

**WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**Wednesday 9 November 2011
Manning Chapel**

1. Meeting called to order by Keith Churchill.
2. Present: Maggie Kenny, Liz Johnston, Maurice Tugwell, Marilyn VanBuskirk, Gene Trites, Allison Trites, Lorraine Street, Margaret Burton, Sandra Fyfe, Keith Churchill and Diana Shelley. (11)

Absent with Regrets: Glen Donnellan, Penni Burrell, Shirley Marston, Margery Shaffelburg

3. DEVOTIONAL Maggie Kenny: During this season of the Church Year when we recognize All Saints (1st November), and All Souls (2nd November). Maggie reminded us how much we can Benefit from the writings of others who earnestly sought God's guidance in their lives. She quoted from St. Theresa of Avila and Archbishop Oscar Romero on the need for complete dependence on the power of the Holy Spirit as we attempt to minister in Christ's name day by day. The prayers used by Maggie are attached

4. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 12 October 2011 had been circulated. Approval of Minutes moved MB/AAT. Motion carried

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of Financial Report distributed by Treasurer. (Copy attached with Minutes) Balance on Hand 8 November 2011: in operating account \$5751.05 and in capital account \$30,000 plus interest not yet added by bank. Acceptance of Financial Report moved MT/MK. Motion carried. Maurice noted that School Food Programme had not yet received funding and this, he explained, was because they had not to date requested assistance. He will contact the schools and see what their status is in this respect.

The Christmas appeal letter has been slightly revised and Maurice is in the process of sending it out. In all, about 340 letters will be sent and Maurice explained his rationale for compiling the list of people to whom appeal letters are sent. The list of recipients changes slightly from year to year, with, for instance, the addition of people who have made donations during the preceding year, depending on one or two factors such as where they live, and deletion of others who are no longer able to give.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- 7/1 Emergency Assistance – Penni not present and the “final version” will be made available at the next meeting of WAICC. Maggie is in the process of updating a comprehensive list (with a different contact person for each of the churches). This list of names and telephone numbers will be distributed widely.
- 7/2 Organizational issues – no report
- 7/3 Letter to Town of Wolfville re Harvest Marathon. Keith sent this but to date has not received a reply. Copy of letter filed with Minutes

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 8/1 Clergy Committee – Sandra reported that the University Advent Service will take place on the First Sunday in Advent, 27th November and will be held in U-Hall this year. Plans are in hand for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, actual dates TBA
- 8/2 Food Bank – Diana reported numbers slightly down after a big burst at the beginning of September. There have been many food drives during the fall including Canada Farm Credit, Trick or Eat organized by the AU students, Muir Murray Run, and a wonderful food drive at Wolfville School organized by the Grade 7 students. Christmas Hamper day will be on 21st December with 22nd as “snow date”. Maggie has this in hand with letters going out to the churches, etc. Gene mentioned that Wendy Raeside had the idea that it would be nice for WBC (as the host church of the FB) to send a Christmas card to each FB Client/ Christmas Hamper recipient conveying season’s greetings and also listing the Christmas service times for WAICC member churches. Wendy will be in touch with Diana and perhaps Wendy, Gene and Diana will be able to implement this.
- 8/3 Programme – “Embracing Life: Accepting Death” will take place late winter/early spring. More details at next WAICC meeting
- 8/4 Habitat for Humanity – No report
- 8/5 Friends of Jane – Trial to commence next week and Jane will need to be present during most of the second week and this will mean she will be missing classes at Acadia. Immigration/ Refugee situation is still very worrying. Deportation is still a possibility and there is really no time line as to when things might happen. Please keep Jane in your prayers.
- 8/6 School supplies – Maggie reported that things under control. It was agreed that if more than the budgeted \$3,000.00 is needed funds will be taken from “School Food Programme” money

9 NEW BUSINESS

- 9/1 There was some discussion as to which faith communities are actually members of WAICC. Perhaps looking at Douglas Hergett’s book might help shed light on this. Also, if it could be found, a copy of the constitution would help. It was agreed that Allison and Diana will attempt to identify who are current members of WAICC
- 9/2 Some people would like to have Food Bank donation cards, particularly with Christmas coming up. Diana will attempt to locate some and if unable to find an adequate number, she will contact Gary Dunfield and ask to have some more printed.

10 NEWS OF MEMBERS

United Church Wolfville Pastoral Charge – Maurice reported that following the decision by some of the eastern Valley United churches to form a union.. Members from Kentville, New Minas, Canning and Wolfville met for combined worship in St. Andrews this past Sunday. Maurice reported that it was a very good occasion

Wolfville Baptist – Remembrance candles were lit in memory of loved ones at the service last Sunday. A birthday cake was served in honour of the 65th anniversary of Harold Mitton's ordination

St. John's Cornwallis – a Harvest supper was put on 29th October and there will be a craft sale on Saturday 19th November in the Parish Hall.

St. Francis – Prayer Breakfasts last Saturday and it is hoped to have one once a month. Memorial Candles have been re-instated in the church. People are starting to get more comfortable with the new Missal

St. John's, Horton – A special service was held on All Souls' Day at which Donna Morrissey was the speaker. It was well attended and well received. A service of Compline was held on 30th October. A New Year's Levee is planned for the first Sunday in Advent to welcome the New Church Year.

Port Williams Baptist- Liz Johnston has been the interim pastor during David Ogilvie's sick leave. They also had candles in church. Recently held the Baptist World Day of Prayer service.

Next Meeting – It was agreed that since the regular date for the December meeting would fall only 10days before Christmas and since there appears to be no pressing business, the December meeting would be cancelled. Next meeting of WAICC will be on Wednesday 10th January 2012.

There being no further business, adjournment agreed to. Maggie closed with a prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites
Diana Shelley
Secretaries

WEDNESDAY, 10 January 2012

7:00 PM

Library, Manning Chapel

