

Minutes of meeting of A.C.W. N.S.W. UNIT. April 23rd, 1979.

The President opened with Devotional. Congratulations were extended to Mrs. M. Baker on being appointed national President Churches of Christ Christian Fellowship.

Apologies were received from Deaconess Andrews, Mesdames Perriam, Cavage, Brig. Smith, Major Venables, Mesdames Smith Jessop, J. Baker M. Bell, Armstrong and Green.

The Minutes were read and confirmed, and a tribute read for the late life member Mrs. Knight, prepared by Mrs. Stanhope.

President reported functions attended on behalf of Council the Mother's Union by Pres. and Sec. - Aust. Board of Missions by Pres. - W.C.T.U. by Sec. and Deaconess, - Pres. the Salvation Army Rally, and Brig. Smith's retirement.

Nomination papers were handed out for Annual Meeting by Sec. also forms re Nat. Council of Women 28th May Seminar.

Correspondence. Inwards.

March and

Women at Work and Minutes Working Committee April. ~~and May.~~

Invite P.W.A. for Pres.

Letter Working Committee re nominations, recommendations, and A.C.C. leaflets.

Letter Working Committee re F.I.C.

Letter Unicef. re Logo. for Prayer Rally.

Save the Children Fund.

N.S.W. Ass Child Caring Agencies.

Letter Mrs. D'Orange I.Y.C.N.G.O'S.

Letters 7 denominations re. rep for Prayer Rally.

Outwards.

C.T.A. Letter Thanks for loan equipment.

Aust. Council of Churches Report for Year.

The Treasurer reported the books were with the Auditor.

A/cs for payment-

Service Copying Co. F. Day Orders of Service \$416;25.

A/c F.I.C. Box labels \$10 / Promotions \$5 Sec/ \$7:95 F.I.C. \$2:50.

Moved passed for payment. agreed.

Recommended from balance of Overseas Travel Fund, to make contribution of \$100 for '79. Seconded and carried.

Prayer Rally.

Details. The President outlined the 3 speakers who had accepted, lists were circulated for additions to people to bring food on 28th, flowers etc.

The Order of Service was in hand, invitations available today, in denominational groups, so all Council members would receive one.

Replies required by all and friends.

The President indicated the office bearers will be overprinted on Promotion Leaflets after Annual Meeting. The Newsletter will be available on May 28th. 100 more Histories have been printed.

The Pres. and Sec. have been invited to Ruth Graham Rally at Opera House.

It was urgent to register by the end of the week for the N.C.W. Seminar.

Application forms were available.

The June meeting postponed 1 week owing to holiday, and it would take the form of slides the Sec. would project on daylight screen. We would be guests ourselves, and inform each other about church generally, and church activities and conferences. People to submit several slides and talk about them. Mrs. M. Baker of Church of Christ to speak about her denomination for 4 or 5 minutes, all up to 1 hour.

It was reported the Executive recommended the President and Secretary be delegates to Nat. Com. Meetings, and two nominations required for observers. It was asked for thoughts on this and suggested Conv. for Promotions, and Pres. Elect.

Promotions. Mrs. Lean reported from Executive meeting. Fellowship Day Services were in hand, when W.K.S. leaflet available and Newsletter

they will be packed and sent, and brought to May Service for branches.

Guidelines are being considered by Promotion Committee for undating leaflets

to help with formation of groups, and for existing ones.

Newsletter being suggested for State news several times a year. Apart from Annual Newsletter about Oct. another one. Name change for branches

had been discussed, and suggested for State branches it was the

firm wish local branches consider they be called A.C.W. such and such

a branch. Branches to consider the change. It was suggested by the

President from the meeting that we ask for postage for Newsletter to

branches. Mrs. Udy said groups already pay for affiliation to branches,

and perhaps branches pay for several newsletters to be sent round the branch. Mrs. Dougherty suggested Women at Work which is Australia wide could be kept for State Unit members. The Secretary reminded that not all ladies are in branches and could pay separate passage to receive personally if desired. Further consideration by Exect., change of name to be considered by branches and report back.

It was reported the Pres. and Sec. had attended personally the St. Stevens Rally re hotel trading hours held between our meetings.

Mrs. Lt. Col. Baker spoke about the area where Mrs. Boiva the W.K.S. comes from in Papua New Guinea as she had lived there, also some of the work she had been associated with in The Salvation Army.

