

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. STATE UNIT

Minutes of the Council Meeting, held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday, 17 June, 1991.

OPENING The meeting opened at 10.30 a.m. with the President, Mrs Major Joan Tong in the Chair.

In her welcome to the meeting, she remarked on the recent Annual Dedication Service. Many people have expressed appreciation for the spirit felt at the service. Such expressions of good-will are appreciated by the Executive. We were delighted with the speaker at the service, Mrs Dorothy Haensel met all our needs on the day.

Congratulations were expressed to members Rhoda Gates and Dorothy McEwan on their appointment as President and Treasurer of the Uniting Church National Committee for Adult Fellowship Groups. Loving sympathy was expressed to Doris Haberfield in the tragic loss of her grand-daughter. Prayer was asked for Doris and her family.

We were surprised and delighted to welcome back Glad West, after her recent major surgery. Glad thanked us for our prayers and cards. New delegates Betty Brodie and Elsie Cox were welcomed.

We were sorry to hear of Deaconess Andrew's broken rib, and wished her a speedy recovery. Beth Finlay was thanked for standing-in for Mary at the Trading table.

THOSE PRESENT as recorded were 48.

APOLOGIES recorded were 9.

MINUTES of the A.G.M. 15 April, 1991 were read and initialled. Thanks were expressed to Marjory Baker and Peg Blake for chairing the April meetings and for being acting-Secretary, respectively.

MINUTES of the Council meeting, 15 April were read and confirmed.

Business arising from the Minutes.

1. Associate Membership. Dame Monica Gallagher and Patricia Burke are the first members to become Associates. Council members are invited to submit names for Associate Membership. Letters have been prepared to send to such people.

2. Addition to the By-laws. In August we will distribute the slips giving the new By-law regarding Associate Membership. For pasting on the Constitution.

3. Spiritual Enrichment Day, 28 October, 1991. Commence at 10 a.m., close at 1.p.m. Everyone invited to stay for lunch at the Functions Centre, 140 Elizabeth St. Cost of the day, \$5 for lunch, \$2 for registration. Morning tea provided.

Speakers will be announced in August. Council members invited to bring their guests, Branch members especially welcome.

4. Reports from Functions.

i. Meeting with the World Day of Prayer Committee, when Mrs Prakai Montawase was the guest and speaker. This was reported as a very good afternoon, with an excellent speaker. Prakai spoke of the grim situation in many parts of Asia, there is harsh treatment of the people in many places. Nine members of the Chinese Presbyterian Church were present, they are good support for Mary Andrews.

ii. Anglican Celebration of 100 years of Women's Ministry. 2,000 people attended this function. There were wonderful speakers and a good programme. Highlights of the programme were the Maori Choir and the prayer sung by a Greek woman, and the Ribbon Dance performed by school children.

Thanks to Yvonne Davis and Mina Whybourne for these reports.

5. Annual Dedication Service. The report of this service is attached to the official copy of these Minutes. There is to be a report also in Newsette and one in A.C.W. NEWS.

CONFERENCE SPOT. National President Marie McCann announced that Registration Forms for the Conference are now available, and all members are urged to attend, either as Visitors for the whole Conference or as Day Visitors, especially on the Seminar Day. Help is needed at many points, lists were sent around the meeting for several jobs.

Church Women United Conference, Missouri, November 8-11, 1991. Any one interested in details of this Conference are invited to ask Marie or Edith Ridge.

CORRESPONDENCE. The Inwards and Outwards correspondence as listed and attached to the official Minutes was received and dealt with.

Business arising from the Correspondence.

1. St. Andrews Cathedral Flower Festival. 6 September, 1991. Peg Blake co-ordinator, requires help with our arrangement. Theme of our display, 'My Peace I Give Unto You'. Donations towards the cost of flowers will be asked in June and August meetings.
2. Mrs Jenny Johnston is announced as the speaker at the August Council meeting. Mollie Craig offered flowers for a gift to Jenny.
3. World Day of Prayer Committee will be notified that the themes for Fellowship Day and World Community Day services, 1992 are:- "Christ, Our Example" and "Forgive us, as we forgive."
4. Y.W.C.A. Invitation, 17 July. It is hoped we will be represented.
5. National Council of Women Seminar 'Making the Best of the Rest'. Details available from the Secretary, or N.C.W. 29 July, 1991.
6. World Community Day service Master Copy received. Helpers are needed for Packing Day, Monday, 12 August, 12 noon.
7. From National Committee. Ratification of the Council was sought on several matters dealt with by the Executive because of the pressure of time and the lack of a Council meeting during May.
 - i. Members to attend National Conference as a. Delegates. (2)
The President, Mrs Tong and the Secretary, Mrs Ridge were appointed.
b. Observers (2) The Treasurer, Mrs Lumb and the President-elect, Miss McKinnirey were appointed.
 - ii. The Biennial report of the State Unit has been written and sent to the National Secretary, as requested.
 - iii. Notices of Motion for the Conference Agenda.
 - a. A.C.W.C. We move that the four women to attend ASIAN Church Women's Conference Assembly, representing A.C.W. should be:-
The National President of A.C.W.
The National F.L.C. Convenor,
Two others to be voted for from the floor of the A.C.W. National Conference, these two to have an interest in F.L.C.
Mrs McCann suggested that these two people should be current members of their State Unit Executives.
With this addition, the motion was Carried.
 - b. That the term of National Committee of A.C.W. be extended to three years. Rationale. Our observation over a number of years, is that during the first year in office, the National Committee learns the job. During the second year, new ideas and promotion of A.C.W. are able to be done, up to the point where the Committee has to begin to plan for the Conference which finishes its term of office. A third year would enable the Committee to give more time to the work of A.C.W. It would also be a means of saving money for all the State Units if the Conference happened each three years rather than each two years.
Mrs McCann asked that this addition to the rationale be noted.
By making the National Committee's term three years, we would come closer to the term of A.C.W.C. which is four years. This would make our association with A.C.W.C. easier at some points.
With this addition, the motion was carried.
 - c. How a State Unit nominates its members for a National Committee.

