

MINUTES OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT
ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH HALL, COMO ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1989 AT 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Revd. L. Edwards (Chairperson), Mesdames Box, Wilson, Hunt, Watts, Bourhill, Napier, Mrs. Major L. Green, Mrs. Major O. Dell (arrived 11.15 a.m.) Mrs. Stewart.

APOLOGIES: Lady Wilson.

WELCOME: The President welcomed Mrs. Major Lynette Green to the Committee as a Vice President and Mrs. Alison Stewart as a co-opted member (assisting W.K.S. Convener)

DEVOTIONS: Revd. Edwards shared her thoughts on Luke 13: v. 1-9 with members and then invited them to comment. There was a short time of prayer before the business meeting commenced.

MINUTES: of meeting held on January 27 were corrected as follows -
Page 3 - Transfer from W.C. Day should read 50% A.C.W.C.
Page 5 - Typing errors in W.K.S. correspondence 4 Dec. and 5, phone calls.
- Girls Friendly Society Accommodation should read \$110. Mrs. Wilson had reported about other accommodation enquiries she had made which would cost \$75 per week however this was not considered to be suitable.
Moved Mrs. Wilson, seconded Mrs. Watts that minutes as corrected be adopted.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Mrs. Major Lynette Green accepted the invitation to be appointed a Vice President.

CORRESPONDENCE:

89/2/1

INWARD mail was received as follows -

1. 25/1 Australian Conservation Foundation seeking funding for its Ozone Project.
2. 9/2 Dept. of Social Security re updating of mailing list.
3. 14/2 W.K.S. Trust
4. 17/2 S.A. unit re change of address for Mrs. Birch, copy of amended Constitution, suggestion that Nat. Committee take responsibility for badges and spoons, and request for information on financial assistance available for Conference.
5. 21/2 A.C.T. nominating Mrs. Ruth Burmester, O.A.M. as a Life Member of A.C.W.
6. 21/2 Conf. of Churches of W.A. inviting two members to two functions being organised to coincide with the visit of Bishop Henry Okullu, an Anglican bishop from Kenya, in April.
7. Aust. Council of Churches Agenda - February 10, 1989 enclosing various reports including the visit to China by the Christian Conference of Asia in November 1988 and the visit to the Philippines by an Aust. Council of Churches Team Oct. 1988.
8. N.S.W. Unit Minutes of State Council Meeting August 15, 1988
9. N.S.W. Unit Minutes of Council Meeting September 19, 1988
10. Vic. Unit Minutes of Council Meeting November 25, 1988
11. Tas. Unit Minutes of Meeting November 28, 1988

12. News Releases from Min. for Social Security
 - 15/1 (a) Australian and Netherlands discuss Social Security Agreement
 - 20/1 (b) No savings on Family Allowances
 - 25/1 (c) Consultations with dutch Community on Social Security Agreement
 - 30/1 (d) Talks between Govt. and Vic. Council of Social Services
 - 7/2 (e) Connolly's attack on Migrants
 - 15/2 (f) Preliminary Discussions with Turkey -Social Security Agreement
13. Nat. Women's Consultative Council - "A fair share of the
14. 1989 Tax Cuts Media Release and Information
15. Women 88 Bicentennial Women's News Bulletin
16. National Womens Consultative Council News Journal Oct. 1988
17. Office of the Status of Women Newsletter December 1988
18. Women's International League for Peace and Freedom -
Invitation to 24th International Triennial Congress in Sydney
15-22 July 1989.

Outward mail was endorsed as follows -

1. 7/2 Lt. Col. Brian Morgan Salvation Army, requesting agreement to her appointment as Vice President.
2. 24/2 Capt. G. Faragher thanking him for use of Subiaco premises.

Telephone call from Barbara Lacy (Vic) re Fellowship Day Service, W.K.S.
leaflets and Conference.

Moved Mrs. Watts, seconded Mrs. Stewart that inward correspondence be received and outward endorsed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter to be sent to A.C.F. advising that we are unable to give financial support to their Ozone Project.
2. Secretary to complete form and return.
3. Letter of January 9 was discussed in conjunction with this and Secretary to write with information.
4. Moved Mrs. Hunt, seconded Mrs. Bourhill that the suggestion from S.A. that National Executive produce A.C.W. badges and teaspoons be agreed to in principle and enquires be made in W.A. and S.A. as to present costs. Units to be requested to advise National Executive what their needs could be prior to any orders for manufacture being placed.
5. It was agreed that the nomination of Mrs. Ruth Burmester, O.A.M. be put forward for Life Membership at the forthcoming National Conference.
6. Mrs. Box will be attending the Saturday session and will represent A.C.W. as well. Rev. Edwards and Mrs. Bourhill will attend the Monday evening session.

