

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. STATE CHURCH

Minutes of the Council Meeting, held at 222 Pitt St.
on Monday, 20.March, 1989

OPENING The meeting opened at 11 a.m. with the President, Mrs Marjorie Baker in the Chair. Thanks were expressed to the Catholic ladies for the morning tea provided by them and the members were welcomed to the meeting. There were no new members. Those present were 37 as recorded in the attendance book. There were 11 apologies and special prayers were requested for some members absent because of illness. We especially remembered Sister Norma Clare who is making slow progress, June Graham recovering from minor surgery and Glad West, who was due for hip surgery on this day. The operation has been postponed due to the illness of the surgeon, but it is expected that it will be a short delay.

Devotions were given by the President, who used the passage in Circle of Prayer, written by Shirin Samuel, 'Put away your sword'. We were reminded that our Lord loved even when the people planned to kill him. The sword, always a symbol of power & hate, has brought devastation & destruction and has always made problems worse. The new armaments have continued this way. The prayer in Circle of Prayer was used.

Memorial to Mrs. Regina Stolz, Life Member.

The memorial minute to Mrs Stolz as presented by Deaconess Andrews is attached to these minutes. Mrs Stolz who died on March 2, 1989 had been an early member of A.C.W. It was moved by Deaconess Andrews, seconded, Y. Davis, that the memorial minute and \$25 be sent to the National Committee to have Mrs Stolz' name recorded in the Memorial Book. Carried.

Minutes of the Meeting held 20.2.89 were read and confirmed.

Business arising from the Minutes.

1. Errors in the History of A.C.W. in N.S.W. Members were invited to notify the Secretary in writing when any errors were discovered.
2. A.C.W. Funds Insurance. It is proposed that at the August meeting a speaker from the Law Society will talk about our funds and insurance against loss in transit after services, etc.
3. Dedication Service, 15 May. Mrs Lucelle King will be the guest speaker and will also be the soloist. There will also be a demonstration of Christian Dance. Banners. The Branch banners will be on display at the luncheon, Branch reps. are invited to bring their banners to this service. Photographs of the banners are being compiled in an album. Videos and tapes of the Golden Jubilee Service. Members were reminded that these tapes are available as ordered.
4. Guidelines for the election of National Committees. The Executive is exploring the wording of a motion to be sent to the National Conference in September.

CORRESPONDENCE. Inwards.

1. Copy of 'Ecumenical & Interfaith Jottings', from Sister Lenore Sharry. Tabled.
2. Letters of thanks from :- Mrs Dorothy Woodhouse, Mrs Margaret Knauerhase, Mrs Joyce Bragg and from Mr Roy Stanhope, who telephoned.
3. Notification that Mrs Knauerhase's book of poems, 'Faith of a Lifetime' is about to be published.

4. Invitation to the Annual Women's Rally from the Salvation Army, April 29, 1989.
5. Invitation from W.C.T.U. to the Annual Meeting, April 10.
6. Invitation from A.B.M. to its A.G.M. 22.3.89
7. Invitation from Uniting Church, to the Mission Gettogether, May 29.
8. Report from the Committee Convenor of the Golden Jubilee Service. Copy attached to these minutes.
9. Copy of Fellowship Day Service. This service is being printed and copies will be available at the April meeting.

Correspondence, continued.

10. From the National Committee. A donation of \$2,000 has been given towards expenses for the W.K.Scholar. International F.L.C.Committee has increased the Grant for an Aboriginal Travelling Fellowship to \$5,000. The N.S.W. A.C.W. Banner will travel to the National Conference in September.

Outwards.

1. To National Committee. Our approval re Incorporation of A.C.W.
2. Thanks to Mrs Olwen Lean for her donation.
3. Greetings to Mrs Glad West.
4. Greetings to Mrs Shanti Solomon.
5. To W.C.C. Requesting resources.

Business arising from the Correspondence.

1. Members were invited to look at the Ecumenical & Interfaith Jottings sent by Sister Sharry. Sister June Nicholls advertised 'Easter in Martin Place', an ecumenical celebration to be held on Wed. 22 March. It is sponsored by the Christian Ecumenical Committee of Government Employees.

