

MINUTES

The following is a summary of the minutes of the most recent Board meeting of the Antigonish Women's Association, held on October 4, 1984.

- The A.W.A. Board met on October 4, 1984.
- There were 12 Board members present.
- Barbara MacDonald was welcomed as the Association's new President.
- Angela Miles, Janet Tremblay, and Mary Burns were appointed to serve on the Personnel Committee, along with one non-voting member of the Executive.
- The proposed procedures of the Personnel Committee were accepted.
- Patricia Mifflen and Ann Uloth were nominated to serve as Board Members.
- Vicky MacLean and Diane MacKinnon were nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- The Membership Committee reported that a total of \$232.00 was realized from the membership drive and pantry sale that was held at the Mall on September 21st.
- The Fundraising Committee will give members a year-long projection of fundraising plans and projects.
- Vicky MacLean has joined the Public Relations and Publicity Committee.
- Janet Tremblay and Denise Donovan have resigned from the Program Committee. The Board is looking for two members to take their place.
- Margaret Buoy has resigned as Treasurer. We are now looking for someone to fill this position.
- The next Board meeting will be held on November 1st at 7:00 p.m.

*****BLESSSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS*****

When the Peace Petition Caravan came through Antigonish, a small group of people including Barbara Hayes and Bishop Power received them. Barbara Hayes' moving address follows here:

MESSAGE TO THE PEACE PETITION CARAVAN

OCTOBER 1, 1984

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In preparing for today with limited time I found myself thinking - well, if each town is having an event, what should ours be - something positive, enduring . . . It became very clear to me the event is life - the work and commitment is - quality of life. As a woman and a mother it is very clear to me I choose life for myself and my children - as individuals - men and women - we have the power to choose life - we have a voice, we have a vote and we have the inner spiritual connection with the miracle of creation and the beauty of this planet - which is our home. If we can start loving this home of ours and loving ourselves as part of it - seeing the interconnectedness of all life. We can focus on this with our children - all children that they feel wanted, loved and cared for. That our priorities include as most important the raising of healthy, loved children, which will be a radical priority as it is now at the bottom of our national and international priority list.

Working to live in a balance of love and co-operation instead of competition and power. Peace is defined as the absence of war therefore it is still defined by war. Violence in our world societies is acute. We will have to examine the place of joy, happiness and emotional well-being in our lives. The wheels of our global village are now greased by suppressing these emotions in large numbers of people so a few may feel worthwhile.

The balance of power is shaky at best and the means to achieve it are life-threatening to all of us. The concept of prevention is gaining credibility. Learning to envision a peaceful world is in itself a difficult task. We begin to look for something to work towards instead of something to work against (as we have been doing). We realize this involves equality of men and women, of Black people, Indian people - all suppressed groups.

How we reward people, how people feel recognized and worthwhile - how we organize ourselves economically - all will have to be examined and decisions made that are more equitable and productive toward a peaceful world.

So I wish you luck in carrying this message of peace with you to our political leaders.

Thank you.

Barbara Hayes
(Peacemaker)