Brig. Cork then escorted Mrs. Aite Boiva to the meeting from the Salvation Army Training Centre, and the Nat. Working Committee convenor for the W.K.S. Mrs. Olga Badger introduced her to Mrs. McCann who welcomed her to the meeting.

Mrs. Bent led in the Circle of Prayer Devotional.

Two

Women at Work and extra invitations were distributed.

Miss Mitchell presented some information, - the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which starts on 24th May this year, Ascension Day till Pentecost, orders of service available.

As National Secretary she presented The World Community Day Project, which was proposed by Working Committee this year to be for Suva Pacific Theological College, where women are to be trained in conjunction with husbands, and help provide a child care centre in College.

~~in-memory~~ The fund has been set up ~~to~~ in memory of Mrs. Havea of Tonga, who died suddenly last year.

Also in reference to N.C.M. delegates are now required to be appointed. U.S.A/ and N.Z. women; guests. - N.S.W. to be involved in pre-conference activities. Mrs. Heather Stevens outlined details for visitors, people asked to take people around, walk around Sydney or by car some where. Accommodation required over the week-end before the Conf.

All invited to Service in Scotts Church, Margaret St. at 2:30 on 9th Sept. State Unit help needed to organize afternoon, and offers to help was received and 20 plates of food was assured.

Mrs. DeWitt and Miss Blackwell tea rosters next meeting.

New list of Salvation Army - 2 new appointees.

Mrs. Dougherty indicated the Fellowship Day Service had been widely used with I.Y.C. in schools ~~and sent to~~ United Nations - New York, Immigration Dept. in Canberra, and translated into ethnic languages.

Mrs. Grant indicated she had in hand a copy of "Winifred" the life of Winifred Kiek, just published.

Fellowship Day Orders of Services was requested by Sec. for known service *for publicity*

Mrs. M. Baker drew the attention of the meeting to the fact the Festival of Light were today concerned with the ~~proposal~~ before Parliament decriminalising prostitution. After much discussion a telegram was carefully worded to the effect that those present at the meeting today of Australian Church Women N.S.W. Unit demand reconsideration of ~~Anti~~<sup>proposed</sup>-decriminalisation bill, and this was unanimously resolved. Mrs. Lean was asked if she would leave the meeting to send the telegram straight away, as it was felt it could be urgent. Mrs. Lean agreed to do so.

The President closed the General Meeting, and as time was passing it was agreed to continue with our guest, the Winifred Kiek Scholar, who had been brought into the meeting by Brig. Cork, the National Working Committee Treasurer. Mrs. Olga Badger, the Convenor for the W.K.S. of the Working Committee, introduced Mrs. Captain Boiva from Papua New Guinea, who had arrived on 12th April. Mrs. Boiva spoke to us for several minutes, and she was greeted and presented with a small posy of flowers. Following she was given the opportunity of speaking to different ones as we shared in a cup of tea <sup>over</sup> and lunch. This was followed by the Annual Meeting which was closed by the President with the Benediction at 2:20p.m.

...Marie McCann...President.

25th June, 1979.

#### REPORT OF PRAYER RALLY AND FORUM HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 1979.

An inspiring Service was held at Wesley Chapel on 28th May, 1979, Our Annual Service took the form of a Prayer Rally, led by the President, Mrs. Marie McCann, and leaders were invited from the seven participating denominations in our group. The Lane Cove/Longueville Inter-Church Choir added greatly to this occasion, led by Mrs. Beatrice Debus. The three themes centred on Praise and Thanksgiving, Reconciliation and Unity, - Dedication of our Executive members, as we reaffirmed our aims, - and included a Prayer Litany based on the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. This was followed by luncheon and a Forum focusing on the International Year of the Child by three speakers, namely from Child Caring Organizations, Save the Children Fund, and N.S.W. Association of Child Caring Agencies. ~~N.S.W. Association~~ the I.Y.C. Non-Government Organizations, namely, Mrs. Oates, Mrs. Lloyd and Major Pearce. This proved a time of much information about these organizations under our "Theme" - Care for Children. Over 100 ladies attended the luncheon ~~666~~ ~~66666~~, which was served by the members of Council, and all agreed it was an inspiring and informative day.