REPORTS Treasurer's Report. The report as attached to these minutes was presented by the Treasurer. The Balance as at 28.2.89 was \$1,252-47 The Treasurer's statement was adopted. The Treasurer explained that the money from the sales table and the morning teas collection was \$92-50 for last year. The February sales table brought \$15-70 Deaconess Andrews would welcome goods for the sales table, as this money goes into our Overseas Travel Fund, the amount we are due to pay each year being \$150. As last year's amount was not paid, the Treasurer has paid \$300. The action of the Treasurer was endorsed by the meeting.

W.K.S. The convenor, Mrs Davis reported that Fay, our 1989 scholar is settling in well and doing well at her course. Continued prayers were requested for Malini in Sri Lanka, Stella Min in Burma and for all our W.K.Scholars in troubled places of the world. Margaret Knauerhase is having a spell of uncertain health and prayers were asked for her and for Eunice Kim, who has been invited to visit China for A.C.W.C. but is unable at this time to get a visa to China. The report of the visit to China of members of the A.C.W.C. Executive is available.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. Lists were circulated requesting members to offer help at a packing day for Fellowship Day services on 31 March , for promises of food for the May Luncheon and for a roster system for providing flowers for posies for guest speakers.
2. Annual General Meeting, 17 April. Nomination forms for the election of Executive officers for 1989-1990 were distributed, and must be in the hands of the Secretary by 3 April. Written Reports from Convenors, reps. to other organisations, reps. from other organisations, Newsette Editor and Manager, Stock secretary and Branch reps. are due at the A.G.M. for inclusion in the Annual Newsletter to be distributed at the Dedication Service in May.
3. National Committee Meeting, September. Any business for this conference must come to the June Council meeting. Any alterations to the National Constitution must be brought to the April meeting.
4. Discussion took place regarding the starting time of Council meetings. The Executive is to discuss the several options, including inviting the guest speaker to morning tea and then allowing her/him to speak before the business meeting. Hostesses are requested to bring tea, coffee, sugar and milk as well as food to the meetings. The Salvation Army ladies are

Guest Speaker. The President introduced the guest speaker, Mrs Vietinia Fotofili of the Board of Mission of the Uniting Church. Mrs Fotofili who works with the ethnic congregations in her church gave a challenging address, the text of which follows these minutes. At the conclusion of the address, Mrs Marjorie Baker expressed her thanks to Vietinia and invited Mrs Colonel Edna Baker to move the vote of thanks. A gift of flowers and a spoon were presented to her also.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with a Prayer Benediction, taken from Circle of Prayer.

The Council will meet again on Monday, 17 April for a general meeting and the Annual General Meeting.

17. 4-89.

Confirmed.

Marjory J. Baker.

Memorial Minute for Mrs Regina Stolz. Written by Mary Andrews. On 2nd. March, 1989 Mrs. Regina Stolz was called to be with Christ, the Saviour she had loved and served so faithfully for many years. Mrs Stolz, a Lutheran Pastor's wife, became involved in the N.S.W. Women's Interchurch Council in its beginnings and was the only President to serve on two different occasions, 1948-49 and again 1957-58. The Second World War broke out in the year following the inauguration of the Women's Interchurch Council and this affected its growth and work. But Mrs Stolz spoke very warmly of the way the members were bound together through prayer and worship. Mrs Stolz called herself a "prohibited member" of A.C.W. because her denomination would not participate in the organisation. It was a great joy to her when in 1987 the Lutheran Church gave permission for its members to join Australian Church Women, and in 1988 to have formally ratified the affiliation of their denomination. Mrs Stolz was looking forward to participating in the Golden Jubilee Service on 18th. November, 1988, but ill health prevented her. Nevertheless, she saw that she participated in the offering and asked for a copy of the History of A.C.W. N.S.W. Unit. Mrs Stolz was an enthusiastic supporter of the Women's World Day of Prayer and served for many years on the State Committee. She was also a zealous supporter of the National Council of Women, the Travellers' Aid Society and the Pan Pacific Association. Many people have been greatly blessed through Regina Stolz' consistent Christian witness by word and deed to the faith once delivered to the saints. We thank God for remembrance of a fragrant life.

