

Minutes of WAICC for January 10, 2017

1. **Present:** Gene Trites, Roger Prentice, Andy Pitter, Nancy Harbers (Chair), Ray Bishop (Treasurer), Bruce Dienes (Secretary), Ingrid Blais, Peter Robbins, Sandra Fyfe, Carol Buckley.
Regrets: Diana Shelley, Don Flowers, Tim McFarland.
Devotions: Ingrid Blais shared *Prayer for the New Year* by Joyce Rupp.
2. **Adoption of Minutes** of Nov 8, 2017: Minutes of the meeting of Nov 8 were accepted correct as circulated, with the exception of the incorrect date at the top of the page. (Andy, Ingrid) Motion carried.
3. **Correspondence:** Nancy shared cards that people had left at the Food Bank along with their donations.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Report to end of December 2017 is attached. Donations are down several thousand dollars from previous years. Ray suggests setting time at a future meeting to discuss fundraising strategies for this year. Motion to accept the report (Ray, Sandra). Carried.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - a. Incorporation process. We are awaiting clarification from the Catholic Church as to the type of membership structure that would permit them to be involved. One example is the structure that the Atlantic School of Theology uses. Andy will keep us posted.
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Clergy Committee: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Wolfville Baptist is the host church this year. It will be held January 21 to 28. The WoPfcU will be integrated into the daily Acadia Chapel services from the 22nd to the 26th, possibly followed by a brown-bag lunch discussion. The theme is "That all may be free" from Exodus 15 with a specific focus for each day. Andy is coordinating this. The Ecumenical Service will be held on the 28th at 4pm at Wolfville Baptist Church, followed by Potluck Supper. Details will be available on the web site and FaceBook page.
 - b. Food Bank: Report attached.
 - c. Special Needs: Report attached.
7. **New Business**
 - a. Appointment of Nominating Committee. Sandra Fyfe is appointed. We appoint Maggie Kenney subject to her consent. If she is not able to serve, Andy Pitter will serve.
8. **Next Meeting:** February 7, 2018, 7 pm. Acadia Chapel Library. Note that this is not our usual week to meet.
9. **Adjourned:** (Nancy). Roger closed with prayer.

Announcements:

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FOOD BANK

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Firstly, I would like you to know how grateful we are to WAICC for enabling a food bank to happen in the way it does in our area. We know of food banks (perhaps the majority of the ones in our area) where fund raising is one of the tasks the food bank itself has to undertake. Thanks to WAICC we are able to devote our energies to making the food bank as helpful and efficient as possible. And, indeed, I think our operation is very efficient. 70 to 90 regular volunteers are involved and during a food bank week there is an activity undertaken by these volunteers each day of the week.

December was very busy at the WAFB. Because of the day of the week upon which Christmas Day fell, two food bank days and our Annual Food Hamper Day were packed into less than three weeks. The Hamper Day is always a fun day but this year it seemed to be even more up-beat than usual. Many of our volunteers are involved as are number of drivers who are not necessarily regulars but who come along for this occasion. The mayor and Keith Irving were both there pitching in. The Horton Hockey Team is fabulous. They have been coming to help for a number of years and their cheerfulness and willingness and, *of course* their strength is so much appreciated. Refreshments are served in the kitchen and I would say a good time is had by almost everyone. Thank you to WAICC member churches who so faithfully fulfill their commitments each year and deliver their contributions in a timely way. Our regular food bank number were slightly up during the fall but for the most part remain steady.

Thank you WAICC for enabling this work to continue in the Wolfville area.

Diana Shelley

SPECIAL NEEDS REPORT

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Little to add to what I said at the last meeting. Special Needs is very *special*. We continue to help people each month – through contact from our clergy, etc. or through contact via the food bank. Rent, heat, NS Power, phone, transportation, medication, glasses and eye care, (including the extra costs not covered by Medicare involved in cataract surgery), dental work are perhaps the major areas where help is provided. This help at what is often a time of extreme difficulty, can make a great difference to a person or a family.

Diana Shelley