

A U S T R A L I A N    C H U R C H    W O M E N .

MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING.

Held at Christian Welfare Centre, Perth, at 10.00 on Friday, 6th August, 1976.

PRESENT: Rev. Dorothy Wacker (Chairman), Vera Dean (Secretary), Jean Banyard (Treasurer), Isobel Macintyre, Vera Wilson, Beryl Warr, Joy Holland and Jean Vincent.

OPENING WORSHIP: Rev. Dorothy Wacker read a passage on faith and the presence of God in all things, from the book "A Reason to Live, a Reason to Die", by John Powell. This reading was followed by prayer.

APOLOGIES: Marjorie Scurlock, Jan Watts, Carmel Downey, Peg Eaton.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th July, 1976, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Inward :

1. Queensland Unit re reimbursement for Fees for A.C.C. General Conference.
2. Mrs. O. Carpenter re change of address.
3. Sec., Victorian Inter-church Council re cheque towards postage. Comment re F.L.C. grants was noted.
4. Queensland Unit, re Uniting Church representation in A.C.W., and re Film "This is an Australian" possible showing at N.C.M. Vera D. to report.
5. Mrs. G. Murchland, re Motion from last N.C.M. in N.C.M. Minutes.

It was agreed that this be included in the N.C.M. Minutes.

6. Mrs. S. Bowen, enclosing a report of A.C.C. General Meeting.
7. Head Deaconess Mary Andrews with various items of news re travel and of Kalpana Airan.
- A.C.C. etc :
8. New President of A.C.C., The Rt. Rev. G. Delbridge, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland.
9. Churches support Medibank : cost sharing.
10. Churches paralysed by Affluence. A.C.C. President.
11. New Ecumenical Mission Thrust Planned.
12. Round up of Decisions.
13. Three Australians to go Overseas.
14. New date for Church Conference on Nuclear Energy.
15. Canadian Anglicans help Aboriginal College. Aboriginal Liaison Officer sought by A.C.C.
16. Churches send Aid to Indonesian Quake victims and to Lebanon.
17. Third World News from Australian Council for Overseas Aid.

Outward:

1. Union of Australian Women - cheque and thanks - will review later.
2. Mrs. Margaret Holmes re Week of Prayer in October. Literature to be available at the N.C.M. The Secretary to write to Mrs. Holmes requesting the names of sponsoring organisations within Australia and whether A.C.W. could work with the A.C.C. or raise the question with the A.C.C. This is a possibility for next year.
3. Rev. N. Cocks re contacting Mrs. Holmes re Week of Prayer in October.
4. Australian Federation of Methodist Women - thanks for information supplied.

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES : Vera Wilson reported on the A.C.C. General Meeting held in Brisbane in July and included comments on the following : Morning Worship Services of different traditions, Anglican Evensong, opening addresses of Neil Gilmore and Jean Skuse, addresses by Harry Daniel, the Welcome Celebration at St. John's Cathedral. (TO BE TELEVISED in EASTERN STATES ON OCTOBER 3RD and in WESTERN AUSTRALIA on OCTOBER 10TH), the division of business sessions into 5 sectional groups, reporting back to the plenary with specific questions, the bible studies by Dr. Athol Gill and the questions raised by Peter Hollingsworth re the theological basis for church's social work, etc. It was noted that plans for the next 2 years emphasise evangelism and witness, dealing with people in the local congregation, the base for conciliar fellowship. Rev. Athol Gill has been asked to write a study booklet on discipleship and Rev. Harry Daniel offered to have this book published in Singapore and the possibility of a C.C.A. liaison person working in Australia to promote the studies. IT WAS SUGGESTED that we as A.C.W., may be able to make use of the studies in preparing for the N.C.M.

Australian Council of Churches (cont'd) :

The report from Shirley Bowen (A.C.W. Representative in Queensland) was read. She felt that many positive resolutions were made at the conference and recommended the Stewart Report on Children. Both delegates commented on the wonderful fellowship.

It was also noted that Jean Skuse spent 10 days in W.A. and that the meeting with working committee members was a very worthwhile and happy occasion - the need for an A.C.W. relationship with A.C.C. being stressed and for contact with as wide a range of church women as possible.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Vera Wilson also reported on contacts made with State Units in the Eastern States while away for the A.C.C. meetings, and on the following :

- 1) Correspondence: Inward :  
1. from Rose Gurupatham - requesting copies of "Circle of Prayer".  
Outward:  
1. To Mrs. Solomon in reply to her letter re F.L.C.  
2. To Fran Bailey - copies of Mrs. Solomon's letter and our reply.
- 2) A letter received earlier this year from Rose Gurupatham was noted - with its suggestion of involvement of full-blood Aboriginal women in conferences in Africa and Asia. Dorothy Wacker suggested that an Aboriginal woman be included in the Asian Women's Forum, to be held at Manila in May, 1977. The possibility of linking this with the Winifred Kiek Scholarship is to be explored.
- 3) All Secretaries were asked to please note that payment has not yet been received from State Units for copies of 'Circle of Prayer'. The cost is 30c. per copy, remittances to be sent to Jean Banyard, Treasurer.

