

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. STATE UNIT
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING, HELD AT 222 PITT STREET, SYDNEY
on Monday, 20 September, 1993.

OPENING:- President, Miss Phyl McKinnirey, in the chair, welcomed new Churches of Christ delegate, Mrs Daphne Holt to her first meeting. Helen Danko was welcomed back after her leave-of-absence (overseas hols.) and it was good to have Deaconess Mary Andrews back after her recent bout of ill health.

THOSE PRESENT are recorded with the apologies in the Attendance sheets and numbered 31. There were 21 APOLOGIES, some of whom were people not returned from the National Conference in Tasmania. We were sorry to hear that Deaconess Val Clements is unwell, and pleased to know that Peg Blake is now home from hospital.

DEVOTIONS:- Marie Majoor led our thoughts with a passage from 'Dear God, I Have This Terrible Problem -- Prayers of a Housewife'. The Bible reading was John 13 verse 34 'A new commandment'. Marie read to us some old, strange and trivial American laws. We were reminded that Love balances Law, God's Love in Jesus (New Testament) replaces the Laws (Old Testament). We sang the words of the chorus 'A New Commandment I give Unto you'.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING, August 16 were distributed and confirmed as a correct record.

BUSINESS from the MINUTES:-

1. Attendance and apologies. Members were asked to fill in the two blanks in the Minutes, page 1, Number present 48 and Apologies 12.
 2. Flower Festivals. a. St. Mary's Cathedral. Marjory Baker reported that she was present at the opening service of the Festival. She and other members reported that the flowers were beautiful, our arrangement was one of which we could be proud. We are grateful to the friends of our President (U.C.A. Arncliffe) who did the arrangement on our behalf. Beth Finlay assisted them and she was thanked in the meeting. We enjoyed looking at Beth's photos of the various displays in the Cathedral. A letter of thanks to go to those responsible.
 - b. St. Andrew's Cathedral. Members reported on the opening service for this Festival also. Our arrangement was done by Diana Dodd and was also a most attractive display. The cathedral was outstandingly beautiful this year. A letter of congratulations to organiser Diana Dodd and thanks for her help to us to be written. Also a letter to Dame Monica Gallagher, organiser of the St. Mary's Cathedral Festival to be sent.
 3. Visit of former W.K.S. scholar Rev. Violet Sampa-Bredt. The itinerary of Violet's visit for Christmas Bowl was read and members asked to note the dates and venues near them. She will have a 'day off' in Terrigal on Nov. 5 when Mavis Burtenshaw will be her hostess.
- Morning Tea and Meeting with A.C.W. members at 222 Pitt Street, (Rooms A/B) on Tuesday, 30 November. Executive members will arrange for this meeting, to commence at 10a/m. with Morning Tea and to conclude at 12noon.

CORRESPONDENCE:- The Inwards Correspondence was read, received and dealt with. The Outwards Correspondence was ratified.

BUSINESS from the Correspondence:-

1. We were sorry to receive the letter from the Penrith Branch notifying us of their intention to close the Branch. We resolved to pursue contacts in the Emu Plains area and to encourage the Denominational Task Forces to put some effort into contacting people in that area.

REPORTS:-

1. PRESIDENT. Phyl reported that she would be away from 24 September on a visit to India and Pakistan. She hopes to see Rachel Sobana and will give her the gift we have bought for her baby son.

2. **TREASURER.** The statement of Receipts and Payments for the month ending 31 August was received. Payments:- Accounts for Payment were ratified. Balance at 31-8-93 \$7981-80

3. **W.K.S.** The Convenor Mina Whybourne was absent in Tasmania. It was reported that former Scholar Rev. Mary Au of Hong Kong was at National Conference where she won many hearts and helped in the development of Malai's confidence and presentation at Conference.

4. **F.L.C.** Convenor Shirley Wells showed two new posters for Fellowship of the Least Coin. Copies will be made in a size that Branches can use for display and the large posters will be laminated for our use. Shirley reported that Australia's contribution to F.L.C. for 1992-1993 was \$31,000.

F.L.C. badges are again for sale at \$3 each.

Shirley referred to the theme of National Conference 'A Christian Response to a Changing World' and used the passage in Circle of Prayer number 12 written by the Lebanese women 'Women of Faith Work for Change'.

5. Promotional Items. Members were asked to return 'Partners With A.C.W.C.' pens where possible for free replacement pens. The first ones distributed were wrongly printed. Wildflowers Calendars are again available in small numbers. Beth Finlay will receive calendar money while Joan Tong is away. Items to sell at World Community Day services. Those people requiring these items were asked to see the Secretary at the close of the meeting. All items are selling well and we sold a good number in Tasmania.

6. **A.C.W.C. Bulletins.** Members wishing to subscribe to this magazine are reminded that the Treasurer will collect their \$7.50 at the November meeting.

7. **NEWSETTE.** Deadline for the November copy is 11 October.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. **Council Member Badges.** It was suggested that delegates might ask their sponsoring body to purchase 8 of these badges and present them to their appointed delegates.

