

Minutes of Council Meeting of Australian Church Women N.S.W. State Unit held at Uniting Church Offices 21st. August 1978.

The President welcomed 23 members and opened the meeting with a reading from Saint Augustine's writings and prayer. New members Sister Barbara Hutchinson, G.W.U. Mrs. Judith Baker P.W.A.

*New Catholic Rep.*  
Apologies were received from, Mesdames Woodhouse, Bell, Lean, Dougherty, King, Ridley, Green, Stevens, Udy, Bent, Lt. Col. Baker, Major Venebles, and Miss Mitchell. *Mrs. M. Smith*

Business Arising A number of Council members had enjoyed Deaconess Andrews' account of her Zambian trip for Women's World Day of Prayer, when Deaconess asked for our prayers for Zambia. Those who missed the T.V. programme on A.C.W. would like the opportunity to see it when it can be arranged.

It was agreed to forward the report on "Simpler Lifestyle Discussion" to the Working Committee.

From the sale of goods at last meeting with Trading Partners the commission amounted to \$11 to aid our Overseas Travel Fund.

Correspondence Inwards.

1. Uniting Church Fellowship Steering C'ee, address for future correspondence.
  2. Father Rawson Commission for Ecumenism re Day of Prayer and Recollection.
  3. Mrs. Turnbull, Young. Thanks for letters & newsletter, branch formed \$2 affiliation fee and request for Speaker for World Community Day Service.
  4. South Sydney Community Aid, confirming booking, Vivi speaker at Council meeting 21st. Aug.
  5. Y.W.C.A. with leaflets Wybalena.
  6. P.W.M.U. invite to Annual Rally 17th. Aug. Wahroonga.
  7. Working Committee Minutes and Women at Work for June and July.
  8. Mrs. Parkes W.C.T.U. rep. explaining illness and therefore absence.
  9. Mrs. Nixon City branch thanks for letter and Women at Work.
  10. Baptist Women's Fellowship, invite 13th, Sept. 12. ~~Names of new Office Bearers & A.C.W. reps~~
  13. Mrs. Dasey Bathurst branch, affiliation as branch.
  14. Cabramatta Uniting Church Fellowship. Mrs. Rae Scott. Affiliation and \$2.
  15. Mothers Union. Diocese of Sydney, Annual Report.
  16. Australian Film and T.v. School, invite to Seminar with Dr. Belsen.
  17. N.S.W. Council for Childrens' Films & Television. Annual subscription due, org. \$5 priv. \$2.50
  18. Catholic Communications Centre, Fr. Stevens, thanks to Deaconess Andrews, Mrs. Win Dougherty, Sr. Barkat Dass and Mrs. McLann for co-operation for the T.V. Programme.
  19. ~~Working Committee re voting rights.~~
  20. ~~Pan Pacific & S.E. Asian Women's Conference invite to welcome delegates 4th. Sept.~~
  21. ~~Invitation to President as Guest Speaker at Rose Bay C.W.L. luncheon 23th October.~~
- It was agreed that the correspondence be received.

Outwards

Father Rawson re Day of Prayer.

Vivifying details of talk on 21st. Aug.

Y.W.C.A. - delighted about name Wybalena, Reported last Council meeting.

Young (Mrs. Lean to reply and has letter)

11 branches notified reps. for Fellowship Day, and Women at Work Feb.--June.

Father Stevens Catholic Communication Centre, thanking him for making the T.V. film.

Mothers Union Thanks for Annual Report

Womens Weekly, Mrs. Nan Musgrove, news editor, requesting article on Barkat and W. Kiek scholars.

Pan Pacific & S.E. Asian Women's conference accepting invitation.

~~Baptist Women's Fellowship accepting invitation.~~

~~A.C.W. Mrs. Cox, feeling of the meeting on the amendment re voting rights.~~

The Secretary's action was confirmed.

Financial Report.

In absence of Treasurer no financial report.

Reports.

W.K.S. Deaconess Andrews told of Barkat's approaching Exams, (and asked for our prayers) the details of proposed programme for Barkat's Queensland tour also Greetings from Brisbane A.C.W. to N.S.W., and news of new branch at Ipswich 200 present.

Deaconess asked that we remember Kalpina in her project, and reported that the World Community Day is to go to this project in India.

F.L.C. collection

In the absence of Mrs. Bent, Mrs. Stanhope read the F.L.C. devotions and prayer. From Executive meeting 14th. Aug. "It was agreed that Executive suggest to Council that we ask for an up to date segment on F.L.C. to be included in all future World Community Day Orders of Service, and that in Celebration Year F.L.C. be featured as the main theme." Council agreed to first part of recommendation, which is already included in this year's Order of Service, Second part of recommendation not yet put to Council.

For the convenience of our Speaker the meeting was adjourned until the conclusion of her address, which was most interesting and informative on "Migrant Women in Australia."

Brig. Ward expressed the thanks and appreciation of those present to Vivi Koutsounadis.

Promotions In the absence of Mrs. Lean no report. Members were reminded that suburban World Community Day Orders of Service would be available at the Sept. meeting

Publicity. In absence of Mrs. Ridley no report.

Day of Prayer and Recollection.

The President reported on the Day of Prayer and Recollection, among those present were Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Woodhouse, Mrs. Dougherty, Mrs. Curtin, Mrs. Stevens, Barkat Daas and ladies from Lane Cove Catholic Church; 30 in all, who spent a most rewarding day in prayer and Bible study. A young Priest, lecturer at the Catholic Seminary Melbourne, flew up for the day and gave a very inspiring and informative address on Ecumenism on a world-wide scale.

N.S.W. Council for Childrens' Film & Television

Arising from Brig. Ward's report of the last meeting of Council for Childrens' Film & Television Executive brought the following recommendation to Council:-

Being fully conscious of the importance to keep this Council viable, firstly for the good and protection of the children and the community as a whole, and secondly to keep continuity of Government funding, Mrs. Gambino, at present Acting President, is prepared to accept office of President with Mrs. McCann Vice President and Brig. Ward Secretary. Because of the urgency to appoint these ladies as financial members, we ask Mrs. McCann to advance the affiliation fee, which allows only one representative being Brig. Ward, also a personal fee for herself; and that Council pay the extra affiliation fee. Reimbursement to be made when Treasurer returns. Carried.

40th Anniversary Celebration

On the recommendation of the Executive, Council agreed to hold a 40th Anniversary Celebration on Monday 6th. November 1978. from 4-9p.m. High tea commencing at 5.30p.m. at 139 Castlereagh St. Theme:- "Where have we come from. where are we now, and where are we going." Speakers to be Mrs. Verco, Mrs. Dougherty, and Deaconess Andrews. Guests to include Past Presidents, Life Members, Branches, Member Church ladies organisations, reps from organisations we are affiliated with, and Council members. Committee Mrs McCann, Deaconess Andrews and Mrs. Woodhouse with power to co-opt.

Re Letter from A.C.W. Working Committee re Voting Rights

After full discussion, though members held differing views, Council unanimously agreed to support the Working Committee in their decision on voting rights.

September Meeting Branches Day

Members were reminded that Fellowship Day Services and Branch reports to be given at Sept. meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with the Benediction at 12.50 p.m.

Confirmed

Marie J. McCann.  
President