

A U S T R A L I A N   C H U R C H   W O M E N

MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT P.W.M.U. OFFICE, ANN STREET, BRISBANE

at 10.30 a.m. on MONDAY, 28th JUNE, 1971

- OPENING: At the President's invitation, Mrs. Eldershaw presented opening devotions with very searching thoughts on the subject of "Judgment" based on words of Paul from 1 Corinthians 4:3, 4, 5. Her words were a telling reminder that we stand constantly before three judges - others, conscience and Jesus Christ.
- PRESENT:
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| Mrs. J. Dennis (President)        | Mrs. Dingle    |
| Mrs. C. Muschamp (Vice-President) | Mrs. Haigh     |
| Mrs. C. Miller " "                | Mrs. Pope      |
| Mrs. C. Connell (Secretary)       | Mrs. B. Clarke |
| Mrs. D. Eldershaw (Treasurer)     |                |
- APOLOGY: Brigadier M. Geddes (at present in Rockhampton).
- "MEMORIAL MINUTE" - Late Mrs. F. R. ASHTON  
At the President's request, Mrs. Dingle had prepared a special MEMORIAL MINUTE. Mrs. Dennis asked committee members to stand and following a brief pause which provided opportunity for silent gratitude and tribute to a life lived so abundantly in Christian service, Mrs. Dingle read the special minute. (Copy attached).  
It was resolved that a copy be forwarded to Dr. Ashton and that copies also be included in the 1972 National Meeting Documents.
- VISITOR: The Working Committee was delighted to have Miss Violet Sampa share part of the meeting and to hear at first hand her expressions of pleasure and appreciation of the May Vacation visits to Sydney and Canberra and the later visit to Sydney for the N.S.W. W.I.C.C. Annual Rally. Four days spent at Alexandra Headlands in the company of other students as part of her study course had been of tremendous benefit.
- MINUTES: As Minutes of meeting held 24th May had been circulated, these were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record.
- BUSINESS ARISING: All correspondence had been written and mailed as directed.  
Following the death of Mrs. Ashton, the President and Secretary had conferred re printing of Orders of Service for World Community Day '71, when it was decided to place an order with the printers, Abell & Co., for 10,000 folders of the Service in the form as typed according to suggestions and adaptation by Mrs. Ashton.
- CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was received -  
replies already mailed were confirmed,  
replies as directed and drafted to be mailed. -  
Special Notes re - 9. reply suggested that A.C.W. supports the Hall of Residence Appeal to the extent of commending it to the generosity of those Church Women who have not yet contributed, and invited Mrs. Rogers to undertake a "watching brief" as A.C.W.'s representative on the Appeal Committee, attending meetings only as it is found convenient to do so.  
13. reply as directed to be sent: in addition copies of original letter and A.C.W. reply to be sent to N.S.W. W.I.C.C. for its information.  
19. re cheque from W.C.C. Geneva - This payment in respect to the project submitted by A.C.W. As Mrs. Dingle was flying to Rabaul on Saturday, 3rd July, it was decided that a cheque be prepared for half of the total amount, and handed to her for personal presentation to the Rarongo Theological College, Kerevat, for training of wives of the pastors in training. The cheque for the Lutheran College to be forwarded with a covering letter from A.C.W.
1. Dr. F. R. ASHTON, Melbourne - Sympathy on death of Mrs. Ashton  
Acknowledgment and thanks.
  2. Dept. of Immigration, Qld. - Thanks for information; requesting early intimation of 1972 Awardee, W.K. Schlp.
  3. MRS. COATES, Melbourne - Advising willingness to prepare G/S, W. C'ty Day by C'tee on Co-op.  
Acknowledgment and thanks.
  4. " " - Re slides for inclusion in A.C.W. History.  
Advice re despatch of slides.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**  
(Contd.)