89/2/2 FINANCE: (Mrs. F. Hunt)

Correspondence: Inward mail was received from

1. Mrs. D. Wright enclosing cheque for books for W.K.S.
 2. Kazuko Hayashi enclosing receipt for A.C.W.C. money.
- Outward mail was sent to
1. Mrs. D. Wright.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD 28.1.1989 TO 27.2.1989

ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL

Brought Forward - Golden Account	4000.00
Cheque Account	2595.68

RECEIPTS:

N.S.W. Unit - A.C.W.C. Bulletins	90.00	
A.C.T. Unit - A.C.W.C. Bulletins	7.50	
Transfer from W.K. Scholarship Account	4189.00	4286.50
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PAYMENTS:

Petty Cash - L. Wilson	75.00	
B. Bourhill	50.00	
F. Hunt	20.00	
M. Box - Telephone calls	70.00	
Winifred Kiek Scholar -		
Edwards Secretarial College	1400.00	
Girls Friendly Society	495.00	
Pocket Money - 2 weeks @ \$25	50.00	
Books	151.00	
Canning Bridge Print - A.C.W. News	72.00	
A.C.W. Leaflets	193.00	
	265.00	2576.00
		<u>\$8306.18</u>

Balance

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

Administration & General	8306.18
F.L.C.	20.25
World Community Day	3445.30
National Conference	7277.09
Overseas Conference	1652.83

TOTAL \$20701.65

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

Brought forward

6595.74

PAYMENTS:

Edwards Secretarial College	2500.00	
Air Fare	1144.00	
4 Weeks Board at Girls Friendly Society Hostel	440.00	
Bond	50.00	
Key Deposit	5.00	
Pocket Money - 2 weeks	50.00	4189.00
		<u>\$2406.74</u>

Balance

W.K.S. BOOK ALLOWANCE

Received from Trustees

250.00

Payments

151.00

Balance

\$99.00

Moved Mrs. Hunt, seconded Mrs. Box that financial statement as presented be adopted and payments as shown be ratified.

PRESIDENT'S MAIL

- Inward: 1. 5/2 Barbara Grealy - info. re Shanti Solomon's Honorary Doctorate; booklet on F.L.C.; copy of China diary; info re ACFLC Grant for aboriginal woman plus a white companion to journey around Australia.
2. 9/2 Barbara Grealy - info. from Eunice Kim re death of her mother; message from Kazuko re A.C.W. contributions for A.C.W.C. and query re our payment.
3. 9/2 Myra Dixon, Vic. Unit, with copy of newspaper article regarding Bicentennial Women 88 Awards.

- 4, 22/1 EYonne Sullivan, ACT Unit, with Order of Service from 'Women's Day in the National Capital'.
 5. Joan Adcock with thanks for greetings on her illness
 6. 21/2 Barbara Grealy in answer to my inquiry re proviso attached to grant for aboriginal woman.
 7. Barbara Lacy booking Northern Tour for 2 people.
- Outward:
1. 6/2 EYonne Sullivan with thanks.
 2. 27/11 Lorraine Davis re her request for hospitality at Conference.
 3. 13/2 Barbara Grealy re info concerning ICFLC grant
 4. 16/2 Barbara Grealy re her request for info concerning A.C.W.C. money forwarded in good time.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THIS CORRESPONDENCE:

1. F.L.C. Convener, J. Watts, has copied information on F.L.C. grants for 1988 and forwarded to all State units, Letter of congratulations to be sent to Shanti Solomon from National Committee. Mrs. Watts advised that she had sent a letter to Shanti from F.L.C. members.
2. Letter to be sent to Eunice Kim expressing sympathy following death of her mother.
6. Mrs. Grealy advised in her letters that \$5000 U.S. has been allocated by ECFLC. Our application had asked for \$2000 US. ^{\$2500 AUSTR.} The Committee doubled the amount of the application so that a white person could accompany her. There was some discussion whether this would be patronising to the aboriginal women however another view put forward was that it would be advantageous if the President of the National Executive could travel with her, introducing her to meetings and having the opportunity to share with her during time spent in travel. It was also felt that it would be good for the President to have the opportunity to meet members of State units informally in this way. (It was mentioned that Mrs. Haensel had visited most units during her term of office and this was considered beneficial by those involved.) It was moved Mrs. Major Dell, seconded Mrs. Wilson that the President accompany the fellowship awardee. Revd. Edwards advised that she would have to discuss the time she would need off with her parish but would like to be in a position to accept. It was anticipated that the duration of the visit would be approximately three weeks, possibly in July. Moved Mrs. Major Dell, seconded Mrs. Box, that in the event of Rev. Edwards not being able to travel, the Vice President, Mrs. Vera Wilson, accompany the awardee. The overall financial situation for the fellowship was discussed in conjunction with the above and it was agreed that there would be some funds available to assist with parish expenses for a replacement if Rev. Edwards was in a position to travel. It was agreed that units be requested to advise if they have any other nominations to make for the aboriginal fellowship, including her ability to address groups, age, work commitments and other general information in a Profile. Nominations to be in the hands of the Secretary no later than March 31. Sub-Committee of Rev. Edwards, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Napier and Mrs. Stewart to meet early in April and make a recommendation to the April National Executive meeting.

89/2/3 REPORTS:

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: (Mrs. Watts)

Correspondence:

- Inward: 9/2 B. Grealy
12/2 Joyce Deering - N.T.
- Outward: 14/2 All 7 State units
16/2 B. Grealy
24/2 J. Deering - N.T.
24/2 L. Meadows - Qld.
24/2 Shirin Samuel - Pakistan
24/2 Shanti Solomon - India.

