



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC

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Minutes of the National Executive Meeting Held Friday 26 February 2016 at VCC Rooms

Welcome: President Lynette Green welcomed everyone to the meeting, which commenced at 12.30 pm.

Devotions: Led by Loyola. John 1: 4 "I am a Christian...do as Christ wants you to...obey...love one another...darkness disappears & light shines."

Present: Lynette Green, Anne Kennedy, Joy Morley, Loyola O'Donohue, Donna Bryan, Elaine Johnson, Lorraine Davis, Lola Adam and Marion Rowe.

Apologies:

Tricia Graham needs to receive minutes as well as Fran Moss.

Minutes of previous meeting held 27 November 2015

Business Arising

Moved Elaine Johnson, seconded Loyola O'Donohue

Correspondence

a. In:

Date	From	Details
January	Isabel Hewitt NSW Unit	Parliamentary response to domestic violence letters sent from National Conference
4.1.16	ACW SA	Sa Unit 2015 Annual Report, Dedication Service & Newsletter
5/1/16	Pauline Smit	Requesting ACW postal address
21/1/16	Barbara Grear	New email:bjgrear@telstra.com
31/1/16	Fran Moss Special Days Convenor	Sub-titles for World Community Day Service
1/2/16	ACWC	Exec members list, Invitation to 2016 ACW Exec/General Committee Meeting
	ACWC	15 th Assembly Proceedings and Statements
	ACWC	ACWC Project 2016 details
1/2/16	Marion Rowe	New email address – marionrowe@bigpond.com Temporarily unable to print emails as yet
1/2/16	ACW Vic Unit	Application to Special Project
2/2/16		
2/2/16	C Hampel, Murray Bridge CofC CWF	FLC money
4/2/16	ACW Qld Unit	Advice of death of Aileen Mortensen
5/2/16	ACW WA Unit	AGM Minutes 2014

7/2/16	ACWC	Prayers for Taiwan earthquake
Date	From	Details
12/2/16	ACWC	Information re Winifred Keik Scholarship
15/2/16	National Library of Australia	Requesting Minutes of 2011 national conference
21/2/16	ACW SA Unit	Special Project Application cc Fran Moss
22/2/16	Aileen Eldridge	Re forwarding National Library request to Past President Margaret Flint OAM (but has copy) and seeking confirmation Special Project Application had arrived>
8/12/15	J Miller Tas (via Marion)	Tasmania Unit Minutes
	J Miller	Tasmania asking if there is a form for Public Liability

Moved Anne Kennedy Seconded Loyola O'Donohue

Discussion

Death Notices should be sent on to National Exec members and State secretaries

Decided not to put an address on the Web page as other contact details provided

Updates of position holders from various states still outstanding

Treasurers Report (Filed herewith)

Joy distributed two pages for her report: Monthly Financial Reconciliations for January and Distribution of Designated Monies collected 2015

All states have sent in their contributions. Joy also asked for an address for the Cana Communities. Fellowship Least Coin funds are forwarded to the World Council of Churches for the International Committee FLC – Swiss Francs and ACWC to bank account in Japan – US Dollars. Joy's bank suggested that moving these large amounts be confirmed by signed papers from today's meeting; the President and Secretary to sign.

Affiliation Fee to ACWC will be taken out of funds as there are no direct contributions for this.

Payment authorized of \$270 to VCC for the extended hours of use of the Chellew room.

Lin Morrison will represent us at the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Conference at Geelong 13-17 April 2016.

Moved Joy Morley Seconded Elaine Johnson

General Business

a. WKS. Winifred Keik Scholarship

Esline Toamavute is to study Christian leadership Training With Biblical Background at the Taulua Ministry Training Centre, PO Box 242 Luganville, Santo, Vanuatu

Moved Loy, Seconded Lynette

b. Fellowship Least Coin

In December Lola sent Christmas cards to the state conveners. She heard on Radio 3AW "What can we do with 5 cents?" Cora sent an email. The number of *Circle of Prayer* books to order was discussed – 320. Banking information forms were given to Joy. We were reminded that applications should be considered by 30 April. Joy asked about the cost of *Circle of Prayer* books as no invoice had been sent for the previous year. The money to go with the other FLC money. Lola could invoice the Units when she sends on the books.

Moved Lola Seconded Anne

c. Publicity

i. Website

Donna reported a slow start but has been organised now. Some changes to names and dates were made and photos can be posted. Donna now waiting on photos of the 2015 Essay winners to put on the site. Invoice for Ewan's work for Dec – Jan is \$105. A change form Jennifer to Joy is needed. Payment: Agreed. The site can be found at www.acw.org.au or Google Australian Church Women.

ii Facebook

Difficulties with Facebook postings have been experienced by another organisation recently.

iii Newsletter

One was sent in December. The next one should go out in March. A message from the President was requested.

Moved Donna Seconded Joy

.d Special Days

Fran sent three theme subtitle suggestions. Some others were suggested by the meeting. After discussion "Empowered by the Spirit" was chosen. Fran to be advised of theme for World Community Day service.

Action Lynette

e. ACWC

Asian Church Women's Conference

No Report

f.. Social Justice

It was noted that the Country Women's Association is growing by addressing social justice issues. We can look at what other organisations are doing. ABC News reported CWA Tasmania celebrating 80th Anniversary.

Any Other Business

a) Uganda Enquiry

Lyn and Elaine suggested by previous N E to consider this. It was suggested that the lady's details be sent to FLC Uganda as Uganda not part of Asia or see if Uganda has a Christian Women's Ministry. Lyn will consider.

b) Essay Competition

Lynette reported meeting with Sylvia Carter earlier this week and they redid the Time Line. May 2nd ask Units to contact a school. Set target is one school in each state. June 10th send out information. August 18th is the closing date. September is for judging. October 12th Preparation of booklets and winners notified through state units. November booklets, certificates printed and presentation at schools.

Essay writing guidelines and coordinator approved.

c) 2017 Conference.

Lynette pointed out that there would be extra funds needed for the little extra things. Two ladies from the Victorian Unit offered help, Eunice R. made a donation and Ros S. offered to make bags.

d) Other Thoughts

1. Ian Smith CEO VCC injured his arm/elbow. Marion to send a message from ACW.
2. Lynette had received a question re dominations acceptable for inclusion in ACW. Those expressing belief in the Triune God are acceptable e.g. God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son and Saviour and the Holy Spirit.
3. New Letterhead.
Lynette and Anne had prepared the new letterhead. Donna pointed out the new grammar...if an abbreviation ends in the same letter as the word no need to use a stop . period.
4. Anne will send out a new Directory.
5. A note from Laurel Pearce re 50 years of ACW in WA with an invitation to Lynette to speak this year at Fellowship Day 29th July. She could stay with Laurel.

Closing prayers

13. Next Meeting:18 March 2016. After the Vic meetings - 11.30 after Exec and 12.30 after Council if possible.

The meeting closed at 3.07 pm