Our suggestion is that a Nominating Committee of no less than 5 and possibly no more than 7 members of Council be elected to be a means of finding a National Committee. Such people to be presented to the Council members who would then vote and the names be sent as the Unit's nomination for National Committee.

Mrs McCann suggested that such a nominating committee should keep in mind the advisability of trying for an equal spread of denominations when appointing a National Committee. Carried.

REPORTS. 1. TREASURER. The Treasurer presented a three-monthly financial statement. She explained items on the report, which was adopted by the meeting. Accounts for Payment were also adopted. The Annual Statement of Accounts can now be adopted, as the Auditor has signed the Statement. Reports attached to official Minutes. The Treasurer was congratulated on her Report and thanked.

2. Winifred Kiek Scholarship. The scholar for 1992 will be drawn from the Pacific Area. Twelve applications have been received and the W.K.S. Trustees are giving them their consideration. It is expected that an announcement will be made in July.

An up-date on the itinerary of the current scholar was reported. Miss Rachel Sobana, W.K.S. holder, 1991 was introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

She told us how happy she is to be here in Australia. Thanks for the opportunity and for the hospitality of A.C.W. members were expressed. She is enjoying the sightseeing and is not homesick when staying in members' homes.

She has attended as an observer in hospitals in three states, N.S.W. A.C.T. and Tasmania. There have been visits to private hospitals as well as public ones, nursing homes and the School of Nursing at the University. As well she has spoken with Directors of Nursing and had our system of Administration explained. Much valuable information is thus gathered, along with lots of paper!

Rachel is enjoying it all, and expressed her thanks to Lucelle King, for making it so much easier. At home she feels that her youth is an impediment to the role she must play, --older nurses are not happy to work under her direction. She hopes that the time she will spend in Australia will give her more authority in her work back home.

Rachel asked for prayer for her sick mother, she is now recovering; for India, her country, and for herself.

The President thanked Rachel for her time with us.

3. Fellowship of the Least Coin. The Convenor has prepared a submission to the National Convenor on behalf of the Buklod Centre in the Philippines for an F.L.C. Grant.

4. Membership Secretary. Alterations to the Membership Lists were distributed. Members to glue them over the old lists.

The Convenor hopes that there will be new name tags soon.

5. Promotion. Four Information Kits were sent out recently. The Convenor is working with the Publicity Convenor preparing the lists for Fellowship Day services.

Replies to date for World Community Day orders are 2,328, but some groups have yet to send their orders.

6. Publicity. All is now geared up for Fellowship Day publicity. Members are asked to submit details of the local services to Jeanne, so that local radio stations can be informed.

Some people reported hearing radio publicity for the Annual Service.

7. Stock Secretary. The new Convenor reported that new supplies of A.C.W. badges and spoons have been ordered. She has a number of copies of The History of A.C.W. in N.S.W., F.L.C. badges and two designs of F.L.C. spoons.

8. Newsette. The Editor announced that copy for the next issue needs to reach her before the first week in July.

President's Report. 1. The Pen Project is going well. All orders have now been met and distributed.

Members were invited to be sponsors for Mrs Lt. Col. Desley Dawkins who had taken part in the recent 40 Hour Famine. Branch Reports were unable to be printed in the Annual Newsletter. They will be featured in the next two copies of Newsette, space permitting. In future, Branch Reports will be presented to the November Council meeting and they will feature in the following year's issues of Newsette.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE.

