



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 10th floor 222 Pitt Street, Monday 16th August, 2010, 10.30 a.m.

WELCOME: The President, Nola offered a welcome to all members and to our Guest Speaker, Tracey Csanto, D.O.N. of Allowah Presbyterian Childrens' Hospital who kindly came in place of Mr Colin Llewellyn who has been ill. Nola asked Tracey to speak and show a video after the meeting was convened.

DEVOTIONS: Nola spoke of recently injuring her finger and not being able to use it in the proper manner. This made her realise that hands and particularly fingers are so important – pointing forward to good things not backward to bad. Moses gave us pointers, Jesus wrote with his fingers in the soil. The finger of love from God is etched in our hearts. If we point the finger at others it should do good and we should use our hands and fingers in God's work. Prayer followed.

PRESENT: 39 as recorded.

APOLOGIES: 8 as recorded.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th April 2010 having been circulated were confirmed on the motion of Lily Hanlon & Bev. Elliott. Carried

GUEST SPEAKER: Tracey Csanto gave an interesting account of the work undertaken at Allowah. She explained the varying needs of the children in care, the dedication of the staff and how the hospital has been modernised by the Presbyterian Church since purchasing it in 2004. It is fully accredited by the Health Department and the staff are all qualified providers. Tracey then showed the latest video on Allowah, which proved very interesting. President Nola thanked Tracey for her information and Bev. Elliott was asked to give a vote of thanks, presenting her with a small gift in appreciation. Best wishes were forwarded to Mr Llewellyn for his recovery.

Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of April 19th, having been circulated and copies available on the table. Moved Carmel Keys, seconded Lily Hanlon these be approved. Passed.

Minutes of GENERAL MEETING of June 21st, these were moved by Carmel, seconded Jan Jeffrey, however not accepted because of an error which had not been noted on 21st. It was incorrect for the President to move the motion to approve the positions of Secretary and Publicity Officer. Therefore Lyn Middleton moved an amendment, seconded by Lily Hanlon. Also a correction of spelling of Olive Edmonstone's name under Closing Devotions. Minutes passed with corrections.

BUSINESS ARISING: to be reported later in meeting.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Helen Richardson reported a balance as at 30th June of \$3,295.58 and after receipts and payments, the current cash at bank is \$6528.87. Helen moved to place \$5,000 into Investment Fund, this was seconded by Denise Secombe. On the motion of Carmel Keys and Lyn Middleton the financial report was received, passed and carried.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Major Lillian Hodges reported that she has been invited to speak to many church groups and more coming up. Sadly she has learnt that the group at Orange is to close. She will write to them with thanks for the support over many years. Lillian gave a short devotion based on Jeremiah. We wonder about God's plans – what to do now? God is directing her path even as a Senior. We all need God's direction. Prayer followed.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Lyn Middleton gave a reminder of the concert on 31st October at Salvation Army, Campsie. Notices available to day. There is a need for more individual artists from the Ethnic Community. Please let Lyn know if you have anyone in mind. The Committee is filling roles, but more help is needed on the day. Please see Lyn if you can add to her band of helpers. Martha Noel will be overseas. List passed around for afternoon tea items.

Lyn's article on "being a parent or grandparent" was chosen to be printed in the pages of the "Veteran". It was extremely good and was received with acclamation.

Letters received from members of A.C.W.C. relating to the terrible devastation in Pakistan. Please pray that money received will be used wisely and that the family of A.C.W.C. pray for that country. After a minute silence, Lyn led us in prayer.

SPECIAL DAYS: Pamela Freeman spoke of successful Fellowship Days and three members told of lovely services with the emphasis on Light. Pamela gave thanks to the team for packing day which was after Executive Meeting. Copy of Order of Service available to day. Pamela reminded us that any application for funds for a special project (such as Allowah) needs to be put into practice early, passed by the State Council in November and forwarded to National for their February meeting. Plans are in hand to start a branch in Gloucester NSW.

