

WOLFVILE AREA INTER CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

**Wednesday, November 18 2015, 7 p.m.
Manning Chapel Library**

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Allison Trites acting as chair in absence of Roger.
- 2. Present:** Marjorie Shaffelburg, Andy Pitter, Lorraine Street, Allison Trites, Diana Shelley, Gene Trites, Bruce Dienes, Nancy Harbers, Ed Carter, Barry Morrison, Mary Carter.
Regrets: Roger Prentice, Tim McFarland, Ray Bishop, Karen Hennigar, Maggie Kenny, Sandra Fyfe, Sharon Doyle, Ingrid Blaise.
- 3. Opening Prayer:**
Allison opened the meeting with prayer, particularly asking God's guidance on our discussion concerning the refugee initiative.
- 4. Adoption of the Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of 7th October, 2015 had been circulated and we were duly moved, seconded (NH/MS) and approved.
- 5. Correspondence:** none
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of the Treasurer, Diana informed the meeting that the current financial report would be circulated with the minutes.
- 7. Business Arising** from the minutes:
 - a) WAY - no report
 - b) Update re refugee initiative: Barry reported as follows from the latest meeting:
 - (i) The co-chairs are Judith Todd and John Murimba (Sheila Richardson).
 - (ii) Sub-committees are in place for Finance, Public Relations/Publicity, Fund Raising.
 - (iii) The proposed sponsored family will be separate from the 25,000 Syrians the Government of Canada intends to welcome
 - (iv) The sponsorship will be a blended sponsorship - i.e., months 1 and 8 -12 financed by the community group; months 2-7 financed by the government.
 - (v) The committee has decided on a family of six and a specific choice will be made soon bearing in mind criteria including possible employment options, school, suitability, and so on.

- (vi) A hybrid method of financing is suggested. To simplify finances, the Wolfville Baptist Church treasurer is prepared to accept and receipt donations and pass these on to WAICC. Any other church treasurer may do the same, bearing in mind that some of the member churches are supporting other refugee initiatives, individually or denominationally.

Following this sharing of information by Barry, the following three motions were made:

That WAICC officially endorses the agreement, with the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches as the sponsorship agreement holder for the application. Furthermore, WAICC will be named as the sponsorship holder on the second application made to the requisite government office in Winnipeg. Motion moved and carried (BM/AP).

That WAICC agrees to strike the Refugee Committee as a committee of WAICC. Committee to be co-chaired by Judith Todd and John Murimba (Sheila Richardson). Motion moved and carried (BD/DS).

That funds be channeled to the WAICC treasury through the local churches. Cheques will be written by WAICC as needed. Motion moved and carried (BM/LS).

Note: All donors to the Refugee Fund will receive receipts from the church that processes their donation to WAICC.

Bruce suggested that the Canada Helps site should be publicized as an option, bearing in mind this involves a 3.5 % service charge.

8. Committee Reports

- a) Clergy
 - i) Refugee initiative- already discussed
 - ii) Advent Service will be held this year at a new time, 4p.m., Sunday, Nov. 29th, in University Hall.
 - iii) Longest Night Service - St. Francis Church, Sunday, Dec.20th.
- b) Food Bank Management

The regular system continues to run smoothly. Food Hamper distribution day is Monday Dec.21st. Appreciation was expressed to dedicated volunteers Mary and Ed Carter, who were present at the meeting.
- c) Programme- refugee initiative has replaced the planned fall programme.
- d) Habitat for Humanity - no report
- e) Nominating Committee - no report
- f) Ivany Follow-Up - no report

9. New Business

- Community Meeting re Refugee crisis- already dealt with

10. Local Churches

- The Quakers- Bruce reported that Chaplain Katie Aven will lead a discussion the weekend of 21-23 November on the topic, “Listening in Tongues”.

11. Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn (AP) was accepted.**12. Benediction:** Allison closed the meeting with prayer (8p.m.).

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Shelley and Gene Trites
Secretaries

**NEXT MEETING: January 13th, 2016, 7 p.m.,
MANNING CHAPEL LIBRARY
Devotions- Andy Pitter**