

Wolfville Area Interchurch Council

Minutes February 21, 2018

Attendance: Maggie Kenney, Nancy Harbers (Chair), Gene Trites, Diana Shelley, Bruce Dienes (Secretary), Roger Prentice, Andy Pitter, Peter Robbins

Regrets: Carolyn Harrison, Carol Buckley, Sandra Fyfe, Ray Bishop

Devotions: Gene Trites

1. Minutes of January 10 were accepted correct as circulated. (Diana, Andy. Carried).
2. Correspondence: Letter was received from the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. They are unable to participate in an incorporated WAICC due to liability issues. Lorraine will continue to investigate other membership structures that may be more amenable. She will report in person to our April meeting.
3. Financial Report: Report was received from Ray Bishop and is appended.
4. Andy Pitter reported on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The chapel services were well represented by clergy from WAICC member organizations and were well attended. Having it at a regular place each day was helpful. Six to twelve people stayed each day for the bag lunch discussions. The hall was full for the Sunday service and potluck.
5. Food Bank and Special Needs: Numbers at the food bank range from 50 to 70 families. The special needs committee has been active this month, giving significant help to people who have life challenges.
6. Clergy Committee: Tim and Father Craig held a joint morning service at the Acadia Chapel for Ash Wednesday. WAICC's ecumenical Good Friday service will be held at Larche's new building. Father Craig will lead Stations of the Cross at St. Francis on March 2nd. An Alpha Program will be held at St. Francis on Tuesdays, March 6th through May 15th from 6:30 to 8:30pm. All are welcome. The committee is working on an ecumenical care plan for the elderly, so as to avoid duplication and ensure none are left out.
7. School Supplies report from Maggie Kenney. Report is appended.
8. Sandra and Tim are appointed to serve as our Nominating Committee. Maggie will serve if Tim cannot. They will report to the AGM.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm
10. Closing Prayer: Roger prentice

Next Meeting: March 14, at 7pm.

Announcements:

Lenten Activities at St. John's

Tuesdays in Lent, 9-10:30am (Feb. 20th, 27th, Mar. 6th, 13th, 20th): Five Session Series on Contemplative Leadership (coordinated by St. John's and hosted by Wickwire Place)

-- Those who lead in any capacity have the privilege, opportunity and challenge of refreshing others like offering a drink from a fresh spring well. But what if the well runs dry, or the debris of life clogs the flow of that living water? This series is intended to help us learn to be deeply grounded in God in the midst of the challenges of leadership in our families, work or church lives. The sessions allow opportunity for contemplative practice, as well as instruction and guidance and are offered via webinar, led by Margaret Benefiel, Executive Director, Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation, Washington. The sessions will also be recorded on YouTube.

See www.queenscollegenl.ca (go to the YouTube icon).

Brown Bag 'n Bible: Thursdays in Lent at St. John's (Feb. 22nd, Mar. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd), noon-1:30pm.

The Old Testament readings in Lent speak about covenants made between God and God's people. We'll explore these covenants together and consider what they might mean for us today. We'll talk about Noah, Abraham, and Jeremiah, the Ten Commandments, and how God responds when covenants are broken. *Note: This series will only be offered if there is sufficient interest. Please sign up at the back of the church.*

Lenten Quiet Day, Fri., Mar. 16th 9:45am-3pm at St. John's

We tend to postpone our response to the call to intimacy that Jesus wants for each of us when he says, "I call you FRIENDS." Sharon Doyle will lead us in an exploration of the possibility of a deeper sense of the Presence of God in our lives. This awareness leads to more of a sense of belonging, which ushers us into felt joy and peace.

You are invited to come for all or part of a day that features presentations by Sharon. Following each Reflection there will be time for quiet personal prayer, optional small group discussion and an opportunity to ask Sharon questions. Please bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee, dessert and snacks provided.

Sharon Doyle now lives in Wolfville. She lived in a monastic retreat center for 25 years, giving retreats and offering spiritual direction. Sharon is a trained counsellor who was the Spiritual Care Coordinator for L'Arche Homefires. She has spent the last two years studying Ignatian spirituality. It focuses on finding God in everything. It teaches us how to pray the Scriptures, especially the Gospels, so that they come alive for us, here and now, offering us peace no matter what our circumstances are.

2017-18 School Supply Project for Area Schools

Coordinated by: Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Maggie Kenny)

Financially supported by: Wolfville Area InterChurch Council for students in their catchment area

This program helped a total of 69 students from seven different schools with supplies and/or fees for the 2017-18 school year. Our program has been active for many years, and since 2008, we are very pleased to have the Wolfville Area Interchurch Council (WAICC) and local churches support us financially with this endeavor.

All local elementary schools grades primary to grade 5 charge a school supply fee, with children only needing to supply a backpack, lunch box, indoor footwear, gym clothes, and for many schools, a water bottle. Our program has been accustomed to only supplying the backpack and lunchbox from the above list and have continued to do so. The supply fees collected by the schools are used to purchase supplies that the students will need throughout the year. Some schools also charge a school fee for locker rentals, fine arts programs, etc. We pay any associated fees directly to the schools. School Administrations also put forth names they recommend we support, some of which are struggling families who do not use the services of the local Foodbanks or the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The school makes contact with these families for consent. Of note, Horton High School waived their \$25 fee for their fourteen students again this year, choosing to absorb the cost (\$350) through their own budget.

Over the recent years, the NS government has given each school extra funds to be used for programming for students from struggling families. This money can be used to cover fees, and could be the reason for the continued decrease in demand for support regarding school fees and supplies, as well as the efforts of various businesses supporting students through their own projects. (Bell Alliant, Sleep Country, County Fair Mall, etc)

Sodexo, the Physical Plant at Acadia University, continues to play a very important role in that they recover used supplies from students for us to recycle and reuse, cutting down on our purchases. We continue to receive more binders than we can give out in a year, but store these extra, thinking that university students will buy less of these in the future, as so much of their work is now electronic.