WKS Judith Cayzer spoke of report in Newsette with news of 2009 scholars, Inese Foiakau and Christine Ferguson. New students Ruth Marsipal from PNG and Tonu Fakraufon arrived with much difficulty from Fiji. They have already received a lot of support from National Executive in Adelaide. More money was needed for girls for warmer clothes and pocket money. Ruth leaves for Adelaide this week and Tonu to visit an aunt in Queensland. They both have been to different churches and love to travel around. As tourist visas are only valid for three months, they must leave Australia on 8, 19, 20 September and return after three days. Now we are told Ruth is expecting a baby and will be returning to PNG permanently. She is receiving a lot of support from the Lutheran Church.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Carmel Keys gave her report for August 2010. Same Sex Adoption. Don't delay. This Bill due to go before Parliament this month. Write to Premier, Attorney General, Leader of the Opposition and your Local Member c/- Parliament House, Sydney NSW 2010. Interesting note on subject of Same Sex Marriage, Australian Constitution contains no fundamental right for anyone to marry. It is a choice/option for a man & woman to choose provided it complies with marital preconditions. The rejection of the option to marry by de facto heterosexuals or homosexuals is self discrimination. The minimum wage must be judged on ability to keep families out of poverty. Jobless need help to find housing. Homelessness continues to increase because of shortage of accommodation and high rent costs. Health issues need to suit all and be accessible to all. Need for appropriate outlets to curb violence in young. Remember a smile just might make their day and yours. Aboriginal Ministry – early intervention programs aim to encourage young mothers through Education, parenting and skill based learning. Asylum Seekers are vulnerable people who help and compassion. Stem Cell Research – The media rarely publishes advances in Adult Stem Cell successes. Consider your Vote carefully. What is best for our Christian beliefs?

PASTORAL CARE: Olive Edmonstone. It was lovely to have Beryl Kirkwood in attendance and this was supported by President Nola, who apologised for not greeting Beryl at the start of the meeting. We must keep praying for Beryl. Also good to greet Life Member Mrs Marie McCann. Many have problems that are not mentioned, both personal and family. Please for Sandra Wise, Shirley Wells, Joan Bird, Edith Ridge and her husband Barry, Helen Hill and for Thora Thomas turning 95 years “young” on Saturday.

NEWSETTE: Beryl McLaughlin advised that the deadline for November issue 18/10/2010. Please put reports on email address which is featured on back cover of Newsette – not to Beryl personally.

PUBLICITY: Isabel Hewitt. Attractive pamphlets have been prepared for State Conference Day and for ACWC afternoon. Australian Church Women pamphlet featuring new Executive names also prepared.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The President outlined the programme for the State Conference on the 20th September, Scots Church Sydney, 10am. Guest Speaker Deaconess Rhonda Daley, lunch to be provided.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN. President Nola called for a volunteer to fill the vacancy that exists. No volunteer came forward. To be raised again in November.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

PPSEAWA: No report

GIRLS BRIGADE: Ruth Dickinson gave report on new helpers in Girls' Brigade which is very pleasing and also a new commissioner has been appointed, as well as a third deputy in the Newcastle area. Special day out to Luna Park planned for 11th September and report from Easts Beach was received complimenting the girls & boys who camped there in March and hoping to see them again.

Friends of Brigades: All past and present leaders and other interested folk are invited to High Tea on Wednesday 27th October 10 – 12 noon at Brigade House.

WORLD DAY of PRAYER: Report was given that there are Information days being held for new office bearers in 2010 and for representatives of those churches who will hold WDP services next March. These will be in Newcastle, Wollongong and the Blue Mountains, also Sydney. The Theme for the Service is “How many Loaves”? Prepared by the Women of Chili.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

1. Letter from Salvation Army – Joyce Liddell resignation from ACW
2. Prison Fellowship Newsheet “Unbound”
3. PPSEAWA : change of Executive
4. ACW Newsletter for July
5. National Executive Minutes Occasional Letter
6. Newsletter from National Council of Women

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward) Letter to National President of ACW (prepared by Mrs Jennifer Peffer), re Public Liability.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

The Salvation Army are looking for a replacement for Joyce Liddell

OTHER BUSINESS: (from Executive) Mrs Jennifer Peffer reported

1. Names put forward for ACW Life Membership – Major Joan Tong and Mrs Helen Richardson
2. Recommendation that profiles of Sister Marie Craddock and Mrs Isabel Hewitt be forwarded for inclusion in Honouring Australian Women.

Moved Mrs Peffer seconded Mrs Carmel Keys Carried.

3. A committee, consisting of Mesdames Middleton, Hewitt, Keys, Peffer and also Jean Porteous is looking into revising the Constitution due to ACW now being incorporated.

4. Request that ACW NSW Inc. be removed from Fellowship mailing list.

PRESIDENT’S BUSINESS President Nola attended the Fellowship Day Service at Beecroft and was speaker at the fellowship Day Service at Dee Why. She also received an invitation to attend the Catholic Womens League Annual Mass to day, Mary Melville is representing Nola .

NEXT MEETING 15th November. Lyn, Winsome and Lillian will speak about their travels.

Meeting closed with the Benediction at 12-30pm

TRADING TABLE

MORNING TEA Salvation Army
CHAIRS Catholic

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____