

# WOLFVILLE AND AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, 7p.m.  
Manning Chapel Library

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President Roger Prentice.
2. **Present:** Lorraine Street, Ray Bishop, Andy Pitter, Allison Trites, Roger Prentice, Diana Shelley, Gene Trites, Bruce Dienes, Ingrid Blais, Nancy Harbers, Karen Hennigar, Marjorie Shaffelburg, Janet Roberts.

**Absent with Regrets:** Maggie Kenny, Barry Morrison, Sandra Fyfe, Timothy McFarland, Ivan Norton.

3. **Devotions:** Diana shared a reading by Thomas Merton from the book, *Thoughts in Solitude*. This has proved to be particularly meaningful to Diana in times of need. She also shared a prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr from the Oxford Book of Prayer.
4. **Adoption of the Minutes:** The minutes of January 13<sup>th</sup> had been circulated. Acceptance moved (DS/AAT). Motion carried Note: the February meeting was cancelled.

### 5. Correspondence:

- (a) Report from Maggie Kenny regarding School Supplies Programme. The report will be circulated at the AGM in May. Diana reminded the meeting of the tremendous contribution Maggie has made to WAICC over many years with this specific ministry. The programme costs are shared by the St. Vincent de Paul Society and WAICC. This expression of appreciation to Maggie was warmly supported by Roger and all members present.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the financial statement were distributed and Ray gave an overview of the current financial position. Copy attached with Minutes. Appreciation was expressed to Ray for the clarity of his report. Moved (RB/DS) that GIC's be re-invested for one year and cashable. Motion carried. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was moved (RB/BD) and carried.

## 7. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- (a) Possibility of Incorporation - Lorraine shared her report on issues/questions related to WAICC's legal status and possible incorporation. Acceptance of the report moved (LS/BD) and carried. After outlining the main points, Lorraine asked all members to study the report before the April meeting when it will be on the Agenda for further discussion. Roger expressed appreciation to Lorraine for her willingness to share her expertise on this timely topic.

## 8. Committee Reports

- (a) Clergy - Andy reported on plans for the Lenten walk which has been arranged by Sandra and Ingrid. The theme this year is Empathy, stressing joyful worship to celebrate kindness and concern for people in various situations. Stations for Prayer will start at Wolfville School, and end up at St./ John's Anglican Church. Sandra is preparing texts.
- (b) Food Bank Management - Diana reported stable numbers. She reiterated appreciation for exceptional volunteers.
- (c) Refugee Committee  
Copies of Judith's detailed report are attached. Again, appreciation was expressed for the wonderful community support.
- (d) Programme Committee- no report
- (e) Habitat for Humanity - Kentville homes now occupied. Karen reminded members that volunteers are welcome at any of the sites in the province. Go to [www.habitat.ca/volunteer--novascotia](http://www.habitat.ca/volunteer--novascotia) for more information.
- (f) Nominating Committee – no report

## 9. New Business

- (a) Standardization for payment of WAICC dues. Diana will request all WAICC members to pay dues during the month of April each year.

- (b) Brief overview of set-up in the treasurer's work was outlined by Janet Roberts: The duties are now shared among three people in order to make the workloads manageable and to improve accountability. Ray Bishop, as Treasurer, has oversight of all funds. Glenn Donnellan, assistant treasurer and will take responsibility for accounts receivable. Diana Shelley, pro tem, will deal with accounts payable. Warm appreciation was expressed to Janet Roberts, co-chair of the Food Bank Committee for her enormous help in improving the efficiency and accountability of WAICC's financial system. Roger thanked those involved for providing efficient and willing leadership in order to deal with CRA requirements as well as day to day business. The volume became much greater with the coming of the food bank and again with the recent addition of the refugee account.

#### 10. **Local Churches**-future projects

Port Williams Baptist- plan another Learning Circle in April. This is open to the public and includes an Introduction to Islam.

Friends - The annual gathering of the Friends (Quakers) will take place (May 21-23) in Merigomish, NS. Topic: Implications of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Wolfville Baptist - Lenten Lunchtime concert/soup lunch series continues (11:45a.m. March 16, March 23<sup>rd</sup>)

Acadia Chapel - Compline through Lent on Thursdays 9.30p.m.

#### 11. **Adjournment:** Moved at 8:35 (EGT)

Roger closed the meeting with a Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites  
Diana Shelley  
Co-secretaries

**Next meetings: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016, 7p.m**  
**Devotions: Sandra Fyfe**

