

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING, 10am 19th September 2000,
held in Koorong Bookstore Staff Room, 198 Waymouth Street, Adelaide

- WELCOME** President Mrs Marj Dredge welcomed all present.
- DEVOTIONS** Our President read Psalm 50 from Leslie Brandt's "Psalms Now" and said, 'In our world God indeed is our hope' and then Marj led in prayer.
- PRESENT** Marj Dredge in Chair, Shirley Birch, Maureen Clark, Dorothy Chapman, Margaret Greenslade, Dorothy Ferrier, Mavis Ellis, Shirley Sampson, & Marj Crawford.
- APOLOGIES** Laurice Smith and Barbara Grealy.

MINUTES of the meeting of 15/8/2000 were signed as correct.

BUSINESS ARISING from the Minutes

- 1 **Web Site** - enquiries are continuing.
- 2 **ACW leaflets** - would all Units please let National Executive know if, as a Unit, you put this information on your own Unit leaflets and so do not need these.

CORRESPONDENCE - on Page 3. Inwards received, Outwards endorsed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 (3) Letter to be written to Senator Jocelyn Newman with a copy to the Director, Government & Community Team.
- 2 (8) Letter from Jan Harrison, President NSW Unit read out.
- 3 (9) Audrey Sherwin's entry for Bursary Book passed to Dorothy Ferrier
- 4 (14) Postcards of Adelaide (for each executive member of ACWC) were written to be forwarded to Barbara Lacy together with our good wishes for her health, for travelling mercies and for the meeting.
- 5 (16) Maureen Clark's correct postcode to be forwarded.
- 6 (17) Mavis Ellis will fill in the questionnaire.
- 7 (19) Isabel McIntyre's resume for Life membership of Vic Unit read to meeting.
- 8 (20) Pat Franklin's entry for the Bursary Book passed to Dorothy Ferrier.
- 9 (21) Letter re NSW Unit's great appreciation of Marj Dredge's leadership for their 'Reflection Day' read to National Executive.

TREASURER - Financial Report for TWO months ending 31st August 2000, accepted Page 3
Books are still with the Auditor.

Term deposit has been re-invested for a further 6 months at 6%.

Report adopted

Account passed for payment - reimbursement for cost of Prayer Breakfast in Canberra. Jean Thomson attended on behalf of National Executive.

REPORTS

1 **FLC Convener** - Margaret Greenslade

At last I have been able to advise all units of the costs of the three FLC publications and recommended prices to be charged. Invoices for completed orders accompanied the letter. FLC promotional material - coin boxes, bookmarks and prayer cards ordered from Esther Byu have been received, and the request from Qld for such material has been fulfilled. Would FLC conveners please check to see if any FLC Grants Application Forms are required, and let me know

ACT ordered and had posted to them 10 FLC badges - green, white, silver. There are no more of these in stock, but plenty of the blue, white and yellow ones both brooch and pin variety.

2 **WKS Convener** - Dorothy Ferrier

The Winifred Scholar for 2001 has been chosen.

I have received an invitation from the Board of Governors, Principal & Faculty of Trinity Theological College, Singapore, to the 52nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner 6/10/2000 but I am unable to go.

2 **Social Justice** - Mavis Ellis

I have received from the Social Justice Convener in ACT a report by Jean Thomson on a Seminar and Workshop organised by the ALP Canberra Branch 'Status of Women Policy Committee' to address the unmet Needs of Women in the ACT. First Speaker was Denise Simpson, Co-ordinator, Domestic Violence Crisis Service in ACT - her subject the incidence of domestic violence in all forms within the community. The second speaker was

REPORTS - cont**Social Justice - cont**

Lorna Shuttleworth, Financial Planner, on the importance for women to arrange their own financial security throughout life and not rely solely on their partner's superannuation. This was followed by three workshops and Jean attended the one on Domestic Violence. The others were on Elder Abuse and Financial Security.

Jean felt it was important to let the ALP and other NGOs know that Church women are present and interested in all aspects of social policy. She is prepared to represent ACW at a full day seminar on 21 October.

Fairwear Breakfast, Adelaide. Laurice Smith attended this on my behalf. There was a very good attendance. A young man from Indonesia said that Nike paid their workers in that country very low wages; a Union member from NSW spoke on how they were working to get improved conditions for the workers; a representative from Sheridan (used to be Actil) was able to detail how well that company looked after their workers.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1 Conference details discussed.
- 2 Some future meeting dates discussed - November - may be held at Pilgrim UC following the SA Unit Annual General Meeting and lunch.
December - 19/12/00 at Koorong Bookstore
January - 30/1/01 at Koorong Bookstore

Marj Dredge closed the meeting with prayer.

