

1 Call to Order

2 Present: Nancy Harbers, Lorraine Street, Sandra Fife, Ingrid Blais, Roger Prentice, Carolyn Harrison, Maggie Kenny, Janet Roberts, Diana Shelly, Allison Trites, Gene Trites.

Regrets: Bruce Dienes, Ray Bishop, Carol Buckley, Andy Pitter

3 Meditation Gene Trites- *Keeping a Holy Lent: Fast From – Feast On* by William A Ward

4 Adoption of Minutes of Feb. 17th Minutes of the meeting of Feb. 17th were accepted as presented and circulated. Moved by Allison, seconded by Diana. Motion carried.

5 Correspondence Thank-you cards were read and circulated by Nancy from two schools (Gaspereau Elementary, LE Shaw Elementary) expressing their gratitude for WAICC's financial support for their food programs.

6 Treasurer's Report Ray was away and sent his report electronically, showing our financial position as of January 31st.

7 Business Arising from the Minutes

WAICC Incorporation Application: Lorraine spoke very clearly on this matter, indicating there are a few major issues that need to be resolved before we can move forward. Each member church had been emailed a document titled "*WAICC Incorporation Application – Issue of Membership Structure*". It is imperative that each member church discuss this document and it's questions at the Council level and provide feedback to the committee **for the May 10th meeting**. (document attached). Key points are: who is a member? What is our organizing structure? What is current? Do we keep it or amend it? Sandra suggested we look at the language of *member churches* vs *members*. Lorraine clarified also that according to the statute, we will need a Board of Directors and Officers. Who gets to vote? Member churches or individuals? Do we want our members to be organizations only? People only? People and organizations? How will Board members be chosen by the churches? Do our organizations need to be just the churches and L'Arche, or do we open it up to individuals or groups outside the church communities? Feedback information from each of the 9 current organizations will be shared at the May 10th meeting along with *clarification of the objects of incorporation* (Andy & Lorriane), such that the matter of incorporation can be presented at the annual meeting in June.

8 Committee Reports

a Clergy/Worship Committee

- 1) Will look at the name of their committee. Does it need to be changed for the Constitution?
- 2) Reflected on the wonderful collaborative effort of ecumenism regarding the January Week for Christian Unity. Well done!
- 3) World Day of Prayer on March 3rd was a very successful and moving event.

- 4) The Good Friday Service will be hosted at Manning Chapel under the guidance and direction of Tim McFarland. The Walk of the Cross is being organized by Diana, Ingrid and Sandra. It will begin at St. Francis of Assisi at 118 Main Street and make stops along the way, ending up at Manning Chapel. The focus is "*Fear Not*", based on scripture from Isaiah 41:10. The reflection at each stop **needs to be short** and clear, approximately 5 sentences! *Be Not Afraid* will be sung in full at the end of the walk. More details to follow, and will be communicated before the event. It would be great to have guitar accompaniment during the walk. If you have the guitarist for the job, let the committee know!

It was mentioned that it would be very helpful to have the speakers/readers in the Good Friday Service named in the program, as not every one is familiar with the various church pastors or speakers. It is wonderful to be able to attach a name to a face. Sandra will mention this to Tim.

- 5) Lenten Study: Currently there are 24 people registered and room for more. The focus is on *dealing with conflict within our lives*. This study can serve as an excellent tool to gain a skill set in that area. Weekly handouts are part of the program.

b Foodbank: Diana reported the operation is running smoothly once again and there is no need for recruitment of volunteers in key positions at this time. The annual meeting will be held March 20th in the Wolfville Baptist Church parlour. Some Acadia students have organized a food drive- *March Against Hunger*. These will be delivered and sorted on March 11th.

Special Needs Committee: We continue to address important needs for individuals and families who face formidable challenges in their lives. Recently there has been an increase in the extent to which we are working in partnership with other service organizations to provide assistance. We will begin work on a description of the Special Needs program and processes that reflect current operations and realities.

c Refugee Report: Judith was not present, no report submitted. Sandra mentioned that although the 1 year sponsorship program is over, there is ongoing financial support for the Tahina family and English literacy support continues. Port Williams shared they still await the arrival of their family and are disappointed in the speed of processing the family. A home was secured over a year ago and they continue to pay monthly rent.

Interfaith Gathering at the Chapel (February) This event was attended by roughly 50 people and was a moving evening of prayer and open sharing. This was the second response to the upheaval in our world regarding intolerance of faith. Questions to ponder included- would this stifle the spontaneity of participants, and timing (monthly, quarterly, 5th Sunday of the month, when the need arises). Sandra will bring it up at the next clergy meeting and bring the results of the discussion back to our monthly meeting.

d WAICC Winter Program: *From Compassion to Courage – From Welcome to Witness*

March 22nd 5-9 pm at the Farmers Market. Please refer to poster and bulletin announcement that was distributed previously. There continues to be a need for a presenter on the topic of Anxiety. Each presentation will be approximately 10 minutes. Maggie will contact Dr. Robin McGee as a possible presenter and pass the information on to Lorraine to pursue. Please promote in your home church community. The committee shared their format of the evening and the **need separate 4 pots of broth** to act as the base for 4 Stone Soups. Please let Lorraine know if you can provide a soup base. (Nancy = tomato base) Please let Lorraine know if you can help with set up, organization or clean up. Feedback of the event will be discussed at a future WAICC meeting. The event sounds well organized and intriguing.

e Habitat for Humanity- no current reporter, therefore no report

9 New Business

Pat Moore (Kent Lodge) has applied for a *Quiet Garden* status. This will make her beautiful gardens available to the wider community and give an environment suitable for contemplation and prayer, with the possibility to host related events. Keep your ear to the ground for further updates.

April proves to be a very busy month with Easter, and we wrap up March with the WAICC Winter Program event at the Farmers Market on March 22nd. It was decided that there would not be a meeting in April. The next meeting is May 10th 7pm in the Acadia Chapel library. Maggie will provide the reflection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 with Roger Prentice inviting us into a closing prayer.

Minutes recorded by Maggie Kenny

NEXT MEETING: May 10th, 2017

Annual General Meeting: June 14th, 2017 location tba (Wolfville Baptist?)