



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday 16 February 2004 at 10.00 a.m.

Jan Harrison welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Special mention of Life Member, Lucelle King; Lois Balleine, new representative for Burwood/Concord; Laura Wilkins' daughter Karen; Eileen Holley on National Executive and a member of Church Women of the Hunter; Winsome Penn, visitor.

Heather Reid had indicated that after this meeting she would be absent until the last meeting this year.

Apologies had been received from Mina Whybourne who is moving during the week; from President Jean Porteous who had sought leave from the meeting last year but who has been unwell in the last week; President Elect Major Lyn Middleton in Moldova. Prayers were asked for, especially for Jean.

DEVOTIONS: Heather Badgery focused on the calling of Joshua to be the answer to Moses' prayer for a successor. God's work is done by responsive individuals. God assured Joshua of his presence as he took on the monumental task of leading the people of Israel. Joshua was well credentialled as he had been Moses' assistant, but God reinforces and encourages as he calls him to be careful, obedient, strong and courageous in filling Moses' shoes. Joshua should not be terrified or discouraged.

Sister Marie Craddock led a prayer of dedication for this year for Australian Church Women here and throughout Australia.

PRESENT: 42

APOLOGIES: 12

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES of 17 November 2003: The Minutes were confirmed on the motion of Shirley Wells and Nancy McLaren.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Nominations for April Annual General Meeting. Joan Tong spoke on behalf of President Elect Major Lyn Middleton, pointing out the need for denominations to be responsible for filling positions on Executive. While all positions are declared vacant, current conveners for Social Issues, Special Days, ACWC are not seeking re-election, and the Publicity convenership has been vacant since Robyn Collins resigned because of new work commitments. Nominations are required by 15 March 2004.

2. The Trading Table was operating under the capable supervision of Olive Bolliger. Members had supplied a great array of goods to tempt us to purchase. The Trading Table serves as an important avenue of fundraising.

3. City World Community Day: It was agreed that Executive should not continue with arranging a city World Community Day Service, but a service could be held if a city church wishes to arrange it.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Helen Richardson reported that because of the holiday period there was not much activity and books were with the Auditor. The December balance was \$2202.65 and current balance \$2911.40, with amounts for printing and postage of Newsette, donation for use of meeting rooms, affiliation fee for PPSEAWA due for payment.

Moved Helen Richardson, seconded Thora Thomas that the Treasurer's report be received, and accounts passed for payment.

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WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Judith Cayzer referred people to her report in Newsette. She called on members to pray for Joan Tong as National WKS Convener. The Scholar for 2004 is Deaconess Mereani Dinaeika Raque from Fiji who will study at "Project Respect" in Melbourne. Mina Whybourne had received mail from Nighat Gulzar who is in Philadelphia, and from Rachael McManus who has completed the first of a four year course for a B.Ed in Indigenous Studies, Secondary. Judith urged members to pray for past as well as the present scholar.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Cela Cooper reported that she had not yet received replies to her letters to her local member, the Minister for Health and the Minister for Women about the management of osteoporosis, taking action before the first fracture. NSW Alcohol Summit - the Government is to issue a report, but the move to deregulate the liquor industry calls into question the position of those under 18 who work in small retail places which would become liquor outlets under deregulation. Cela called on members to talk to their State member to find out what is happening in the local area.

National Healthy Bones Week will be observed early August. Following 'Rise Up' in Wollongong last year, there is to be a "Rise Up and Clean Up" the day before Clean Up Australia to ensure that church people play their part. Cela had made an initial internet search on Young Carers and found that 50,000 children in NSW act as carers for family members who are unwell/incapacitated.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Nancy McLaren advised that applications for grants needed to reach the National Convener by the end of April. Beryl Kirkwood had supplied an entry for Circle of Prayer No.17 which is being prepared for publication but date of issue is not yet known. Nancy led a short devotional which derived from the fact that we live in an anxious world. In Luke 10: 42 we are told "one thing is needed". We need to stop and ask what is the most important thing.

NEWSETTE: Beryl McLaughlin asked that copy for the next Newsette be in her hands by 5 April 2004. Subscription notices sent in November.

SPECIAL DAYS: Irene Carder reported that World Community Day services had gone well. Theme for Fellowship Day is "My peace I give to you", and for World Community Day it is "Be one that the world may believe".