We continue to carry an inventory of supplies do to donations that come in and items purchased on sale. We purchase supplies in the summer when the sales are "good". We have to predict our needs. This year, we predicted more support would be needed than was actually requested, resulting in a larger end of program inventory to draw on for next year.

Backpacks continue to be a costly item, and do not last from year to year, making up a bulk of our expenses, along with lunch boxes and calculators.

Some families requested support with fees only. Some families requested support with supplies only. Some families requested support in all areas.

Making connections with families over the summer has become increasingly difficult and an issue that needs some fine tuning. Many families rely solely on text messages to correspond. It appears some

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families sign up for support, but do not pick up their requested items or respond to have them delivered.

Review:

Total # of Students supported: 69

of Students supported in the WAICC catchment area: 53

of Students supported solely by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul: 16

Total cost of supplies purchased: \$1435.78

Total cost of fees paid to schools: \$1689.00

\$3124.78

Item	WAICC	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Schools supported through our program	Wolfville, Gaspereau, Port Williams, Horton	LE Shaw, NKEC, Highbury, NSCC
Elementary Students (P-5)	33	10
Middle School Students (6-8)	6	3
High School Students (9-12)	14	1
NSCC / Adult High School		2
Supplies	37	7
Fees to schools	\$1339.00	\$350.00
% of purchased supplies	37 students x \$32.6314	7 students x \$32.6314
Total costs	2546.36	\$578.42

\$3124.78

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Kenny

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Comparative Balance Sheet

	<u>As at 01/31/2018</u>	<u>As at 01/31/2017</u>	<u>Percent</u>
ASSET			
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Bank Balance	62,173.09	58,247.94	6.74
Refugee Fund Bank	0.00	10,977.22	-100.00
GlCs	<u>61,756.03</u>	<u>60,938.91</u>	1.34
Total Assets	<u>123,929.12</u>	<u>130,164.07</u>	-4.79
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LIABILITY			
Restricted Funds			
Refugee Program	0.00	0.00	0.00
Food Bank Programs and Projects	<u>3,894.87</u>	<u>6,082.49</u>	-35.97
Total Restricted Funda	<u>3,894.87</u>	<u>6,082.49</u>	-35.97
Total Liabilities	<u>3,894.87</u>	<u>6,082.49</u>	-35.97
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EQUITY			
Equity			
Capital Account	0.00	0.00	0.00
Retained Earnings	102,168.92	98,608.71	3.61
Current Earnings	<u>17,865.33</u>	<u>25,472.87</u>	-29.87
Total Equity	<u>120,034.25</u>	<u>124,081.58</u>	-3.26
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>123,929.12</u>	<u>130,164.07</u>	-4.79

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Comparative Income Statement

	Actual 01/01/2018 to 01/31/2018	Budget 04/01/2017 to 03/31/2018	Percent	Actual 04/01/2017 to 01/31/2018	Actual 04/01/2016 to 01/31/2017	Percent
REVENUE						
Offerings, contributions	11,752.90	99,845.00	-88.23	78,785.70	87,069.64	-9.51
Dues	450.00	0.00	0.00	550.00	600.00	-8.33
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WAY Project Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EKMFB Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Space Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Program Designations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dental Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Refugee Income	0.00	12,350.00	-100.00	1,318.02	61,241.84	-97.85
Food Bank Special Programs	0.00	3,895.00	-100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	12,202.90	116,090.00	-89.49	80,653.72	148,911.48	-45.84
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EXPENSE						
Expenditures						
Telephone	82.15	900.00	-90.87	742.86	618.61	20.09
Postage	126.42	1,000.00	-87.36	312.72	576.31	-45.74
Bank Service Charges	10.34	350.00	-97.05	262.41	240.28	9.21
Other expenses	57.50	1,000.00	-94.25	592.50	836.10	-29.14
Total Admin. Expenses	276.41	3,250.00	-91.50	1,910.49	2,271.30	-15.89
Program Committee Expenses	0.00	1,200.00	-100.00	159.08	0.00	0.00
Donations to School Food Programs	0.00	9,000.00	-100.00	4,000.00	10,700.00	-62.62
Special Relief	115.00	15,000.00	-99.23	8,156.10	13,110.10	-37.79
School Supplies Program	2,546.36	2,500.00	1.85	2,546.36	0.00	0.00
Special Dental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub-total Community Assistance	2,661.36	26,500.00	-89.96	14,702.46	23,810.10	-38.25
Food Purchases	4,559.04	62,000.00	-92.65	43,575.27	44,181.18	-1.37
Space Rental	0.00	3,000.00	-100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FB Social Programs/Projects	0.00	3,895.00	-100.00	1,131.57	2,038.62	-44.49
Other Program Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	-17.50	872.79	-102.01
Sub-total Food Bank	4,559.04	68,895.00	-93.38	44,689.34	47,092.59	-5.10
Refugee Start-up Costs	0.00	12,350.00	-100.00	1,327.02	23,970.21	-94.46
Refugee Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Refugee Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	432.39	-100.00
Refugee LivingnExpenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,862.02	-100.00
Total Refugee Expenses	0.00	12,350.00	-100.00	1,327.02	50,264.62	-97.36
Total Expenditures	7,496.81	112,195.00	-93.32	62,788.39	123,438.61	-49.13
TOTAL EXPENSE	7,496.81	112,195.00	-93.32	62,788.39	123,438.61	-49.13
NET INCOME	4,706.09	3,895.00	20.82	17,865.33	25,472.87	-29.87