



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday, 19th April, 1999 - following the Annual General Meeting.

President Elizabeth Walker opened the meeting and invited Mrs. Padma Ebenezer, ACWC Executive Member, from Sri Lanka to speak to the Council of life in Sri Lanka, of women's issues, etc. Mrs. Ebenezer thanked the President for the opportunity - she was visiting her daughters in Sydney and was delighted to be present at our Meeting as she had met Joan Tong, Shirley Wells, Marie McCann and Heather Reid in Bangkok and was pleased to see them again.

Through being involved with ACWC she had learned much of conditions suffered by women in many of the Asian countries. Sri Lanka is being torn apart by a civil war - women and children suffer. She is able to visit elderly folk in care situations as well as the sick and because of her singing ability able to cheer them. A World Day of Prayer is organised each year - through the National Association of Church Women and Fellowship of the Least Coin is active.

Mrs. Ebenezer conducts Bible Studies - finds those showing the quality of women, e.g. Esther to be very encouraging to the women participating. She asked for our prayers for the Christian people of Sri Lanka.

President Elizabeth thanked Mrs. Ebenezer for sharing with us and presented her with a gift in appreciation.

PRESENT: 42 as recorded.

APOLOGIES: Major Joan Tong, Major Glenys Holley and 13 others as recorded.

The MINUTES of Council Meeting of 15th March were read and confirmed on motion of Judith Baker and Rhoda Gates. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: From Council and Executive.

1. ANNUAL DEDICATION SERVICE - Monday 17th May, 1999 at the Uniting Church Carrington Avenue, Strathfield. Time 10.30 a.m. Speaker: Mrs. Aileen Mortensen (National President of ACW). Invitations available.
2. ANNUAL REPORT - in process of printing - late reports may be received if sent immediately.
3. ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON - Monday 19th July at Salvation Army Function Centre Elizabeth Street, Sydney - Time 11 a.m. \$10. Eileen Holley will collect money for luncheon.
4. OZINDO PROJECT - for next month, bike riding through S.A. Prayer for them. Financial support forms available.
5. NSW STATE CONFERENCE 2000 - May 10th-12th - Salvation Army, Stanmore.
6. FLOWER FESTIVAL - St. Mary's Cathedral - 3-6th September - Verse Lament.3:22,23
7. NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - BRISBANE: 27th Sept-1st Oct. Application forms will be available in May.
8. ACWC - "PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON" - 31st October, Salvation Army Citadel, Campsie, 3 00 p.m. Arrangements in hand.

CALENDARS - Orders as follows:

To be available in August	Anglican	30	Churches of Christ	25
	Baptist	50	Presbyterian	50
	Catholic	35	Salvation Army	
			Uniting	30

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

1. National Executive 2 letters 12th March re Nat Conf. 27.9 - 1.10.1999 at Grace Colleg. Uni of Q'ld advising pre/post Conf. Accommodation \$38 B & B payable at College but can be booked with Registration Form-available soon.
 - * Air Travel is with Ansett Aust. Must quote MASTERFILE number MCO7052 to access the special events airfare.
 - * Ms Esther Byu, Ex.Sec. FLC will be guest
 - * Newmarket Gardens Caravan Park information supplied. See Jan
- 24th March re Profile on WKS Scholar Mai Zin Zin from Myanmar. Profile to be included in
 - * Fellowship Day mailings. Spec. Days Conv. Val Van de Wiel has been in hospital.
 - * Nat. Ex. Minutes for March enclosed
2. Helen Stutchbury 2 letters apologies for March and April Council Meetings also enclosing an article on the Bike Ride with photograph of Fiona and Mia
3. Bev Elliott apology for AGM and Council
4. Jan Livingstone President of MU Australia thanking for congratulations on position.
5. Carmel Emmett resignation from ACW Council - heavy commitments. Regrets the resig.
6. U.C. Sydney Day Mission Support Group invite to 1999 Mission Get-Together on Monday 31st May at Leigh Memorial Church, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta 2 invited guests for light lunch in "C. Leigh Room" Beryl McL plus another Others most welcome to attend 10.00 am m.tea to 2.00 p.m. RSVP Beryl McL
7. NSW Ch. of Christ CWF Ann. Conf. Fri 7th May - Elizabeth
8. Jessie Street Trust Annual Lunch - 15th April
9. The Halifax-Portal Lectures - A Series of 4 Ecumenical Lectures sponsored by the Catholic and Anglican Bishops - copies of this available
10. ACT ACW Newsletter and Annual Report
11. Tabled: Directory of Organisations for Women in NSW Vol 1
 - Equipping Christian to Grow CEP
 - Newsletter Dio of Madras
 - Awakening News
 - Anglicare - The Vine
 - Women's Calendar April-May
 - National Council of Women of Australia - Quarterly Bulletin
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - Footsteps
 - Week of Prayer for Reconciliation

