

Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council
Manning Memorial Chapel, Library
Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 7:00p.m.

1. Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order by Penni Burrell with a special welcome for newcomers to WAICC.
2. Present:
Nicole Uzans, Andy Pitter, Allison Trites, Penni Burrell, Diana Shelley, Maurice Tugwell, Karen Hennigar, Dale Hennigar, Sharon Doyle, Craig Cameron, Gene Trites
Regrets:
David Garrett, Sylvia Burger, Marjorie Shaffleburg, Lorraine Street.
3. Devotional:
Allison read from Psalm 107, a "Psalm of Thanksgiving to a Delivering God." He spoke of God rescuing his people from their troubles when they were in the wilderness, when they faced death, and when they faced danger or difficulty. He noted the same cry for help in the New Testament, "Lord, have mercy on me." He cited several passages for the Gospel of Luke (e.g., the ten lepers, the blind man at Jericho), which illustrate the compassion of Jesus. He concluded with prayer that we serve with a spirit of compassion.
4. Adoption of Minutes:
The minutes from the April 10th, 2013 meeting had been circulated. Motion to accept these was approved (DS/SD)
5. Correspondence:
New Life Ministries under the leadership of Glen Donnellan has withdrawn from WAICC. The congregation is now meeting in Coldbrook.
6. Treasurer's Report:
Maurice gave an overview of budget items to inform the new members. His report about the current WAICC financial situation is attached. The report was moved (MT/KH) and carried.
7. Business Arising from the Minutes:
 - a) AGM/ Pierre Allard presentation. The feedback was generally positive. It was suggested that the question of follow up about prison ministry should be placed on the agenda for October.
 - b) Death and Dying. Diana suggested this be removed from the Agenda since a workshop is being offered at Centreville Baptist Church on Oct.24th and covers the same topics. Diana agreed to forward full details to all council members.

c) Youth Initiative Update.

Andy reported that the first pilot programme is completed. Holly Woodworth of the Town of Wolfville Recreation Staff agreed to lead four sessions at the Rec Centre for Middle School students (Grades 6-8). All participants were boys. The next trial run is planned for Wolfville Curling Club. The committee is looking for a male leader to work with Holly.

8. Committee Reports:

- a) Clergy- Clergy committee meets on the third Thursday of each month so at this stage there is no report. Nicole was welcomed as the clergy representative at this meeting. She is the recently appointed assistant to Sandra Fyfe at St. John's Church, Wolfville.
- b) Food Bank Management Committee-The Wolfville Area Food Bank continues to serve approximately 75 families every two weeks.
- c) Programme- The programme committee presented a plan to hold a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Nova Scotia District of the Canadian Bible Society. This will be held on Wednesday, Nov.6th,2013 at 7p.m. in the Wolfville Baptist Church. The speaker will be the National President of the Canadian Bible Society, Dr. Bill Brackney. The council endorsed this plan.
- d) Habitat for Humanity- Land has been acquired in New Minas for the next project. No further details were available at this time.

9. New Business

Nominating Committee-

David Garrett, who had expressed a willingness to serve on this committee, was appointed in absentia. Maurice T. also agreed to serve.

10. News of Members

- a) Quakers- Penni reported that this small group continues to meet in homes weekly. A retreat is planned for November. A second session is planned on the important topic of the ethics of synthetic biology. Details will be given.
- b) Wolfville Baptist- This is the 250th anniversary of the church which is the oldest continuing Baptist church in Canada. Monthly events are planned to celebrate. Details will be circulated.
- c) Orchard Valley Pastorate- Maurice and Andy gave us an overview of the current situation concerning the plans for joining the former Kentville, Wolfville, Greenwich, New Minas, and Canard pastorates. There are blessings and challenges involved but the vision is progressing on several fronts.

- d) St. John's, Wolfville. Nicole explained the details of her shared ministry with Sandra. We also heard about the planned renovations of the church.
- e) L'Arche- Ingrid Blais, who is celebrating 15 years as Director, has been mandated for another term. Ingrid's experience will be invaluable as L'Arche continues to fundraise for their Building the Dream project.
- f) St. Francis- Father Craig was welcomed for a short visit. He was encouraged by the response of Catholic students at Club Extravaganza on campus. Repairs at St. Francis continue. It is hoped the office will re-open by Oct.4th, St. Francis' Feast Day, and the basement should be ready before Christmas.

Penni expressed her desire that we all continue to encourage and support each other as each Christian group faces real challenges.

- 11. Adjournment and Benediction-The meeting adjourned (SD). Allison closed with a benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Trites (secretary)

Next meeting date: October 9, 2013, 7p.m. in Manning Chapel Library.

Devotional for October meeting: Nicole Uzans