



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street on Monday 16 August, 2004 at 10.30 a.m.

WELCOME: Lyn Middleton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

In her capacity as Membership and Pastoral Care Convener Heather Badgery welcomed two new Salvation Army delegates to Council, Pam Freeman and Major Beatrice Kay.

DEVOTIONS: Lyn based devotions on Matthew 9: 18 ff – Jairus seeking help for his daughter and the healing of the woman who was bleeding. We usually see interruptions to life as frustrating, time consuming and stopping our progress. How did Jairus react to the interruption of the woman, and how did Jesus react? It was an exercise of faith and Jairus waited it out. When Jesus spoke to the woman he made it clear it was her faith that made her whole – and Jairus' faith was essential for his daughter's restoration. Jesus was in command. Sometimes we feel forgotten but we can observe God's will at work in the lives of others. In prayer Lyn asked for grace and mercy to meet needs, and for guidance for the meeting.

PRESENT: 37 as recorded.

APOLOGIES: 19 as recorded.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of 21 June, 2004 were confirmed on the motion of Lily Hanlon and Nancy McLaren. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Day Conference *Walk & Word* to be held Monday 20 September in the Function Room Salvation Army Headquarters 140 Elizabeth Street Sydney. Members were encouraged to register and to extend an invitation to others to attend. Registration required by 7/9/2004.

2. Social Issues Convener: Sr Joan Bird has agreed to become Convener, requesting that she be assisted by a committee of interested people.

3. ACWC: Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, 2.45 pm 10 October 2004 at Punchbowl Baptist Church, 20 Arthur Street. Flyers to be available at Day Conference. The church is close to the station, and members were reminded that it is a family occasion, all welcome, and that members are asked to take a plate for afternoon tea.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Helen Richardson reported a balance of \$5379.37. Moved Helen, seconded Thora Thomas that the statement be received and payments approved. Carried.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: In the absence of Janet Lang, Nancy McLaren presented the report. Janet has two bookings to speak about FLC. During July \$415 was received. Budget for world wide FLC for 2004 is \$US334,000. Stories are requested for 50th Anniversary, needed by 31 August. From *Circle of Prayer 14* Nancy led a short devotional based on Romans 12:1-8 – God loves all of us. Jesus raised the status of women, spoke to them in public, even Samaritans. We have a great heritage of women from the scriptures.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: In the absence of Judith Cayzer, Joan Tong reported that Mereani has not arrived yet. A letter had been received from Doreen Tie who is still grateful for the help she received through the Scholarship.

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SPECIAL DAYS: Members reported on Fellowship Day Services they had attended: including Epping, Ettalong, Sutherland Shire, Dee Why, Strathfield and Burwood. They had been times to enjoy our Christian fellowship and opportunities to bring others into it.

World Community Day will be celebrated in October and orders of service have been posted out. We have time to 'talk up' WCD in our churches, promote Fellowship of the Least Coin.

PUBLICITY: Leaflets were available for Conference Day, posters on display for ACWC Service.

NEWSETTE: August issue has been sent out, reminder that copy for November issue required by 20 October at the latest.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Joan Tong reported that she had received greetings from Illuminada Domingo.

Moved Judith Baker, seconded Norma Dumbrell that the reports be received.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

ACW National: Minutes 21/6/2004, 19/7/2004; Circular Letter 4/2004; Special Days; ACW News

ACW SA Unit Inc. – Newsletters

ACW ACT – Newsletter 7-9/2004

Glebe Trust – statements

Rev Colin Scott, Hopestreet Urban Compassion – profile

Bev Elliott – re Bible Society rep to ACW NSW

Cmr Coral Strong – new S. Army reps: Mjr Beatrice Kay, Mrs Pam Freeman

Dorothy Woodhouse – supplying requested information

Punchbowl Baptist Church – re ACWC Service

PWA NSW – Representatives

Val Bowen – closure Chatswood/Willoughby Branch

Womenspace 6/2004

Mirabel Foundation *When the Children Arrive* ...Children's Services Resource

UCAF *The Newsletter* 6/2004

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

Minutes to ACW National

Valma Pethybridge – Special Days

Joan Macleod – reply to invitation

Dorothy Woodhouse – thanks; requesting info for *Honouring Aust. Church Women*

Beatrice Kay, Pam Freeman – welcome & info to new reps

Matters arising from correspondence:

Circular Letter 4/2004 contained a request from National Executive for basic information to include in entries in the book *Honouring Australian Church Women*. Members were asked to help find information/photos for NSW entries which at present are 'incomplete'.

