

WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, 9 September 2015

Manning Chapel

1. Meeting called to order by President, Roger Prentice
2. Present: Roger Prentice, Ray Bishop, Marjorie Shaffleburg, Lorraine Street, Andy Pitter, Nancy Habers, Sylvia Burger, Sandra Fyfe, Maggie Kenny, Tim McFarland, Diana Shelley and guest Maeghan Hill
Absent with Regrets: Allison Trites, Gene Trites, Penni Burrell, Sharon Doyle

3. DEVOTIONAL

Roger noted that on this day, 9th September 2015, Queen Elizabeth II becomes Britain (and Canada's) longest reigning monarch. He prayed a very beautiful prayer written by the Rev'd Jessie Zinck.

4. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 10 June 2015 had been circulated. Acceptance of Minutes as circulated moved TM/AP. Motion carried

At this point Roger introduced Audrey Shields - a member of the Kings Community Action Committee on Gambling. Audrey spoke about the situation as far as gambling is concerned in Kings County. She urged people to be vocal and active in trying to curb or even remove VLT's. It is the most vulnerable in society who are most likely to fall prey to the sometimes devastating effects resulting from the use of VLT's.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Roger had received a letter from Dr. Karen Hamilton regarding the refugee crisis which he noted would be discussed later on the agenda.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Ray Bishop noted that he needs authorization in writing from WAICC to be on file with CRA. It was agreed that this should happen.

Further, the Bank of Montreal requires written authority from WAICC for Ray to be added as a signing officer for the organization. Accordingly it was moved MK/MS that Ray Bishop as the Treasurer of WAICC be added as a signing officer for all WAICC accounts at Bank of Montreal. Motion carried. President asked secretary to prepare the letters.

Ray went on to explain that he envisages there being two people to take care of WAICC finances: He as the Treasurer and another person to take care of deposits, cheque paying, etc. Diana distributed a memo drawn up by Janet Roberts describing this division in more detail. It was suggested that this be perused by all and that the subject be discussed further at the October meeting.

Ray distributed the financial report to 2 September 2015. Adoption of report moved RB/TM and motion carried.

It was noted by Diana that the annual letter soliciting support which goes out each year from WAICC to members of the community as the Christmas season approaches, would soon be due for distribution. This has always been done by Maurice. However, this year assistance will be needed from the committee or other willing people to prepare and distribute this list.

7. BUSINESS ARISING

- (a) Ivany sub-committee – no report
- (b) WAY – Andy reported that the committee continued to believe that there is a need for a place for youth to obtain support from adults in an environment where they can develop an understanding of ethical and healthy relationships. They acknowledge the need for dialogue with the clergy regarding the goals and purpose of this group to ensure that this is an ecumenical venture. To this end, they request prayerful consideration and input. The committee consists of Penni Burrell, Sandra Fyfe, Andy Pittar and Joan Boutilier.
- (c) Marathon Sunday update – Tim reported that there has been some dialogue. The start time of the races will be considerably earlier in the day in an attempt to minimize inconvenience for people trying to get to their place of worship.
- (d) Refugee conference. No more plans to hold a conference but rather, urgent action is required as the situation becomes ever more critical. There are already a number of initiative started in the area. For example, Paradise Baptist Church, Centreville and Aldershot and Canaan and Kentville. The Catholics have had an invitation from their Bishop and the Anglicans Diocese of NS/PEI already has a sponsorship underway. Wolfville Baptist Church has started an initiative with input from PWUBC and they have invited WAICC to be part of their initiative. Maeghan Hills spoke very passionately about her desire to help in refugee support in some way which would involve Acadia students. The idea of a public meeting in the area was suggested. After considerable discussion it was agreed to refer the subject to the WAICC Clergy Committee which is due to meet on 17th September.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Clergy - Tim reported that at the last meeting of WAICC Clergy Committee on 30 June 2015 they had spent a considerable amount of time planning the upcoming year and discussing how to improve their communications with WAICC. Here is their tentative schedule:

Ecumenical events being planned for the coming year

Advent Service at University – November 29, 2015, 4:00 p.m., Convocation Hall

Chapel card for 2015/2016 is being prepared.

Longest night service – Sunday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m., St Francis

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Food for Thought/Light in the Darkness at the Harvest Gallery

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Jan 18, 20, 22, noon-1:00pm,

Local artists will be invited to offer a reflection on a piece of work. Light lunch provided

Ecumenical Service – Sunday, January 24, 4:30 at the chapel; potluck meal to follow.

Ash Wednesday – Feb 10 at St. John's; Pot luck soup and rolls at 6:00; service at 7:00

The Roman Catholic bishop's mission will be from Feb 28 – March 11

Good Friday Walk with the Cross, March 25 at 11:00

Ecumenical service at St. John's, Wolfville, 1:00 p.m.

*Post-Easter retreat in early April – Living the Risen Life! Saturday, April 9
possibly at Centreville Baptist*

- (b) Food Bank – Diana reported that the food bank has a lot of clients and that it was doing its best to meet their needs. It is important to remember that the number of clients actually attending for food does not accurately reflect the number of clients currently being helped through the social programme, which has grown as a very natural extension of the food bank.
- (c) Programme- No further plans to hold the panel discussion at this time as the refugee challenge takes priority.
- (d) Habitat for Humanity – No report
- (e) Nominating Committee – Sandra agreed to become a part of the nominating committee.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

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10. LOCAL CHURCHES – FUTURE PROJECTS

- Andy reported on an initiative of OVUC called “Meet your Feet”. This is a free foot clinic which will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at three different locations. Free taxi service will also be included.
Link for further details: <http://orchardvalleyunited.ca/small-group-ministries/meet-your-feet/>
- Note made of the Aboriginal conference to be held on the Acadia campus
Link for further details: <http://libguides.acadiau.ca/mawiomi2015>
- Tim passed out brochures for Manning Chapel containing the various services and activities which take place at the chapel throughout the academic year. These include regular Sunday evening services, IVCF activities and many other services both Christian and non-Christian

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm

Roger closed the meeting with a Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Shelley
Secretary

Next Meeting of WAICC
Wednesday, 14th October 2015
at 7:00 pm
Library, Manning Chapel