

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - N.S.W. STATE UNIT

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday, 18th March, 1996 at 10.30 a.m.

OPENING: President Lucelle King welcomed members and opened meeting with a reading from 1 Chronicles Chapter 16. She then led in prayer. New Members welcomed were Mesdames Ruth Callaghan representing Y.W.C.A., Nora Cliff from Chatswood/Willoughby Branch and Laura Wilkins from The Entrance Branch. Mesdames Dorothy Lumb and Thora Thomas were congratulated on recently celebrating their 80th Birthdays.

PRESENT: 49 as per Membership Roll.

APOLOGIES: Mesdames Marie McCann, Heather Reid, H. McIver and Deaconess Andrews plus others as per Membership Roll.

The Minutes of Meeting of 19 February 1996 were confirmed on motion of Ruth Smith and Doris Haberfield. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. STATE CONFERENCE: May 15/17: Programme well in hand. Members urged to register to ensure a place.
2. NCW CENTENARY PROGRAM: March-June Exhibition in Parliament House - we will attend after meeting on June 17 - ACW material now available for inclusion in NCW folders.
Roster to be organised for ACW members to assist at supervising Exhibition. Thanksgiving Service, St. James King Street, December 3- we to organise.
3. ACWC SERVICE - November 18: St. John's Anglican Church, Campsie - date confirmed. Committee to be formed to organise.
4. FLC 40 YEARS CELEBRATION: Our proposed date August 19 - may be altered to October 14 depending on possible visit of Shirin Samuel (Executive Secretary ICFLC) after visiting New Zealand for the Annual Meeting of the International Committee of Fellowship of Least Coin from September 29th to October 5th. Observers from Australia may attend this meeting at own expense. ACW National Executive are holding a Special Service in Canberra on April 23 to celebrate 40 years of FLC and Lucelle King and Shirley Wells will represent NSW State Unit.
5. FLOWER FESTIVAL - ST.MARY'S CATHEDRAL: September 6/9 1996: Flower Fund requires replenishing. Suggested that Trading Table proceeds at President's Installation Service in May be used for purchase of flowers.
6. WHO ARE WE? Article from National Executive of Australian Church Women - their theme for biennial period is "Jesus Christ - the Way Ahead". Suggested that each denomination use article in their relevant Church publications.
7. NOMINATION FORMS for Executive positions to be completed by April 2.
With the exception of President and Immediate Past President, all positions are vacant.

EXECUTIVE:

President (appointed by relevant Denomination)
 Immediate Past President

Secretary
 Assistant Secretary
 Minute Secretary
 Membership Secretary
 Treasurer
 Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener
 Fellowship of Least Coin Convener
 Special Days Convener
 Functions Convener
 Promotion and Publicity
 Social Issues
 Newsette Editor

Stock control and sales convener - not an Executive member.

Members were asked to indicate whether they had any particular skills, e.g. computer, word processor, etc.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