Next meeting 17th October 2000 at 10.30 am at Koorong Bookstore.

National President..... Date.....

FINANCIAL REPORT for TWO months ending 31st August 2000

Balance 1-7-00			3,456.59
Receipts			
Sales 20 Copies - 'A Legend and a Legacy' (incl.GST)			88.00
			3,544.59
Payments			
Open Book Publishers - 'ACW News'	173.80		
M Dredge - portion airfare to Sydney	218.00		
B Lacy - Travel Insurance/expenses, Bangladesh	100.00		
Petty Cash			
Minute Secretary M Crawford	54.15		
Publication Editor - S Sampson	96.35	150.50	642.30
Balance 31-8-2000			2,902.29
Balance cheque account	2,902.29		
Total 2 Term Deposits	11,151.29		14,053.58
DESIGNATED FUNDS SUMMARY			
Administration	2,034.56		
Fellowship of the Least Coin	33.00		
National Conference Fund	9,283.92		
Overseas Conference Fund	2,702.10		14,053.58

Inwards:

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| 16/8/00 | 1. ACW (WA Unit) minutes meeting 21 st July |
| 21/8/00 | 2. ACW(NSW Unit) minutes meeting 17/4/00 |
| 24/8/00 | 3. Women With disabilities Australia (WWDA) Under Threat – funding to be removed |
| 29/8/00 | 4. ACW(NSW Unit) minutes meeting 19 th June, revised Unit constitution and By-laws, Annual Report |
| 31/8/00 | 5. ACW(SA Unit) minutes meeting 11 th August |
| 4/9/00 | 6. ACW (Vic Unit) Exec. members names and 'phone numbers |
| 4/9/00 | 7. ACW (NSW Unit) Office bearers names and 'phone numbers |
| 4/9/00 | 8. ACW (NSW Unit) advising Edith Ridge not well, new Unit Sec. will be appointed soon |
| 4/9/00 | 9. ACW (ACT Unit) entry for Bursary Book (Audrey Sherwin) and donation |
| 4/9/00 | 10. ACW (ACT Unit) request for re-imbursement for National Prayer Breakfast |
| 5/9/00 | 11. ACW (QLD Unit) minutes meeting 24 th July, Annual report and Unit Executive directory |
| 6/9/00 | 12. Alice Springs Branch ACW successful Fell. Day service and thank you for Get Well card |
| 7/9/00 | 13. ACW (Vic Unit) report on UNIFEM AGM attended by B. Lacy & J. Maher |
| 7/9/00 | 14. B. Lacy 2 copies ACWC Day Liturgy, photo of banner to be given to Pakistan's (Australia's Prayer Partner) rep. Shunila Ruth at ACWC General Committee meeting & copy of agenda. |
| 8/9/00 | 15. WKS Trust audited Balance sheet to 30/6/00 and minutes meeting 6 th September |
| 11/9/00 | 16. International Organizations form to update information |
| 12/9/00 | 17. Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation |
| 12/9/00 | 18. ACW (WA Unit) minutes meeting 18 th August & draft Constitution |
| 14/9/00 | 19. ACW (Vic Unit) August Newsletter |
| 14/9/00 | 20. ACW (Vic Unit) entry for Bursary Book (Pat Franklin) |
| 15/9/00 | 21. ACW (NSW Unit) cheque for \$200 towards reimbursement of fares for Nat. Pres. speaker |
| 18/9/00 | 22. ACW (SA Unit) request for info. re Nat. Exec's expectations by way of hospitality etc. for National Conference 2001 |
| 18/9/00 | 23. Women with Disabilities (Australia) re membership renewal |

PUBLICATIONS:

Business & Professional Women Australia /Australian Women Entrepreneurs
 UNIFEM NEWS and Annual Report
 Walking Together, August
 Working Together Issue 2000/3
 'Getting the Message Through' (Status of Women)
 Pan Pacific & S.E. Asia Women's Assoc of Aust Inc. newsletter August 2000

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| 19/8/00 | 1. B. Lacy cheque for travel insurance and domestic violence info. |
| 19/8/00 | 2. ACW(ACT Unit) re invit. to National Prayer Breakfast |
| 19/8/00 | 3. E. Sullivan sympathy card |
| 21/8/00 | 4. All Units Circular No. 2000/7 |