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

1. Jan Livingstone President of MU Australia - congratulating her on position
2. Fr. Chris Toohey - thank you
3. Sister Mary Constable, Balmain - Information Kit requested by Patricia Burke
4. Margaret Johnson - Information Kit and letter. Phoned
5. Beryl Smith "
6. Mollie Southwell, invites to Ann Ded. & Ec. Luncheon
7. Keith Lyons NSW Congregational re affiliation fees for their representation \$15
8. Bev Elliott. Acknowledging
9. Marjorie Deasey - Ecumenical Luncheon speaker. Wishing her well as she goes to P & NG
10. National Executive - Feb. Council Minutes and Ack. letters
11. Lily Hanlon - Ack.
12. Judith Ryan redirecting letter sent from Kempsey for World Day of Prayer
13. Elaine Giddey re Associate Membership
14. Joan Curtin - Life Member, sent photo of Cutting Cake & Invites
15. Marjorie Verco - Nat. Life Member - invites
16. 81 invitations sent to Associate Members of ACW & other Organisations

CORRESPONDENCE (Inward)

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6. Uniting Church Sydney Day Mission Support Group invitation to 1999 Mission Get-Together Monday 31st May at Leigh Memorial Church, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta. Beryl McLaughlin plus another will represent us.
All welcome to attend.- 10.00 a.m. morning tea - to 2 p.m.
9. Halifax -Portal Lectures - A series of 4 Ecumenical Lectures sponsored by the Catholic and Anglican Bishops - copies of this available.

Correspondence inwards received and outwards endorsed on motion of Ruth Moore seconded Joyce Liddell. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

At the last Council Meeting after Father Chris Toohey had spoken regarding "Jubilee", the denominational groups had met to discuss what their denominations could do to implement "Jubilee". The Catholic ladies suggested having an "Inter Faith Day" - "What Jesus means to them" - Jews, Muslim, etc.
A format to be considered and put together.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED:

22nd March - WCTU Reception - Peg Blake attended on behalf of President - excellent message from Mrs. Wood, mother of Anna Wood who had died so tragically through the Ecstasy drug - Mrs. Wood travelling around Australia speaking to schoolchildren especially regarding the horrendous dangers of drugs and alcohol. "Drugs are fashionable & available" - a trap.

Mothers Union Festival & AGM - President Elizabeth attended - 26 March. uplifting Service and enjoyable day.

16th April - Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon - Parliament House - Jan Harrison, Peg Blake, Mina Whybourne attended. Encouraging to see 38 over 90-year old ladies receive recognition.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Marie Majoor reported that our finances were very satisfactory. We would pay Mrs. Mortensen's fare from Brisbane to our Luncheon. \$3,000 is in hand for Fellowship of Least Coin for this year. Marie moved her report be received, seconded Margaret Jessup. Carried.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Mai Zin Zin Wah will commence her studies in Singapore on 1st July.
Edith Ridge had received a letter from Milise (1998 scholar) who is back at University in Melbourne working on her Thesis. Milise had sent a gift to Edith in appreciation of her hospitality.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells said that there had been 59 grants made - one to Girls Friendly Society in Brisbane.
She read from Circle of Prayer, Vol. 14, - "Voice from U.S.A." - Ms. A'La Perle Hickman " Seeking the constant amid the Whirlpool" - Isaiah 34:16, Phillipians 1:1-17. Our Creator remains steadfast in renewing love, peace assurance, forgiveness in lives. Shirley prayed that the Holy Spirit would strengthen and guide us.

MEMBERSHIP & PASTORAL CARE: Heather Badgery had written to Lily Hanlon, Nola Dickson (on unexpected death of grandson), Robyn Phillis, Dorothy Lumb in Lotte Stewart Hospital, Lyla Beckingham, and visited Yvonne Davis who is very ill. She had written to Lt. Colonel Peterson's family extending our sympathy.

SPECIAL DAYS: Irene Carder said that Packing Day for Fellowship Day Services would be 24th May from 9 a.m. Room 1.

SOCIAL ISSUES :

Heather Reid reported on an interesting letter from Coalition 99.
List of speakers available for Year of Older Persons - to speak to groups, etc. Beijing + 5 Conference - 8-11 July.
Heather Badgery had written to "Officeworks" objecting to their advertisement and received an apology in reply and explanation of the "ad".
Marie McCann had written to the Lord Mayor regarding the Christmas decorations - Heather Reid urged members to write in a similar fashion to advertisements that offend and to write early regarding Christmas decorations -
We should write to Commonwealth Government re censorship - pornography. etc.
Heather tabled many pamphlets - "Older Women's Wellness Forum" - 6-7 July 1999 From NALAG - From Grief to Growth - and asked that members make themselves aware of various activities for the "Year of Older Persons".

PPSEAWA : Marie Craddock said that there is to be an International Conference in Singapore.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING - June 21st, 1999.
Tea - Churches of Christ - Chairs: Baptist.

President Elizabeth thanked the Baptist ladies for a very enjoyable morning tea and the Salvation Army ladies for preparing the room, and closed the meeting at 12.50 p.m. by all saying together "Mizpah".

Confirmed



Date

21-6-99

