2. **Present:** Barry Morrison, Andy Pittar, Diana Shelley, Gene Trites, Roger Prentice, Sharon Doyle, Margery Shaffelburg, Sandra Fyfe

Absent with Regrets: Maurice Tugwell, Penni Burrell, Allison Trites, Lorraine Street

3. **Devotional**

Andy Pittar shared a Lenten prayer for spiritual renewal.

4. **Adoption of the Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of 11 February, 2015 had been circulated. Acceptance of minutes moved and carried (EGT/DS).

5. **Correspondence**

Letter read from Heather Frenette of Kings County Action Group on Gambling requesting an opportunity to speak to WAICC about VLT's. Barry explained that discussion is underway to plan a series of forums at WBC which would be open to the public and would include topics of concern to the community. Roger expressed full support for the initiative. Agreed that this may be an appropriate venue to discuss the gambling issue.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Diana read report from Maurice reflecting a favourable situation. (Copy attached). Acceptance of abbreviated report moved (DS/SD) and carried

7. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- (a) Ivany sub-committee report

No further report. Letter read from Ingrid Blaise expressing the willingness of L'Arche community to be fully involved in welcoming any immigrant/refugee newcomers to the community. Barry spoke about recent visit to Wolfville of the Rev. Paul Carline, Director of Inter-Cultural Ministries of the convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches. These churches aim to welcome 50 refugee families from Syria over the next two years. Each denomination seems to have interested, experienced groups ready to assist in supporting refugees. Ivany sub-committee will act when a full response has been received from Roger's letter (see 11 Feb 2015 Minutes, item 8a)

- (b) Youth Initiative- WAY project

Andy reported that further application has been made for grant money. Lorraine continues to work on legal aspect around WAY. It is hoped details will be available for discussion at the April meeting.

8. Committee Reports

(a) Clergy

Barry added a few details to Sharon's report re Lenten Plans (Feb Minutes). Service of Tenebrae will be held on Wednesday of Holy Week at 7pm at St. John's. On Good Friday, weather permitting, the Walk with the Cross will commence at the Clock Park to the Baptist Church for a reprise of Tenebrae. Fellowship will continue over the traditional hot cross buns and hot chocolate.

(b) Food Bank Management

Diana reported that things continue to run smoothly

(c) Habitat for Humanity – no report

(d) Nominating – no success so far in finding a treasurer

9. New Business

Sandra suggested that the Rev Mel Malton be invited to present C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* in monologue form at the AGM in May. It was agreed and Sandra will arrange this.

Gene expressed concern that government funding for prison ministries will be drastically reduced from the 1st April 2015. The Springhill Prison Marathons have been well supported over the years by churches in the area. However, the need for increased support is urgent. It was agreed that the programme committee will consider an event in the fall on prison ministry and will invite Clarence deSchiffert to speak

Andy closed the meeting with prayer at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Shelley and Gene Trites
Secretaries

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday, 8 April 2015
7:00 pm
Manning Chapel Library

Devotions TBA