Judith Baker reported that Robin Phillis was again ill and would appreciate prayers.

Correspondence was received on the motion of Nancy McLaren and Joyce Liddell.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND: PWA Annual Meeting; NCW Foundation Day Luncheon; UC Sydney Day Mission Support Group Service; Baptist Women 16/9/2004

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PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS: Lyn Middleton reported that National Special Days Convener, Eileen Holley has requested that State Units give some thought to Special Projects for 2005. Lyn outlined the criteria and asked that ideas be brought to next Council meeting in November.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER COMMITTEE: Judith Baker reported that they had had a good meeting. She has a list of where services are to be held and will field enquiries from people wishing to know of a venue where they might attend. Judith's phone number is 9570 4001. WDP packing day will be in October at the new Bible Society premises at North Ryde.

NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: On Tuesday 24 July there is to be a seminar *Refugee Reality: Where Are We* with guest speakers Rev Elenie Poulos and Phil Glendenning.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN: The Annual General Meeting will be held in September and a new president will be elected.

PAN PACIFIC & SOUTH EAST ASIA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Edith Ridge reported on recent events:

- Rev Helen Richmond speaking on inter-faith and inter-race relations;
- International Year of Rice-grown in Australia for 80 years but in India for 5000 years.
- International Year of Anti-slavery – Associated Country Women of the World has embarked on a campaign to stop trafficking – in Australia 60 trafficking networks are known to operate.

April luncheon raised \$720 towards the Centre for East Timorese Studies.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION: A function ^{was} ~~will be~~ held in November to support Camp Breakaway.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Angela Catterns congratulating her on efforts which publicised the Wrap with Love Project.

Peg Blake is not well and prayers were asked for.

Mina Whybourne reported on her daughter Anne who is working in Sierra Leone with Medicins sans Frontiers.

CLOSE & BENEDICTION: Lyn Middleton closed the meeting with prayer – thanks for what we had done, and bringing before God Jean Porteous, Sandra Wise, Peg Blake and Anne Whybourne – and asking for blessing as we go.

NEXT MEETING: 15 November 2004

CHAIRS/MIKE: Salvation Army
MORNING TEA: Presbyterian

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR 2 MONTHS 1 JUNE to 31 JULY 2004

CREDIT BALANCE AT 30 MAY 2004

4523.38

Receipts -	Membership Fees	97.00	
	Morning Teas	23.30	
	Donations	20.00	
	Trading Table	57.95	
	Bank Interest	12.52	
	Investment Interest	47.55	
	Newsette	10.00	
	Winifred Kiek Scholarship	115.50	
	Fellowship Day Offerings	2049.10	
	State Conference	200.00	
	Sale of Badges	28.00	
	Fellowship of the Least Coin	<u>669.65</u>	<u>3330.57</u>

7853.95

Debits -	Dept. of Fair Trading	63.00	
	Heather Badgery - Expenses	63.00	
	Newsette Postage	100.00	
	Newslette Labels	25.98	
	UCA Print F'ship Day Ser	201.80	
	Investment Fund	2000.00	
	Postage F'ship Day Service	<u>20.80</u>	<u>2474.58</u>

5379.37

Amounts for Ratification/Payment

Australia Post - Nov. Newsette	\$100.00
Treasurer's Petty Cash <i>Settlement</i>	50.00
UCA Printing World Comm. Day Ser <i>Newsette</i>	52.00
UCA Postage " " " "	101.05
<i>Snaps Printing</i> " " " "	<i>518.00</i>