

WOLFVILLE AREA INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, 11th May, 2016
7:00 pm
Port Williams United Baptist Church

1. **Call to Order:** President Roger Prentice called the meeting to order. There were 29 people in attendance.
2. **Welcome and Opening Devotions:** David Ogilvie, extended a warm welcome. David shared a helpful and interesting devotional on the general theme of Gratitude. Quoting from Deuteronomy 26, he spoke of the requirement to offer thanks especially at life's threshold moments and the need to take time to reflect, to celebrate and to be grateful, and then to be prepared to move forward. David suggested that Annual General Meetings should mirror this pattern of reflection, celebration and gratitude for what has been accomplished, followed by renewed enthusiasm and vision for the future. Membership in WAICC provides a channel to express gratitude through service.
3. **Regrets**
Barry Morrison, Russell Elliott, Penni Burrell
4. **Adoption of the Minutes of AGM, May 20th, 2015:**
The minutes had been circulated. Acceptance of the minutes was moved and carried (DG/EGT).
5. **President's Report**
All reports had been circulated before the meeting. Copies are filed with the minutes. Roger presented his report, expressing appreciation to all who have co-operated to fulfill the work of WAICC during his tenure. Acceptance was moved and carried (RP, TMcF).
6. **Treasurer's Report**
Ray drew attention to the Auditor's Report by George Estey. Copies of the Comparative Balance Sheet, Comparative Income Statement (2015-2016) and the Proposed Expenditure Budget for year end March 31, 2017 were circulated. Acceptance of the yearend report was moved and carried (RB/ TMcF). Acceptance of the proposed budget was moved and carried (RB/EC). Ray commented that, assuming the traditional support continues, WAICC can be cautiously optimistic for the coming year. Roger expressed deep appreciation to Ray and his team (Diana Shelley, Glen Donnellan) for their work. Janet Roberts was also acknowledged for her assistance.

7. Clergy Committee Report

Appreciation was expressed to Andy Pitter for preparing this report on behalf of the clergy. Andy commented that the clergy continue to enjoy meeting at the home of Canon Russell Elliott whom she thanked for hosting the gatherings. (Note: This enables Canon Elliott to participate in the group in which he is the longest standing member, having completed 33 years with WAICC. Canon Elliott is passionate about WAICC and urges both our faith communities and individuals to make the work of WAICC a priority.)

8. Food Bank Management Committee Report

Appreciation was expressed to Kathie Manko, Chair of the Wolfville Area Food Bank, for preparing the report. Acceptance of the report was moved and carried (KM/EC). Kathie expressed appreciation to Janet Roberts, Diana Shelley, Ed & Mary Carter and a host of other volunteers (approximately 75) who work as a family to achieve the smooth running of the Food Bank.

9. Community Assistance Report

Diana Shelley was thanked for preparing this report, which highlights the broader scope of WAICC's work in the community beyond food assistance. Acceptance of the report was moved and carried (DS/SF).

10. School Assistance Report

Maggie Kenney was thanked for preparing a detailed report documenting WAICC's collaboration with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in offering help with school supplies to 81 students this past year. Acceptance of the report was moved and carried (JR/DS). Appreciation to Maggie was noted in the March 2016 minutes and reiterated.

11. Refugee Report

This report, prepared by Judith Tod, co-chair of the Refugee Support Network, was presented by Sarah Ehler, chair of the Committee for Refugee Accommodation and a member of the social committee of the RSN. Acceptance of the report was moved and carried (SE/EC). Roger expressed thanks to Judith and Sarah. A second family is expected in Wolfville soon. The Sudanese family, sponsored by the Port Williams community through the Baptist Church, is also expected imminently.

12. Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee (Penni Burrell, Sandra Fyfe) presented the following slate of officers:

President—Nancy Harbers (St. Francis Roman Catholic Church)

Vice President—Sandra Fyfe (St. John's Anglican Church, Wolfville)

Secretary – Bruce Dienes (Society of Friends, Annapolis Valley)

Treasurer—Ray Bishop (Port Williams United Baptist Church)

13. **New Business**—none

14. **Date of Next Annual General Meeting:** Wednesday , May 10,2017 (tentative)

15. **Date of Next Monthly Meeting:** Wednesday, June 8, 2016 - Library, Manning Memorial Chapel, 7p.m.

16. **Motion to Adjourn**

The President accepted a motion to adjourn (AAT, 7.58p.m.) He then introduced the special speaker, Mayor Jeff Cantwell, who addressed the meeting on the subject “Awakening the Community with Us.” Jeff spoke on the general theme of change, especially as society’s values have grown further away from the values of faith communities. This was followed by an interesting time of discussion.

17. **Benediction** The Benediction and grace were given by David.

Note: Roger expressed warm appreciation to the group from Port Williams United Baptist Church for preparing refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Trites
Diana Shelley

Secretaries

