



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 10th floor 222 Pitt Street, Monday, 16 April 2012 following the Annual General Meeting.

DEVOTIONS: As per AGM

PRESENT: 30 as recorded. APOLOGIES: 17, VISITORS: 2

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th March, 2012 were confirmed on the motion of Denise Secomb & Dawn Fishburn

BUSINESS ARISING:

- 1) Dedication Day Order of Service discussed, list passed around re jobs to help the Strathfield Uniting Church ladies. All going well with arrangements.

REPORTS

TREASURER: Helen Richardson reported \$7553.54 cash book balance at the end of March. Report passed on a motion of Helen Richardson and Bev. Elliott carried.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Lillian Hodges has visited Hurstville UCA Adult Fellowship, they have supported FLC for many years. Speaking at Lithgow UCA on 6th June. Received invitation to speak at Bexley UCA ladies, who had invited Rockdale UCA ladies. Unfortunately, they picked the day & date before contacting Lillian! However, Isabel Hewitt has kindly agreed to speak in her place. World Total for FLC this last year is \$452,500! Lillian drew attention to the dominance of Uniting Church ladies who invite her to speak! Lillian chose a devotion by Rev. Lee Moon Sook.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Lyn Middleton gave the reminder that the Multicultural Concert is to be held on 21st October at St Mary's Catholic Church Manly at 2.30 pm on the corner of Raglan & Whistler.

SPECIAL DAYS: Pamela reported that Major Laurel Pearce was able to see Bear Cottage while visiting Sydney – application has been submitted for Special Days Project for 2012. State Executive member, Carmel Keys accompanied Laurel, on a tour of the facilities; a very caring place for families facing the imminent death of a child. Allowah Children's Hospital was visited – with Nola Dickson & Helen Hill. The copy for Fellowship Day 2012 order of service is to be sent to the printer this week. It is expected these will be posted in early May.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Judith Cayzer sent in report: Tonu – (In Fiji 2010) Contacted Judith recently, she has settled, is running the Youth Program at Church, they are fund raising for a group of students at their Bible College who have financial problems. They had a great Easter camp. Tonu will be studying again to become a pastor.

Vivian Cheung (Sydney 2006) Judith met her husband Eric over Easter. They are in ministry at a local Anglican church, have 2 little boys now and are doing well. Judith will ring Vivian in the coming weeks. Next Newsette will have more news.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Carmel Keys said more information can be found in the Annual book of Reports. Continuing concern for lack of affordable housing for low income earners and same sex marriages.

PASTORAL CARE: Shirley Wells is becoming more frail, would love letters though. Janet Harrison has had fall and sustained some hair line fractures, Jennifer has shingles and bronchitis.

NEWSETTE: Jennifer Peffer had requested all reports to her by 7th April for inclusion in the next edition.

The reports were received on the motion of Nola Dickson and Norma Dumbrell

HONOURING CHURCH WOMEN: Today Isabel outlined the lives and interests of, Inice Benjafield, Florance Fishburn, Nell Cain, Elspeth Parkin and Mollie Smith.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

National Executive: Minutes, Circular and Correspondence from April meeting
Letter of resignation from Janet Lang and application for Associate membership.
Messages and Reports of FLC from ICFLC Philippines.
Emails from Major Laurel Pearce re her trip to Sydney
AWC information on workshops being run this year – from Laurel Pearce.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

Acknowledgment of Janet Lang's letter of resignation
Answers to Laurel's emails.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND: Nola had attended MU Service at St Andrews Cathedral, Harmony Day Luncheon given by Jewish Ladies. To attend UCA Missionary Day Lunch at Eastwood Uniting church on 30th April.

Bev. Elliott spoke on behalf of all the Presbyterians, congratulating Nola on her term as President representing the Presbyterian denomination, for her willingness to take on the role and for all she had contributed spiritually to the meetings through her devotions, valuing her humour and good will.

Nola thanked the Salvation Army ladies for morning tea, and Church of Christ ladies for setting up the room.

Thanks also to the Anglican ladies for manning the trading table, congratulating them on \$100 raised last month.

CLOSING PRAYER: Nola prayed for Jan, Beryl, Shirley and Jennifer, then read:

Father, thank you that we can have the privilege of calling you our Father. We are Your children, called by You to love and serve You.

We pray for Isabel and Pamela as they take up the leadership roles of Australian Church Women in NSW. For each member of the executive as they seek to serve You in the various organisations. May we all give You complete obedience, listen to Your voice and serve You to the best of our ability. May we rely on You at all times.

We pray for the future of the ACW, that we would be guided by Your counsel and if need be, to accept change, if it be Your will.

I pray for each person here to day. Life is not free from trouble and does not always run smoothly, but may we rest in You, trust in You and face tribulations with the knowledge that You are close alongside, holding our hands.

Thank you for the fellowship we can have as like- believers, gaining strength from our meeting together with each other and with You.

We pray Your blessing as we return to our respective homes. Amen.

NEXT MEETING: 18th June 2012

CHAIRS: Presbyterian

MORNING TEA: Churches of Christ

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____