

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH
HELD IN THE SALVATION ARMY MEETING ROOM, BARKER ST. SUBIA
MONDAY - MARCH 28TH, 1988 AT 10.15 A.M.

PRESENT: Mrs. Doreen Gibson, (V.Pres.) in the chair, - Barbara B Olive Dell, Flora Hunt, Margaret Napier, Lella Wilson, Wilson.

APOLOGIES: Mary Box and Meryon Goode (acting as F.L.C. convener) and absence of Janet Watts.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Revd. Lee Edwards and Janet Watts.

OPENING: Doreen Gibson read a "Meditation on the Crucifixion."

MINUTES: Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 22nd February were on the motion of Vera Wilson, seconded by Flora Hunt.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Deed of Trust: Copies of Deed of Trust have finally been duly signed by Trustees appointed by the S.A. Unit, who were advised in February. As National Conference last year had moved "that the Deed should be accepted and signed" at the 1987 Biennial Conference of Australian Church Women Executive officers (87/40) secretary will contact Doris for clarification on this before sending on a copy of Trust to each State Unit

2. Venue for 1989 Biennial National Conference of Australian Church Women: After having inspected a large number of possible venues it was decided that we should go ahead and book Kingswood College, Cnr. Stirling Highway and Hampden Rd., Crawley. It was moved by Olive Dell, seconded by Barbara Bourke "That we book Kingswood College for the 1989 Biennial Conference of Australian Church Women for period 24-28 September, 1989 - prices quoted - \$60 (full board, double room with private facilities (\$30 per person). Some single rooms available at cost of \$45 per person. Also full board, we should also book the Harva at \$100 per day, and the Fellows room at \$80 per day. The motion was agreed to.

At this point the Rev. John Neal, Secretary of the W.A. Conference joined us to discuss the feasibility of some of the suggestions being shared between the A.C.W. conference and one which was helping to organise for the Joint Australian-New Zealand Conference of Theological Schools, which is to be held from 24-28 September, 1989. Because of the disparity of the dates of the two conferences it was not feasible to follow through.

Mr. Neal then retired from the meeting.

88/2/1 CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward mail was received as follows:

1. 20/2 O. Ackland re financial assistance for Chris in Nepal to attend conference in Canberra including letter from Donna Meinhard - South Regional Office of Church World Service/Overseas
2. The Prime Minister, The Hon. R.J. Hawke, AC, MP to the Government's response to the consultation National Agenda for Women Presentation on February 1988
3. 2/3 Tasmanian Unit re Fellowship Day Order of Service
4. 3/3 Uniting Church in Australia Adult Fellowship that its triennial National Consultation will be held May 19 - 22 in Melbourne.

Inward Mail (Cont'd)

5. 4/3 Margaret Reynolds, Minister assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women requesting advice on major forthcoming events of A.C.W.
6. 5/3 Queensland Unit - re National minutes.
7. 7/3 D.Haensel re Winifred Kiek Trust Deed enclosing copies.
8. 9/3 Office of the Minister for the Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories re letter sent in November re Tourism.
9. 11/3 Victorian Unit - re 50% of World Community Day offerings to A.C.W.C. funds; scholarship for Aboriginal woman; Mrs. Doreen Strack made a Victorian Life Member.
10. 19/3 Victorian Unit - re costs of 1987 and 1988 scholarships from Winifred Kiek Fund and balance in fund; query re applying for FLC grant for aboriginal woman project.
11. 21/3 A.C.T. unit - advising newly elected office bearers and enclosing Annual Report.
12. A.C.C. (a) Invitation to farewell to Jean Skuse on March 29.
(b) Minutes of Executive meeting held February 24.
(c) Ecumenical Update - March, 1988.
13. Invitation to hear Glenn Cupit speak on "The Influence of the Media on the Spirituality of Children" (with particular reference to video - Monday April 11, Perth.
14. N.S.W. Unit Executive Meeting minutes - February 8.
15. W.A. Unit minutes - February 12.
16. N.S.W. unit Executive and Council Meeting minutes - February 15.
17. Queensland Unit minutes - February 22.
18. Minutes of Executive meeting of Australian Christian Women's Fellowship; Federal Conference of Churches of Christ - February 15 and November 30.
19. 4/3 Minutes for Community Services and Health - National Women's Health Policy: A Framework for Change.
20. Pamphlet - Some questions about Australia's Constitution.
21. "Focus" News sheet from Australian International Dev. Assist. Bureau.

