

**WOLFVILLE AND AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, 12 November 2014
Manning Chapel Library**

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President Roger Prentice.
2. **Present:** Penni Burrell, Andy Pitter, Maurice Tugwell, Tim McFarland, Sandra Fyffe, Gene Trites, Allison Trites, Marjorie Shaffelburg, Sharon Doyle, Roger Prentice, Diana Shelley.
Absent with Regrets: Maggie Kenny, Annika Sangster, Lorraine Street, Karen Hennigar, Sylvia Burgher.
3. **Devotional:** Maurice spoke of the personal special meaning of John O'Donahue's book, *To Bless the Space between Us*. He shared one of his favourite passages.
4. **Adoption of the Minutes:** The minutes of 8th October 2014 had been circulated. They were duly approved (DS/AAT).
5. **Correspondence:** None
6. **Treasurer's Report:** (financial statement is attached). The current financial update was circulated. Maurice shared two items of concern:
 - a) In comparing response to our 2014 Christmas appeal with 2013, donations to date are \$4000 less at this time.
 - b) Last year community foundation grants totalled \$9,600. This year we have not yet received a response. Therefore it is difficult to project the final balance. The good news is that the Capital Account balance is healthy.Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made (MT/PB) and carried. Maurice expressed his warm appreciation to Diana for her assistance.
7. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
 - (a) Ivany Sub Committee Report
Sharon has written a letter requesting guidance for the role WAICC could adopt in supporting the intention of the Ivany Report at the local level. It was agreed this should be sent to Mike Kennedy, the outreach member of the committee and to **Bernie Miller, Deputy Minister, Planning and Priorities, Province of NS.**
 - (b) Penni reported enthusiastically on her visit to a South Shore meeting encouraging entrepreneurs. This was sponsored by the Lunenburg municipality and is an ongoing project. Roger offered to speak to Wes Booth in this area concerning his work with potential entrepreneurs

(c) Youth Initiative

The committee continues to work on their risk management plan. Appreciation was expressed to Lorraine for her support. Copies of the Programme, Facility and Generic Audit tools were circulated. A grant application to the EKM Foundation has been made. Annika and Andy attended a Safe Talk programme concerning suicidal tendencies among youth which was well received. The report was accepted with thanks (AP/SD).

(d) Murder in the Cathedral

We received an update from Roger. He has already received good support from Wendy Elliott concerning WOW participation. He has assurances of good backroom support.

8. Committee Reports

(a) Clergy

The clergy meeting is planned for tomorrow, Nov.20th. Future plans include a Longest Night Service and activities during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme for 2015 is The Woman at the Well. The report was accepted (SF/TMcF).

(b) Food Bank Management

Concern was expressed about the urgent need for volunteers for bigger responsibilities. There is no shortage of volunteers otherwise. It was suggested that a job description for a person to organize hamper day 2015 be circulated to the churches early in the New Year. Hamper Day 2014 will be December 22nd. Packing will take place Sunday afternoon, Dec.21st. The report was accepted with Thanks (DS/MS).

(c) Habitat for Humanity

Karen Hennigar sent a detailed description of schedule and different roles that can be filled by volunteers.

(d) Programme Committee

This group is in the process of developing a programme for 2015.

(e) Nominating

Concern was expressed about the need to find a new treasurer
As soon as possible to work along with Maurice prior to his retirement.

9. New Business

Penni agreed to communicate information about Christmas church activities to Jeremy (Grapevine).

10. Adjournment Moved and unanimously accepted.

**Next meeting of WAICC
Wednesday, 14 January 2015
7:00 p.m.
Manning Chapel Library.**

Devotions: Penni Burrell

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Shelley and Gene Trites,
Secretaries