5. MRS. CHEATER, Darwin - Re Calendar Diaries - requirements if printed, 500. Acknowledgment and advice.
  6. MRS. HARTAM, President W.I.C.C., TASMANIA - Enclosing Annual Report, Minutes of An. Meeting and notifying name and address of newly-elected secretary, also requesting additional F'ship Day posters. Acknowledgment, thanks & advice re despatch of posters.
  7. MISS V. SAMPA, Bne. - Enclosing slide requested by Mrs. Coates. Acknowledgment and thanks.
  8. MRS. STRACK, Melbourne - Supplying addresses in reply to query. Acknowledgment and thanks.
  9. MRS. ROGERS, Melbourne - Supplying information re mailing list, W. C'ty Day O/S. Acknowledgment and thanks.
  10. MRS. DOWNES, Melbourne - Query re rep. on Hall of Res. Appeal C'tee, T.P.N.G. Conveying appreciation & greetings, Cong. W. F'ship of A. Acknowledgment and thanks.
  11. MRS. DAVIES, N.Z. - Acknowledging invitation from A.C.W.; thanks and greeting, further advice to be sent following decision.
  12. DEACONESS ANDREWS, Sydney - Advising booking made for A.C.W. 8-11th Feb., '72 Nat. Meeting and information re arrangements. Acknowledgment and thanks.
  13. MRS. CHAMBERS, Lane Cove - Re Study Material as printed on O/S for F'ship Day. Acknowledgment and comment.
  14. MRS. R. N. COCKS, W.I.C.C. TASMANIA - Requesting additional copies newsletter & Minutes also comment on Calendar-Diary project. Acknowledgment and advice re extra copies. Revised order for Calendar-Diaries.
  15. MRS. HOWIE, W.I.C.C., S.A. - Enclosing copy Report W.I.C.C. Conference and comment re Calendar-Diaries. Acknowledgment and thanks.
  16. MRS. CARPENTER, President, W.I.C.C. N.S.W. - Enclosing O/S Annual Rally, Report and request for names and addresses of secretaries. Acknowledgment, thanks and supply of names as requested.
  17. MRS. RALPH, W.I.C.C. N.S.W. - Re "Early Records" A.C.W. Acknowledgment and thanks.
  18. MRS. R. MONEY, Parkville, Victoria - Enclosing correspondence forwarded to Mrs. Burton for Violet Sampa. Acknowledgment and thanks.
  19. MRS. S. DUKE, Melbourne - Enclosing cheque \$1,000 from W.C.C.: as requested by E.A.C.C. for Rarongo Th. College, T.P.N.G. Acknowledgment and thanks.
- As requested by MRS. VANCLAY, Bookmarks and Posters were sent to W.I.C.F'ship, MACKAY, Q.  
" " " MRS. MCKENZIE, additional O/S for F'ship Day sent Air Mail to ALICE SPRINGS.

**FINANCE:**

The following Statement, presented by the Treasurer, was received and adopted -

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Statement of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the month ending 18th June, 1971.

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Balance 18/5/71	4127.90	Circle of Prayer (200 from America)	
F'ship of Least Coin	1.20	U.S. \$45)	40.12
C. of Prayer Bklets	231.60	W. K. Schlp. - V. Sampa	
W. Kiek Schlp. -		Board to 29/6/71	72.00
Refund Air Fare		Pocket Money do.	36.00
N.S.W.	41.00	Leaflets	62.00
Donation	3.54	F'ship Day Orders of Service	168.00
Scribal Pens		Scribal Pty. Ltd. (2111 pens)	255.70
Bank Interest	25.36	General Administration -	
		Stationery	46.51
		Petty Cash (Secretary)	20.00
		Balance as at 18/6/71	3760.27
	4460.60		4460.60

Payment of the following account was endorsed - Abell & Co. \$94.30.  
Account passed for payment - Kwikasair Pty. Ltd. \$6.40.

The treasurer reported that following the receipt of a donation from N.S.W. W.I.C.C., the Overseas Travel Fund A/c is at present only \$7 in credit and suggested that State Units should aim to build up this fund with regular contributions to meet future needs. She also drew attention to the fact that the '71 National Meeting had asked that a review of A.C.W. Travel Fund monies in hand be made in September and that an accurate assessment could only be made if amounts being received by Units for the sale of pens and notelets were forwarded without delay.