Address given by Mrs Vietinia Fotofili to the A.C.W. Council meeting on 20.3.89

Mrs Fotofili began her address by speaking of the concern being felt by people all over the world on account of the 'greenhouse effect'. More than 120 countries' leaders met last week in London to discuss this. The Salvation Army is having a conference on it even today as we are at this meeting. An explanation of the 'greenhouse effect' followed. Toxic poison fumes going into the atmosphere have made the ozone layer so thin that in places the sun can go right through this protective layer.

So we are seeing floods in many Asian countries.

There are protracted droughts in African countries.

In New Zealand there is a rising incidence of skin cancer. -- Cold countries are getting hotter.

The ice cap could melt and the result would be that the level of the sea would rise 1 metre each year. Low lying islands would disappear.

Our speaker sees this as a real concern to her as a native of Fiji. 90% of the damage to the ozone layer can be attributed to the wealthy countries like Australia, America etc.

The traditional system of Fijian culture is being broken by Western culture. Material things, cash, get-rich-quick are attractive to these island people. Pacific and third-world people are migrating to England, America and to Australia.

There is a fear of these migrants coming to Australia. Many Australians are disturbed by the migration of Japanese, Koreans and Chinese to our country, especially when they are seen to be buying up much real estate in Australia.

At Haberfield, a Sydney suburb, services of worship of 500-1,000 Koreans follow the very small Anglo-saxon service. This sort of thing is often seen as a threat.

There is no need for Christians to fear these migrant people. We are all brothers & sisters, we all do things God's way. He promises 100-fold to those who leave their families to follow His Way. We must go forward in faith.

The Uniting Church recognises that it is a multi-cultural church, just as Australia is a multi-cultural country.

Vietinia has filled her position of working with and helping multi-cultural congregations in her denomination, for two years.

The Task Force report to the U.C.A. Assembly in 1988 commented on the lack of 25-40 year-olds in congregations. In many churches the offerings have halved sometimes; there seems to be no sense of mission. These hard facts could be just as true for many of the other main-stream churches. These churches need to reach out to the multi-cultural congregations or we will disappear in many places.

How do we bring up our children? In Fiji the oldest one dictates to the younger. This is accepted as the way it is. In Australia children have too much freedom. Our values are pagan values. Competition is all important,--the survival of the fittest--sports clubs foster this attitude. Success is no longer measured by care, love and concern. No wonder we fear for the future of our children. We need to cleanse the world for our obligation to the generations coming after.

Let us listen to a call from God, our Mission. Don't be frightened, work together, do God's will. Share and do things together.

The picture painted by the media is misleading, most migrants are lovely people. We should try to go on picnics, retreats, hold dances, participate in sports-- together with the migrant people in our communities. We should also pray together.

People use differences to divide us. Differences are gifts from God-- colour, language, culture, we must use them to unite us, not divide. This can be a foundation of love for all people.

If we are comfortable in our lives, then we find our service to God is sweeter, we can give that 'Comfort' back into the church.

The greatest barriers to unity with migrant people are language and property. It is not enough to invite anglo-saxon people to share in ethnic services of worship where the service is all in a strange language. We all need to be replenished when we worship and this is impossible if we do not understand what is being said and sung.

It is not enough to invite migrant people to services to take part in 'entertainment' -- singing as a choir. Ask them to share in the service, by reading the scriptures, by leading the prayers. *

The ethnic congregations have found that there are not enough ministers to lead their congregations. 2

So they have invited ministers from their home countries, but they have often been the wrong people, older, conservative ministers have been sent as a special privilege to these older ministers.

The people of the Pacific islands are poor in their home countries. Money here is power, so when the people have money, they then criticise their ministers, they become undisciplined.

Vietina believes that in 10-15 years' time her job will be finished. Her children now consider themselves Australians. They have had to work hard to be accepted by their Australian peer groups. But now Anglo kids come in and out of her house.

The children are breaking down the barriers and building bridges. Having the same language will help.

On this note of hope, Mrs Fotofili concluded her address.