1. NCW NEWS - revised dates for Centenary Year.
2. NCW - Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon - April 26 - President will attend.
3. NCW - Parliament House Exhibiton - volunteers required - three persons for 2 hour shifts . Suggested dates: April 24, May 8.
4. National Minutes - re several matters:-
 - (a) National Conference - September 22 to 27, 1997. ANU Canberra. St. Andrew's Church to be booked for Ecumenical Service on 23/9/97.
 - (b) Letter received from Senator Gareth Evans regarding Land Mines.
 - (c) Project for World Community Day 1996 may be for the Refuge, Rehabilitation and Legal Aid Centre in Raiwind Diocese of Church of Pakistan. Agreement sought from all Units. It was proposed Phyl McKinnirey seconded Thora Thomas that we agree to this proposal.
 - (d) A representative from National Executive will attend our Conference.
 - (e) Desirability of FLC National Convener to attend New Zealand as the official Australian Observer. It was agreed that Major Mrs Eileen Holley should represent us and consideration will be given to assisting with funding.
5. Report from Eunice Reidy - that there already exists sufficient "Peak" type bodies.
6. Letter from Lois Maze - thanks for letter of encouragement.
7. WCTU President's Reception - March 25 - Hazel McIver will represent us.
8. Invitation to C.W.L. Diocese of Parramatta - opening of Chisholm Cottage.
9. Letter of thanks from Fiona Collins with photographs taken at Award Luncheon NCW.
10. Letter from Deaconess Shirley Harris - Deaconess Barkat Dhass, 1978 scholar will be visiting Sydney 1 to 30 June 1996 - would like to speak at meetings We will invite her to June 17 meeting - will enquire if accommodation is required.
11. Order Forms - "Note it" (new ACW souvenir) received from Gladesville/ Hunters Hill, Killara/Lindfield and Sutherland Branches.
12. Branch reports from Killara/Lindfield, Gladesville/Hunters Hill.
13. From Y.W.C.A. regarding Ruth Callaghan - representative.
14. Sharing
15. Awakening 2000.
16. NSW Department for Women Newsletter - Premier's Council for Women

TREASURER'S REPORT: Marie Majoor presented her Report (attached) - finances quite healthy. Affiliation fees due. She asked that cheques be ratified for payment and report accepted. Seconded Mabel Ward.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells reported that very good contributions had been made but that Prayer is the most important part of FLC. We must continually pray for reconciliation, peace and justice in the world. Shirin Samuel has asked that each member consider contributing 40 coins to celebrate the 40 years of FLC. The special Circle of Prayer Book for 40 years of FLC is available for \$2. Shirley then read a Meditation written by Shanti Solomon in the original Circle of Prayer.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Peg Blake reported that Lucelle King had received a letter from Rachel Sobana in Nagercoil, India (1991 Scholar) sending greetings to all. She is now Nursing Administrator at the Catherine Booth Salvation Army Hospital and very busy. Rachel Rolland from Vanuatu (1995 scholar) has now taken up her scholarship. Deaconess Barkat Dhass (1978 scholar) will visit Sydney in June.

PROMOTIONS: Edith Ridge said that the Fellowship Day Service is very good. 1997 Themes have been decided - Fellowship Day - "Jesus Christ the Way Ahead" World Community Day - 'One People Embracing and Encircled by God's Love' ; the residue of the Disaster Fund \$1600 is to be forwarded to TIMAL (Training in Mission and Leadership), Lay Training Centre, Rabaul Bus Appeal. In 'Sharing' magazine, Violet Sampa (Mrs. Bredt) (1971 WKS scholar) is mentioned and the dangerous situation that exists in Zambia. President Lucelle prayed for Violet's safety and asked that we pray for Violet.

ACWC: Now meeting with other Church Women's groups in Asia. New Executive Secretary will be attending ICFLC meeting in New Zealand and probably coming to Australia after this meeting. The President may be coming too.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

TRADING TABLE : Contributions of sweets, jams, cakes, slices, baby clothes, etc. gratefully received.

WCTU - Beryl McLaughlin extended invitation to anyone who would like to attend the President's Reception to be held at the Chalmers Street Centre on March 25.

PRESIDENT-ELECT PEG BLAKE'S INSTALLATION: 20 MAY: Invitations now available - the names of organisations to whom invitations should be sent are required.

Phyl McKinnirey thanked everyone who had sent letters of sympathy regarding the recent disastrous fire in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. She had attended the opening of Chisholm Cottage and said that it is a cottage which offers low cost short term accommodation for persons with a family member in hospital or attending outpatients clinics particularly at Westmead Hospital.

President Lucelle King thanked the Catholic ladies for providing the morning tea and the Presbyterian ladies for attending to the setting up of the meeting room. Next month, the Uniting Church ladies are to provide morning tea and the Catholic ladies to attend to chairs, etc.

NEXT MEETING: COUNCIL - APRIL 15.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the President at 12.10 p.m.

Confirmed *Lucelle King*

April 15, 1996

