

WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

7:00 pm

Manning Memorial Lower Hall

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Roger Prentice.
2. **Present:** Penni Burrell, Diana Shelley, Gene Trites, Allison Trites, Roger Prentice, Karen Hennigar, Maurice Tugwell, Sharon Doyle, Barry Morrison, Russell Elliott, Marjorie Shaffelburg, Sylvia Burgher, Sandra Fyfe, Timothy McFarland, Andy Pitter, Lorraine Street

Absent with Regrets: Maggie Kenny, Randy Crozsmann, Annika Sangster

3. **Opening Act:** Roger opened with a reading from Philippians 2 followed by prayer.
4. **Adoption of the Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of 11th June, 2014 had been circulated. Acceptance of the minutes was moved and carried (DS/PB).

Note: A reminder that the September meeting of WAICC had been cancelled.

5. **Correspondence:** none.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the current Financial Report were circulated. Maurice commented on items of interest in the report. He is cautiously optimistic about the current financial situation. Motion to accept the Financial Report (MT/SD) was carried.

Note: Maurice shared his plans to move out of Wolfville next month. We appreciate his willingness to complete the current financial year as our treasurer.

7. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
 - a. **Ivany Sub-Committee Report** Sub-committee (Sharon Doyle, Penni Burrell, Maurice Tugwell, Roger Prentice) met in August. No formal report at this stage. Sharon circulated copies of the Ivany Report (Regional Economic Network) summary. During discussion that followed, Tim suggested a letter be sent to the provincial committee asking for direction about pragmatic solutions to the Ivany Report's concerns, and also offering ideas to them. The sub-committee agreed to Roger's request to meet again to draft this letter.

- b. Fall and Winter Programs** -Roger Prentice, Diana Shelley and Gene Trites agreed to meet to discuss this subject. Diana will call the meeting.
- c. Youth Initiative- WAY** project. Copies of a detailed WAY project report had been circulated last month. Penni and Andy reported progress made on this initiative to date. The committee met twice with Lorraine concerning policy and procedures. Her professional input was greatly appreciated. Roger felt the management workshop and meeting he attended were worthwhile. He learned WAY is not meant to replace church youth groups. It is for unchurched youth and provides a safe drug and alcohol free environment in which trusting relationships may be developed. Seventeen Acadia students showed interest in leading the group and ten have started training under the guidance of Annika Sangster from the Orchard Valley Pastorate. It is hoped the program will restart by January, 2015. Lengthy discussion followed mainly around the concept of incarnational ministry, which forms the basis of the committee's approach to the youth. Tim and Barry expressed the view that desires and goals for the youth should include informed choice about matters of faith. The Board generally felt the discussion was enlightening and worthwhile. The report was moved and accepted (PB/KH).
- d. Murder in the Cathedral** - Roger outlined preliminary plans for this production, scheduled for January 2016. Tim has agreed to the use of the chapel. Several community members are already keen to participate. Roger explained the appropriate nature of the choice of this play because it stresses unrestricted openness between the church and the community.

8. Committee Reports:

- (a) Clergy (Sandra Fyfe):
The last meeting was encouraging with a sense of positive energy as the new academic year begins. Friday, October 10th marks the ordination of Melanie Cohoon to the office of Deacon at St. John's Anglican Church, Wolfville.
- (b) Food Bank (Diana Shelley):
Everything is progressing smoothly, although volunteers would be welcome to transport fairly heavy food donations from the regular donors (e.g., Pete's, Save Easy, etc.) to the Food Bank in the Baptist Church. Please call Diana if you know of people who may help.
- (c) Programme: no report

(d) **Habitat for Humanity (Karen Hennigar):**

The Kentville project is progressing well. Karen reminded us that volunteers are needed for many roles other than actual building (e.g., cooking, bookkeeping).

9. New Business

- (a) **Nominating committee** - Roger spoke of the need for a Nominating Committee in view of David Garrett's imminent move to Charlottetown, PE. David headed the Nominating Committee prior to the 2014 Annual General Meeting and is Vice-President of WAICC.

Note: WAICC members recorded their appreciation of David's contribution to WAICC and their good wishes in his new role as Rector of St. Peter's Anglican Church in Charlottetown

- (b) **Local Church Future Projects** - Due to time constraints, item was delayed until next month.

10 **Next Meeting: 12th November, 2014**

Devotions: Maurice Tugwell

Motion to adjourn 8:40 pm – DS

At this point the meeting was turned over to Canon Russell Elliott who gave his reflections which he entitled "*My WAICC Daydreaming*"

Canon Russell Elliott, in both word and deed, embodies the very essence of a faithful disciple of Christ. He has had a lifelong passion for the Church to be a worthy representative of our Lord in this needy world. We all heard his challenge as he summoned us with bell-like clarity to remember our pledge to Christ to be his disciples in the world.

11. Closing Prayer: Roger closed the meeting with prayer and then we enjoyed a time of conversation and refreshment – physical, mental and spiritual.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugenie Trites
Diana Shelley
Secretaries