Outward Mail was endorsed as follows:

1. 25/2 Victorian Unit - reply to letter 9/2.
2. 25/2 A.C.T. unit re Deed of Trust; Winifred Kiek Scholarship Funds. 1988 Scholar; W.A.C.C. representative attending Executive Meeting.
3. 25/2 Tasmanian unit re Fellowship Day Order of Service.
4. 18/3 re invitation to A.C.C. General Meeting, Sydney, June 23/27
5. 18/3 The Hon. D. Parker (W.A.) congratulating him on the Government's tightening up of the legislation relating to video classifications.
6. Church Women Magazine enclosing subscription.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

1. 20/2 As National Executive has no funds available for this purpose, secretary will send photo copies of letter to A.C.T. and N.S.W. units seeking their help in this matter.
2. This letter received only a few days before function. Mrs. June Graham of N.S.W. Unit requested to represent the National Executive at this function.
4. 3/3 National Executive will send greeting to triennial National Consultation of Uniting Church in Aust. Adult Fellowship Groups.
7. 7/3 Approval given for lodgment of Deed of Trust with the Bank in S.A. where funds for W.K.S. are lodged.
10. 9/3 Secretary to request W.K.S. Trustees to provide answers to these questions and advise us.
13. Some members of National Executive will be attending this meeting.
12. A.C.C. (a) Edith Ridge, our National Rep. to A.C.C. has been asked to represent us at this function.

Outward Mail:

4. 18/3 Edith Ridge and June Graham asked to represent National Executive at these meetings.

FINANCE: Financial Statement for period 22nd. February to 26th. March, 1988.

(F.Hunt)

Administration and General

BROUGHT FORWARD

\$7320.31

PAYMENTS:

Confidential Print - A.C.W. News ⁸⁰ 148.00

Petty Cash - M.Box 20.00

B.Bourhill 100.00

BALANCE \$7032.31

\$7120.31

Fellowship of the Least Coin:

BROUGHT FORWARD

\$24037.50

RECEIPTS:

Darwin Memorial Uniting Church

Women's Fellowship 104.29

N.S.W. Unit A.C.W. 1632.61

N.S.W. 120.13

1857.03

BALANCE 25894.53.

PAYMENTS:

I.C.F.L.C.

22742.72 22742.72

BALANCE \$ 3151.81

Winifred Kiek Scholarship:

BROUGHT FORWARD:

4652.71

PAYMENTS: RECEIPTS:

N.S.W. Unit A.C.W.

7.60

7.60

BALANCE 4660.31

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY \$6359.81

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 6696.22

OVERSEAS CONFERENCE 1352.83

FELLOWSHIP DAY 4666.97

It was moved by the treasurer, seconded by B.Bourhill that this financial statement be received. Agreed/ for Approval was also given to the treasurer \$6000 from the National Conference Account and \$1000 from the Overseas Conference Account to be invested in Interest Bearing A/cs. with the Rural & Industries Bank of W.A. for a period of twelve months.

REPORTS:

Winifred Kiek Scholarship: (Mary Box)

No report.

Fellowship of Least Coin: (Meryon Goode - acting for Janet Watts)

No report.

Special Days: (Olive Dell)

Correspondence: Inward N.S.W. Unit.

Fellowship Day:
Order of Service for Fellowship Day is now ready for final printing. Copies will be forwarded to State Units within a few days; convener has also prepared a poster to be used and will forward a copy of this for each State Unit if they would like to use it also.

World Community Day:

Draft copy of this Order of Service from the N.S.W. Unit has been received and checked. Because of length of service, it may be necessary to delete some part of it. This will be decided at the next meeting.

Special Project: The suggestion was made that half of the Special Project offering - after 5% deduction for expenses - be for "Travel Fund for Aboriginal Women" State Units will be asked to give their approval to this project.

Publications: (Barbara Bourhill)

Correspondence: Inward: Mrs. Rachel Cocks (Tas)

Mrs. Joan Stott (Vic)

Mrs. Barbara Grearley.

Convener voiced her concern at cost of producing bulletin. She will approach other firms to see if she can get a better price.

REPORTS: Publications: (cont'd).

A reduction of \$12.42 was achieved in postage costs by packaging bulletins in bundles of 20. It required 28 parcels compared with 9 large ones, so was much more time consuming. It would be much easier to use large envelopes - costs for these will be ascertained before posting out next issue.

GENERAL

BUSINESS: A.C.W.C. Special Day.

From National Conference 1987. A.C.W.C. Special Day: Report from Reference Committee (Ref.87/55) (87/59)

As requested in this report, it was moved by Lee Edwards, seconded by Margaret Napier, "that State Units be requested to discuss the possibility of allocating 50% of World Community Day offerings to A.C.W.C. Funds - after allowing 5% deduction for Admin. and Gen. Expenses - response to this suggestion to be advised to National Executive by 1st March, 1988 for their action."

Responses from all State Units have now been received - with all States being in agreement with the exception of the A.C.T.

It was moved by Vera Wilson, seconded Margaret Napier

"that 50% of Special Project collections, after deduction of 5% for General and Admin. expenses, should be allocated to

Asian Church Women's Conference Funds. The motion was agreed to.

NEXT MEETING;

As date for next meeting of National Executive falls on Anzac Day, it was decided to postpone it. Next meeting will now be held on MONDAY 2ND MAY 1988 AT 10.A.M. IN SALVATION ARMY MEETING ROOM, BARKER RD. SUBIACO.

The meeting closed at 2.35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN.....*V. Wilson*.....

DATE*2-5-88*.....