1. Members are invited to a day out with Rachel Sobana and the President on Tuesday, 18 June.
2. November Meeting. We hope to have as our speaker, Sadie Simmons, who is to visit Kuching where W.K.S. scholar, 1990, Doreen Tie lives. Members who have music for Doreen are asked to see the Secretary about giving it to Sadie to take to Doreen.
3. Executive announces a new Convenorship for A.C.W.C. The increase in information coming about A.C.W.C. has alerted us to the fact that we need someone in charge of this. Sister Patricia Kent is appointed as the Convenor. Welcome, Patricia.
4. Speakers at Country Services. Organisers are asked to make their own arrangements for collecting towards the fares of A.C.W. speakers at country services. Council will make up any short-fall in these fares.
5. Proposal re. Minutes of the Council meetings. The following proposal was presented to the Council and the motion was carried. In future, copies of the Minutes of Council will be available from 9.30a.m. on the morning of Council, and members are asked to read them before the meeting commences. Minutes will not be read during the meeting. Members were unanimous in their acceptance of this idea. Reports attached to the Minutes will not be distributed, but will be available on request.

GENERAL BUSINESS and ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. Some copies of Circle of Prayer in Spanish have been given to us. They are free to anyone who can use them. Copies in English are \$2.
2. The service of Enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury will be broadcast on A.B.C. T.V. on Sunday, 21 July at 11a.m. Video copies of the service are also available at \$15, from the A.B.C.
3. The Ecumenical Luncheon held at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta was a great occasion. Deaconess Mary Andrews endeared herself to all her hearers. Reports of the day are available from Avis Stretton and Phyl McKinnirey.
4. Members are invited to the P.M.W.U. Centenary Rally, 15 August, 10 a.m., at the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Crown St, Sydney.
5. The Secretary announced that copies of the Constitution, and the Annual Programme of meetings were available. There are still some N.C.W. Fridge. Magnets for sale at \$1 each.

CLOSING. The President wished all members good Fellowship Days.

The Uniting Church ladies were thanked for their hospitality, and reminded that they will put out the chairs at the next meeting on August 19. The Hostesses on that day will be the Anglican delegates. Mrs Marie Majoor will lead in the Devotions.

Mrs Jenny Johnston will be the speaker.

The meeting was closed with the President pronouncing the BLESSING.

Confirmed.



19.8.91

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THREE MONTHS ENDED 31ST MAY, 1991

CR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/3/1991 \$ 2,483.98

Affiliation Fees		139.00	
Donations		34.00	
Offering - Annual Dedication Service		412.80	
Sales "Circle of Prayer"		34.50	
" - Pens		516.00	
" Spoons		7.00	
"Newsette" Subscriptions		145.00	
Overseas Travel - Trading Table & Tea Money		60.30	
Fellowship Day		50.00	
World Community Day		50.00	
A.C.W.C. "Partners"		70.00	
A.C.W.C. Bulletin Subscriptions		15.00	
F.L.C.		794.91	
<u>Interest</u>			
Westpac	81.39		
Glebe Board	<u>134.79</u>	<u>216.18</u>	<u>2,544.69</u>
			5,028.67

<u>DEDUCT - PAYMENTS</u>			
Printing & Stationery		3.00)	
Postage		236.00)	
Treasurer's Imprest		6.02	
Secretary's Imprest		35.00	
" Petty Cash	50.00		
" Petty Cash	<u>44.19</u>	<u>94.19</u>	
A.C.W.C. Bulletin Subscriptions (paid to National Treasurer)		15.00	
Salvation Army - Donations for Lunches - Guests - Annual Dedication Service		35.00	
Flowers - " " "		35.00	
Subscription - N.S.W. Council for Children's Films & T.V.		10.00	
Printing - Annual Dedication Service		62.25	
Printing "Newsette"		45.00	
Refund Affiliation Fees		30.00	
Pens for stock		715.00	
F.L.C. Convenor's Imprest		20.00	
F.L.C. Petty Cash (Mrs. P. Burke)		11.52	
Fellowship Day Postage		86.20	
National Treasurer - A.C.W.C. "Partners"		<u>500.00</u>	<u>1,939.18</u>

CR. BALANCE (RECONCILED WITH BANK STATEMENT) 31/5/1991 \$3,089.49

ACCOUNTS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT (RATIFIED) =====

Deposit Book		3.00	
Uniting Church (Board of Education (Printing M'ship Lists)		6.00	
Andrew Wootton (paper)		230.00	
Imprests	100.00		
Petty Cash	<u>60.71</u>	<u>160.71</u>	
Salvation Army - Luncheons		35.00	
Flowers - Dedication Service		35.00	
Sub. - N.S.W. Cncl. for Children's Films		10.00	
Printing Annual Dedication Service sheets		62.25	
Fellowship Day Postage		86.20	
Pens for stock		715.00	
Printing "Newsette" - U/C Bd. of Education		45.00	
Refund Affiliation Fees		<u>30.00</u>	
		<u>\$1,418.18</u>	
Postage - sundry		<u>6.02</u>	

<u>Reconciliation</u>		<u>\$1,424.18</u>	
	\$1,424.48		=====
	<u>515.00</u>		
	\$1,939.48		