2. Report of the National Council of Women's Seminar 'Women & Men Against Violence'. Heather Reid attended this seminar for A.C.W. In a very comprehensive report, Heather told us of some of the speakers at the seminar. We agreed to send a letter of encouragement to Mautajarra Wilson of the Mutitjulu Women's Council, one of the speakers, and members were encouraged to write to politicians and to lobby for the retention of Home Science courses in high schools and to ask for courses in parenting.

3. Report on National Conference. Various members reported a very good Conference., congratulating the committee on all the work put into it. The devotional segments and the Bible studies were appreciated as were the times of worship at the Opening and Closing services. The Secretary reported on the business dealt with and read from the minutes the results of the motions put to Conference.

President Phyl gave a run-down of the week's activities, speaking about the Seminar day and the speakers. Marie Majoor spoke about the two aboriginal members of the conference, especially referring to the proposal to work towards awarding a W.K.Scholarship to aboriginal women and the ways we may go about organising this. 'We are invited to go to them (the indigenous women) it is not for us to invite them to come to us.' Phyl made the suggestion that we should invite aboriginal women to come as members (not guest speakers) to our National and State Conferences.

Marie McCann shared the information that Liyapidiny has written an article for the next copy of A.C.W. News with her impressions of the Conference. Beryl McLaughlin contributed the thought that our 'patronising' attitudes are really because we don't understand aboriginal people and when we talk with them we appear to be 'insensitive'.

We congratulated Lucelle King on her election as a delegate to the ACWC

Conference in TaiWan in 1994.

Margaret Napier reported to our N.S.W. members at the Conference on the Seminar in Sri Lanka where she and Marie McCann were representing Australia. Marie presented a paper on the theme of the Seminar 'The Cry of the Children -- Responsibility of the Family'.

We learned with concern about the infanticide of girls in India where families don't welcome girl babies, only boys and the the increased desire to produce girl babies in Thailand because they can be sold into prostitution.

Marie McCann shared with us the concern expressed in Sri Lanka about the use of children in pornographic videos which are sold to European markets.

Shirley Wells summed up our thoughts about the Conference when she said 'It was a wonderful Conference; there were no undercurrents; there was a high spiritual tone and everyone seemed very happy with the week's activities.'

Deaconess Andrews thanked the members for their report, saying it was the first National Conference she had missed and that she appreciated hearing at first hand what had happened there.

CLOSING THE MEETING:- Phyl thanked the Churches of Christ members for the morning tea.

She expressed good wishes to everyone for World Community Day services.

NEXT MEETING:- The Council will meet on Monday, 15 November when the Baptist delegates will be assisted by the members of the Executive to provide morning tea.

BENEDICTION. Lucelle King lead in the singing of 'Bind us together, Lord' which had been a feature of the National Conference and then closed the meeting with the Benediction.


CONFIRMED.

15 November, 1993.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (NSW STATE UNIT)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
for one month ending 31-08-1993

<u>CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1-08-1993</u>			3832-48
<u>ADD RECEIPTS FOR ONE MONTH</u>			
Affiliation fees		40-00	
Donation - PWA Lismore		32-10	
A.C.W.C. Bulletin		7-50	
Flower Collection		17-60	
"Newsette" Subs & donations		31-00	
F.L.C.		213-80	
Associate Members		50-00	
Sale of Souvenirs		1092-15	
<u>Overseas travel</u>			
Tea Money	16-40		
Trading Table	8-50	24-90	
Fellowship Day Services		4498-95	
Winifred Keik Scholarship		54-15	6062-15
<u>DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR ONE MONTHS</u>			
Imprest A/c - Secretary		50-00	
Publicity Expenses - Printing	53-95		
- CBA FM	80-00	133-95	
National Ccl W'men - Affiliation fee		40-00	
Purchase of souvenirs/Promotion			
- Pens	390-00		
- Postage	18-05	408-05	
Printing		41-70	
Postage - Fellowship Day Service		4-30	
Government Charges		30-17	
National Exec. Accom - McKinnirey/Ridge		308-00	
E Ridge - Phone		26-51	
Pearl Bond - Speaker - Dedication Day		50-00	
Newsette - Printing - Envelopes	335-00		
- Postage	76-60	411-60	
Promotions - Printing		87-55	
World Community Day - Printing	235-20		
- Postage	85-80	321-00	1912-83
<u>CR. BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD - 31ST AUGUST 1993</u>			<u>\$7981-80</u>

A/cs to be passed for payment (ratified)

	\$
Edith Ridge - Imprest A/c/Postage	76-51
Mina Whybourne - Refund Immigration Dept	50-00
John Davies - The Penman	390-00
Pearl Wymarra Bond	50-00
ACW Conference - Tapes/Photocopy/Video	22-00
ACW Nat.Exec - Sale of Souvenirs	292-30
Diana Dodds - Flowers for St Andrew's Festival	80-00
CWL Diocese Parramatta - Printing Newsette	136-00
YWCA - Annual Luncheon	15-00
Collectors World - Calendars	651-39
Shirley Wells - FLC Imprest A/c	50-00
Flowers for St Mary's Festival	