Units have been invited to submit applications for projects for funding from Fellowship of the Least Coin offerings and application forms have been sent out for 1989.

No further information on new Circle of Prayer booklets however it is anticipated they should arrive soon.

PUBLICATIONS: (Mrs. Bourhill)

Correspondence:

- Inward: 1. N.S.W. "Newsette" for February
2. Marion Dodds - Victoria
3. Marie Price - Tasmania
4. Report from Mary Box re Winifred Kiek Scholar
5. Vic. Unit Minutes November 1988
6. N.W.C.C. - Invitation to Convention re Tax cuts.
7. President's letter for March issue enclosing
(a) B. Grealy's "Visit to China"
(b) F.L.C. letter from Shirin Samuel about Shanti Solomon's honour.

Outward: 1. Application form for "Newsette".

Moved Mrs. Wilson, seconded Mrs. Watts that Mrs. Bourhill prepare and send news articles to go into the A.C.W.C. Bulletins - topics suggested - Aboriginal Fellowship Project; Winifred Kiek Scholar; National Conference.

Mrs. Bourhill agreed to undertake this responsibility.

SPECIAL DAYS: (Mrs. Major Dell)

Correspondence:

- Inward: 1. S.A. Unit enclosing Order of Service for World Community service - 'Bridging the Gap'
Phone call from N.S.W. wanting Order of Service for Fellowship Day by March meeting.

Outward: All State Units enclosing the Order of Service for Fellowship Day 1989.

Each member of the Committee were given a copy of the Order of Service for Community Day and asked to study and bring any comments to the next meeting. A project for World Community Day needs to be decided at the next meeting and members were asked to give some thought to this. S.A. sent information re Anglican Church project in S.A. "Building Bridges",

Members were asked to consider a Theme for Fellowship Day 1990.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: (Mrs. Box)

Phone calls were made to Yvonne Davis and Dorothy Haensel
Letter sent to Dorothy Haensel.

Winifred Kiek Scholar Failautusi Teb'ati arrived on February 5 and has settled in well at the G.F.S. Hostel and the Secretarial College. Reports indicate that she is coping very well with office administration and typing but is having a little difficulty with accounting and word processing. She goes to the College early each day to practice on the various machines. Members of A.C.W. have taken her out each weekend and Mrs. Box asked the Committee to indicate when they would be able to offer hospitality. Enquiries have been made regarding student accreditation for reduced travel costs. Australian Airlines offer 25% discount with this but the traveller can't stop on the way. Coachlines do not offer discounts.

There was some discussion on costs of return travel including State units, accommodation and other expenses. Moved Mrs. Napier seconded Mrs. Green that Mrs. Box prepare two or three budget alternatives and bring to the next meeting for discussion.

The Committee accepted with grateful thanks the offer of financial assistance from an anonymous donor to cover the shortfall in Failautusi's course costs up to \$2,000. It was suggested that country visits be arranged during the April Semester break. Mrs. Wilson offered to take her to Bunbury and Busselton during the first week. Mrs. Napier will try to arrange a visit to Wongan Hills during the second week.

*** (see below)
Mrs. Box advised that she was in the process of sending out applications for 1990. Moved Mrs. Napier seconded Mrs. Green that China be added to this year's regions and that appropriate changes be made to the Constitution.

Mrs. Wilson advised that she had received one reply to the Christmas letters she had sent out to previous Winifred Kiek Scholars. Mrs. Sushila Rao has written requesting financial assistance for her son who is studying in Bangkok, as they were having great difficulty in meeting his costs. Mrs. Wilson was asked to reply advising that although we were sympathetic to the case, this is outside A.C.W.'s role and that no financial assistance could be given.

89/2/4 1989 CONFERENCE

1. Hospitality. Mrs. Wilson agreed to be responsible for this area.
2. Transport. Mrs. Major Green agreed to take on this responsibility.
3. Mrs. Wilson to make enquiries regarding availability of rooms on the Sunday before and Friday after the Conference.
4. Banners. If any State unit has a banner they are invited to bring it with them. It would be good to have the Australian banner that was taken to Bangkok at the Conference.
5. Requests may be made for single accommodation but this will be dependant on numbers as all the rooms are double rooms.
6. Singalong Leader - Mrs. Major Green assisted by pianist Mrs. Bourhill.

Conference Committee Mrs. Napier (Convener) Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Wilson, Revd. Edwards and Mrs. Major Green were nominated and will meet at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, March 16 at 54 Axford Street, Como.

*** The pamphlet to be prepared on this year's Scholar for distribution at Fellowship Day was discussed and approved.

89/2/5 GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. National Executive 1991 - 1993. Moved Mrs. Wilson, seconded Mrs. Major Green that A.C.T. unit be invited to take on the responsibilities of National Committee after N.S.W. in 1991 until the Conference in 1993.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY - APRIL 3 at 10.00 a.m.
St. Augustine's Church Hall, Cale Street, Como.

The meeting closed at 4.00 p.m.

Chairperson *A. Edwards*

Date *3/04/89*