* The barrier of property is seen when church properties that are only used for a few hours in a week are not shared with other ethnic congregations. We must learn to share and not be frightened. Migrant people need to learn that our properties are important to us for many historical reasons. They must learn to take better care of the things that are important to us.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1989

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| <u>CR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/3/1989</u> | | \$1,252.47 |
| <u>ADD RECEIPTS - MARCH</u> | | |
| Affiliation Fees | 135.00 | |
| Donations Chatswood/Willoughby Branch - contribution to National Conference Fares | 50.00 | |
| History Book | 2/00 | |
| "Newsette" Subscriptions | 48.00 | |
| " Donation | 1.00 | |
| Overseas Travel | 8.50 | |
| F.L.C. | 693.90 | |
| A.C.W.C. Partners | 105.50 | |
| Bank Interest | <u>15.78</u> | |
| | | <u>1,059.68</u> |
| | | 2,312.15 |
| <u>DEDUCT PAYMENTS - MARCH</u> | | |
| National Treasurer - Honour Roll - Mrs. Stolz (deceased) - former Life Member | 25.00 | |
| A.C.W.C. Partners | 500.00 | |
| C.M.S. - 1,000 photocopies Invitations Annual Service (May) | 37.20 | |
| Fellowship Day Postage | 34.05 | |
| Donation for use of room (U/C Bldg.) | <u>160.00</u> | |
| | | <u>756.25</u> |
| <u>CR. BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 31/3/1989</u> | | \$1,555.90 |
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A/CS to be passed for payment

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|---|--------------|---------------|
| National Treasurer | 500.00 | |
| " " | <u>25.00</u> | |
| C.M.S. (Service Invitations) | | 525.00 |
| Fellowship Day Postage | | 37.20 |
| Donation for use of Room (U/C Building) | | 34.05 |
| | | <u>160.00</u> |
| | | \$756.25 |
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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY 1989

GR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/3/1988 \$1,310.90

ADD RECEIPTS

Organisation A/c

| | | | |
|---|-------------|----------|--|
| Affiliation Fees | 208.00 | | |
| Donations | 130.00 | | |
| Asian Bulletin Subscriptions | 97.50 | | |
| Interest - Westpac Current A/c | 109.93 | | |
| Interest - Glebe Admin. Board | 539.28 | | |
| Offering - Bi-centennial Golden Jubilee Service | 1,200.00(c) | | |
| Donations - Luncheon | 1,860.00 | | |
| Sale of History Books | 582.00 | 4,726.71 | |
| Bi-centennial Grant | | 500.00 | |
| "Newsette" Subscriptions | | 746.00 | |
| Overseas Travel Fund | | 92.50 | |
| Sales "Circle of Prayer" | 27.50 | | |
| Sales Teaspoons | 55.50 | | |
| Sales Badges | 12.00 | 95.00 | |
| Partners A.C.W.C. | 193.00 | | |
| Offertory - Annual Service | 253.50 | 446.50 | |

Special Funds

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|---------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Fellowship Least Coin | 8,634.18 | | |
| Winifred Kiek Scholarship | 169.89 | | |
| Fellowship Day | 3,445.44 | | |
| World Community Day | 3,426.02 | 15,675.53 | 22,282.24 |

\$23,593.14

DEDUCT PAYMENTS

Organisation A/c

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Printing & Postage | 112.15 | | |
| Subscriptions:- | | | |
| National Cncl. of Women | 20.00 | | |
| Friends A.C.C. | 25.00 | | |
| N.S.W. Cncl. Children's | | | |
| Films & TV | 10.00 | 55.00 | |
| Bookmarks (National Treasurer) | | 100.00 | |
| Asian Bulletin Subscriptions | | 90.00 | |
| General Administration | | 382.00 | 739.15 |

Special Funds

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|---------------------------|-----------|--|--|
| Fellowship Least Coin | 8,559.18 | | |
| Winifred Kiek Scholarship | 169.89 | | |
| Fellowship Day | 3,061.34 | | |
| World Community Day | 3,015.37 | | |
| | 14,805.78 | | |

PROMOTION

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|-----------------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Fellowship Day | 384.10 | | |
| World Community Day | 410.65 | | |
| Fellowship Least Coin | 75.00 | 869.75 | 15,675.53 |