**REPORTS:**

**UNITED CHURCHES:**

Mrs. Muschamp had received most interesting and informative letters from Alice Springs and Lae. She was currently seeking further contact with a Tennant Creek correspondent. During her visit to Western Queensland, Mrs. Dennis had visited an inter-church fellowship group at Charleville. She had also received correspondence from a group at Grong Grong, in western New South Wales.

**PUBLICITY:**

The April-May newsletter had been well received and Mrs. Dingle had material in hand for her next "issue".

**PENS:**

Mrs. Miller reported that she now had 85 doz. pens in hand - 57 doz. had been sent to inter-State units and 89 doz to Queensland. These were selling well but she was concerned that some amounts were still outstanding for pens sold during 1970.

**FELLOWSHIP OF  
THE LEAST COIN:**

Additional "Circle of Prayer" booklets Vol. IV were available enabling Mrs. Haigh to meet all requests. Following receipt of a reply from Deaconess McKechnie concerning her query re the Alice Springs project to be submitted by A.C.W. for F.L.C. financial assistance (as decided 1971 National Meeting) Mrs. Haigh was writing to Mrs. McKenzie for further particulars so that this matter could be finalised and presented.

**WINIFRED KIEK  
SCHOLARSHIP**

Mrs. Pope reported that arrangements had been completed for Miss Sampa to visit north Queensland during her August vacation, spending 7th to 11th in Townsville and returning to be back in Brisbane by the 16th.

Firm plans have been made for her to visit Tasmania from 11th - 18th November and Victoria from 18th - 26th November.

Following finalisation of arrangement to visit South Australia, Western Australia will be contacted in due course.

Rev. Upham is preparing a full report on Violet's studies for presentation at the July meeting.

Copies of Minutes of the W.K.Schlp. Committee meeting held 24th May were distributed and Mrs. Pope reported that application forms for the 1972 Scholarship were in process of distribution by the various representatives, completed forms were to be returned to her by 31st August.

A letter had been received from Mrs. Stanhope, N.S.W., relative to a very generous offer of provision for further study in Australia for the current scholarship holder, Miss V. Sampa. It was realised that final decision in regard to such an offer could only be reached after thorough investigation of its many aspects, implications and involvements, in the light of a clear definition of A.C.W. responsibility and the terms of the scholarship. Time must be allowed for consideration by and consultation with the proper authorities concerned and there will necessarily be some delay before a decision is made.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO LATE PAST PRESIDENT, MRS. F. R. ASHTON** - It was resolved that National Committee be given opportunity to decide on a fitting memorial to the late president at its meeting in February, 1972.

**SPECIAL DAYS** - Order of Service for World Community Day, 1971: Proof had been received from the printer. This was amended and approved for final printing.

Brig. Geddes advised that leaflets from Rev. Brian Walsh had arrived and had expressed her readiness to supervise despatch of Orders of Service with these inserted following receipt of completed order from the printers.

**LETTER OF APPRECIATION** - It was decided that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Anglican Mothers' Union who had invited members of the Working Committee of A.C.W. to share in a most informative seminar on 26th May on "Problems for Church Women in the Increasing Participation of Women in the Economic Life of the Country".

**CIRCULAR REMINDER MEMO.** - It was thought advisable that a Circular Memo. be prepared and sent out with copies of June Minutes for the purpose of alerting groups and representatives to the need to consider some matters before the end of the year - final reminder to accompany Nat. Meeting registration forms sent out in September.

**CALENDAR-DIARY PROJECT:** As advice had not been received from all States, it was decided that following its receipt, the President and Secretary confer on any action to be taken - if up to 5,000 ordered, then printing of this number only be proceeded with: if less than 5000, printer to be consulted re cost of his suggestion for a modified folding Calendar-Diary.

**AGENDA - NATIONAL MEETING, 1972:** The President and Secretary were requested to draw up a draft Agenda for presentation and consideration at next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Next Meeting of the Working Committee to be held on Monday, 26th JULY, at 10.30a.m.

**CLOSE:**

The president closed the meeting with the benediction at 2.15 p.m.

CONFIRMED

DATE

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