ACWC: Joan Tong encouraged members to consider subscribing to the ACWC Newsletter and had the current copy available for perusal. She also told of Pat Walker's wish to have Australian Church Women sign 'Signature Sheets' as a mark of solidarity with their Asian sisters.

Moved Judith Baker, seconded Robin Phillis that the reports be received. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

National Executive - Minutes 17/11/2003; 19/1/2004; Christmas Greetings, notice of Conference dates 9-14 October 2005 at Collaroy - Forward Together in Christ
Cmr Coral Strong - Mjr Margaret Redmond no longer able to represent Salvation Army
Yvonne Ward - Elaine Wilson no longer able to represent Churches of Christ
UCA Sydney Day Mission Support Group - 29/3/2004 Thornleigh Hillcrest Uniting
NSW Council for Children's Films & TV - MMY - Ceasing activities 31/12/2003
Executive Members of Mothers' Union - Christmas Greetings
PPSEAWA - Christmas Greetings; Membership Renewal & Program
CWCI Sydney Women's Convention 12-14 March 2004 - registration form
Joyce Hooper, Wagga - FLC Donation; Glebe Trust
Bonnie Lyons - Burwood-Concord Branch Annual Report
UNIFEM Breakfast 8/3/2004 7.15 am \$45
UCAF Service Wednesday 11/2/2004 1.00 pm 5th Floor 222 Pitt Street
Publications: Mar ri-lom Murrum 12/2003; Span 12/2003; ACW Victoria News 11/2003;
ACW ACT Newsletter Jan-Mar 04; The Branch CWL Parramatta 12/03; Womenspace 12/03
(Outward) - Joyce Hooper, Wagga

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REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

CHILDREN'S FILM & TELEVISION: Notice of closure as at 31 December 2004 had been received. Jan Harrison expressed thanks to those who represented ACW and served over the years to ensure good quality of film and television for children. Prayer was offered for ongoing scrutiny of the media in the interest of young people.

PAN PACIFIC & SOUTH EAST ASIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Sr Marie Craddock reported that Sr Josephine Mitchell had spoken of East Timor, the poorest country in SE Asia with 830,000 living on \$1 a day, with no medical aid, and rising illiteracy. Curriculum material is being prepared in the local language and Portuguese to replace the Indonesian that had been imposed previously. The history of PPSEAWA is to be updated. Marie indicated that she would be stepping down as an ACW representative to PPSEAWA.

GIRLS BRIGADE: Ruth Dickinson reported that a new Company had been formed at Epping Presbyterian Church, though others had closed due to lack of leaders, not lack of girls. Niue is an area where the Brigade is working.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION: Beryl McLaughlin told of their Annual Convention Luncheon 22 March 2004 when Dr Tom Frame is to be the speaker.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Service to be held Friday, 5 March 2004. The service is from Panama and there is a DVD of slides which can be used for background.

NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: Nola Dickson reported that Brother Ghislain will visit twice this year. Taizé Prayer will be held in St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta on Saturday 20 March 2004, and the next day in Canberra. A fund raising dinner will be held 29 April at Canterbury Park Events Centre where Archbishops Peter Carnley and John Bathersby will speak on "The Unity We Seek-Have we stopped looking?" Cost is \$70. The aim of the Council is "That we may be one".

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

1. The Service of Installation and Dedication is to be held 10.30am 17 May 2004 at Dulwich Hill Salvation Army, 54 Dulwich Street, Dulwich Hill.
2. Reports for Annual Report from conveners, branches and other organisations were requested.
3. Cupboard supplies of tea, coffee, and sugar will be available for morning tea at Council, leaving the denomination on duty to supply milk as well as food.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Sr Marie Craddock requested assistance in establishing contacts for denominations and World Day of Prayer Committee.

NEXT MEETING: 15 March 2004

CLOSE & BENEDICTION: Jan Harrison closed the meeting with prayer.

Confirmed: J R Harrison

Date: 15.3.04

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FROM 1 JANUARY 2004 to 16 February 2004**

CREDIT BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2003 2202.65

Receipts -	Membership Fees	60.00	
	Donations	5.00	
	Newsette	45.00	
	Fellowship of the Least Coin	<u>598.75</u>	<u>708.75</u>

2911.40

Amounts for Ratification/Payment	62.40
UC NSW Synod Printing Newsette	68.90
Postage Newsette	102.05 115.00
Uniting Church donation for use of rooms	150.00 ?
PPSEAWA	35.00
UC NSW Agreed - song sheets	5.60