Purchases for Stock

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|---|--------|--------|--------|
| 50 Lapel Badges | 218.70 | | |
| 50 Teaspoons | 410.65 | | |
| 20 "Circle of Prayer" | 20.00 | 367.95 | 367.95 |
| National Treasurer - contribution Overseas Travel | | 300.00 | |
| National Treasurer - A.C.W.C. Partners | | 500.00 | |
| "Newsette" printing, production & postage | | 416.04 | |

Bi-centennial Golden Jubilee Service Expenses

| | | | |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Air Fare (from Adelaide) Speaker | 334.00 | | |
| Printing Invitation cards | 60.00 | | |
| St. Stephen's Macquarie Street Dorcas Society Catering | 1,600.00 | | |
| Organist | 50.00 | | |
| Soloist | 20.00 | | |
| Use of Church & provision of flowers | 100.00 | | |
| Printing Form of Service Booklets | 100.00 | | |
| <u>Carried forward</u> | 2,264.00 | 17,998.67 | 23,593.14 |

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 28TH FEBRUARY, 1989

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| <u>RECEIPTS</u> (from Page 1) | | | 23,593.14 |
| <u>PAYMENTS</u> (continued) | | 17,998.67 | |
| <u>Bi-centennial Golden Jubilee</u> | | | |
| <u>Service Expenses</u> (from Page 1) | 2,264.00 | | |
| Bimbadeen Aboriginal College | 1,200.00 (c) | | |
| Printing & Stationery | 30.00 | | |
| 10 Posies for presentation | | | |
| V.I.P. personnel | 80.00 | | |
| Printing 1,000 Golden Jubilee | | | |
| History Books | <u>768.00</u> | <u>4,342.00</u> | <u>22,340.67</u> |
| | | | <u>\$1,252.47</u> |
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CAPITAL FUNDS STATEMENT 28TH FEBRUARY 1989

| <u>BALANCES</u> | | <u>FUNDS</u> | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Westpac Current A/c | \$1,252.47 | Organisation A/c | \$6,004.12 |
| Westpac Savings Investment | | <u>Overseas Travel</u> | |
| A/c 1.3.1988 | 1,362.56 | Bal. 1/3/88 | |
| <u>ADD INTEREST 30.4.88</u> | <u>77.91</u> | <u>320.43</u> | |
| Glebe Administration Board | | <u>Add</u> | |
| Investment | 5,000.00 | Rcd. | |
| | | in Year <u>92.50</u> | |
| | | 412.93 | |
| | | Ntnl. | |
| | | Treas. <u>300.00</u> | 112.93 |
| | | "NEWSETTE" | 710.20 |
| | | <u>Stock Balance 1.3.88</u> | |
| | | 263.04 | |
| | | <u>Less</u> | |
| | | Sales <u>95.00</u> | |
| | | 168.04 | |
| | | <u>Less</u> | |
| | | Gifts <u>60.00</u> | |
| | | 108.04 | |
| | | <u>Add</u> | |
| | | Pur- | |
| | | chases <u>367.95</u> | 475.99 |
| | | <u>History Books</u> | |
| | | 1,000 <u>768.00</u> | |
| | | (at cost) | |
| | | <u>Less Sales</u> | |
| | | 291 (cost) | |
| | | <u>378.30</u> | <u>389.70</u> |
| | <u>\$7,692.94</u> | | <u>\$7,692.94</u> |
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D. LUMB
(D. LUMB) Hon. Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books of account and records of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT) for the year ended 28th February 1989. In my opinion the Statements of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 28th February 1989 show a true and correct view of the result for that year, and of the state of affairs as 28th February 1989.

Hon. Auditor *D. de Housley*

Date 27.3.1989 *B. Com (Audit)*

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT)

RE 1989 ANNUAL AUDITED A/CS

| | <u>1988</u> | <u>1989</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| FELLOWSHIP LEAST COIN | 8,095.99 | 8,634.18 |
| WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP | 85.31 | 169.89 |
| FELLOWSHIP DAY | 3,131.69 | 3,445.44 |
| WORLD COMMUNITY DAY | <u>3,306.68</u> | <u>3,426.02</u> |
| | 14,619.67 | 15,675.53 |
| <u>PROMOTION</u> | 803.47 | 869.75 |
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| | \$13,816.20 | \$14,805.78 |
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