"WOMEN AT WORK" : Several suggestions were made re the next edition of "Women at Work" : re A.C.C. notes, N.C.M., Anne Kerepia, Jennifer Yeo, Kalpana Airan, etc.

FINANCE: 1. Jean Banyard presented Financial Statements for the month ended 31st July, as follows, and for the year ended 30th June, 1976, (attached), the annual Statement having been audited.

Statement of Receipts & Expenditure for month ended 31st July, 1976:

Receipts:

To Balance at 30.6.76,  
(as per Annual Accounts) \$16,662.05

Winifred Kiek Scholarship:

Donation: Padstow Church  
of Christ - 6.25  
Interest on Bonds 18.10  
Memorial Bursary:  
Victoria - Women's  
Inter-church Council 50.00  
World Community Day:

Administration & General:

Donation - Mrs. Atkinson 10.00  
Transfer from World  
Community Day. 103.00

\$16,849.40

Expenditure:Winifred Kiek Scholarship:

Expenses - Jennifer Yeo  
(paid to Missionaries'  
Ctee., Singapore) - 1000.00

Memorial Bursary:

Special Bonds 300.00  
Books Bursary: J.Yeo. 50.00

World Community Day:

Transfer to Admin. & Gen. 103.00  
A/c. (entry made in June  
for this amount reversed  
as it should be for this yr.

Administration & General:

Stationery (W.K.S.) 37.03  
Bank Charges 4.60  
V. Wilson: Exes. A.C.C. NCM. 20.00  
By Balance: 15,334.77

\$16,849.40

A/cs passed for payment:

SUMMARY OF BALANCES:

Fellowship of the Least Coin	6,539.69
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	3,602.75
Memorial Bursary	154.55
Fellowship of the Least Coin	2,893.26
World Community Day	288.30
Overseas Conferences	816.26
Administration & General	<u>1,039.96</u>
	<u>\$15,334.77</u>

Cash at Bank: \$7162.55

Investment A/c: 8172.22 \$15,334.77.

Bonds 3,900.00.

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Finance (cont'd) : 2. It was agreed that the following payments be made :

F.L.C. A/c.	-	\$6,000.00
Petty Cash: Vera Dean		35.00
Christian Welfare Centre		20.00

SPECIAL DAYS: World Community Day leaflets have been sent to all States and a letter has been received from Miss Mitchell, N.S.W., including reference to printing costs.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Issues : Aborigines and White Australians. (suggested speakers - Jim Reid, Elizabeth Hansen, John Heulin, Jim Downing, Rose Gurupatham).  
Discipleship studies (A.C.C.)  
Issues concerning Women.

Theme : Break Down the Walls.

Style & Format : As many people as possible to be involved. The conference to start with a Fellowship Day Service, at 11 am. The State Unit Working Committee to be more involved. Luncheon to be provided by local church organisations.

Fares : Money to be raised by Working Committee through sources different from those of State Units. Publicity from Tourist Bureau to be sent out by Vera Dean and letter to be written to State Units. T.A.A. to be asked to be our Carriers. Brochures will be printed by T.A.A.

Forum of Church Women : To be held on August 17th as preparation for N.C.M. Each member of Working Committee to be responsible for the food for their own guests. To be as simple as possible. Jean Vincent, Jean Banyard and Dorothy Wacker to finalise details of programme.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Jean Vincent reported :

\$50.00 bursary for books has been sent to Jennifer Yeo, and reply received.

Letter received from Patricia Morrison re Anne Kerepia.

Letters written to Church of Christ, Thailand, to Miss Supaporn and to Thai Government re her endorsement as a Thai student for the Commonwealth Government Course on Teaching English as a Second Language. Part of the course would be on school administration. The qualification gained would be valid in Asia.

A letter of thanks was received from the Church of Christ of Thailand, and also a letter from Miss Supaporn, with news and questions about her proposed marriage. Miss Supaporn to be advised that if possible the scholarship is to be taken up in 1977, and a reply is expected from her by October 31st. Application to be made for the course at W.A. Institute of Technology.

Re Sarrah Ah You : We are still awaiting advice of details re payment of the expenses for Sarrah.

Violet Sampa : A letter to be written to Violet and her fiance, Frieder Bredt, with greetings for her marriage, to take place in Lusaka in Zambia, on August 14th.

CLOSING PRAYERTIME : Rev. Dorothy Wacker closed the meeting with prayer.

NEXT MEETING : 10.00. A.M. FRIDAY, 3RD. SEPTEMBER, 1976.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONFIRMED: \_\_\_\_\_

A.C.W. : Minutes of Working Committee Meeting :

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