

Australian Church Women National Executive

Minutes of meeting of National Executive held at Yarralumla Uniting Church Centre, Monday 28th October 1996 at 10am.

Present: Evonne Sullivan, President; Betty Farrell, Vice President; Olga Scott, Vice President; Jean Thomson, Hon. Secretary; Helen Lloyd, Treasurer; Eileen Holley, Fellowship of Least Coin Convenor; Beth Webb, Publications Editor; Betty Laurie, Special Days Convener; Jenny Jarvis, Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor; Ruth Burmester, National Life Member.

Announcements: The National President advised the executive of the death of Deaconess Mary Andrews National Life Member. Evonne paid tribute to this outstanding christian woman. One minutes silence was observed by National Executive. Suitable acknowledgement of Deaconess Mary's work for Australian Churchwomen will be included in the next issue of ACW news. The Publications Editor asked for 'Memories of Mary' to be sent to her for inclusion. A message of sympathy to be sent to NSW Unit.

A Minute of Appreciation of Deaconess Andrews is attached.

Devotions: led by Jean Thomson, based on Romans 8; and using material from Fellowship of the Least Coin 'Circle of Prayer' Vol 12.

Minutes of meeting of 23. 9. 96. Confirmed on motion of Jenny Jarvis, Betty Farrell.

Business Arising

1. National Guidelines - now typed, awaiting full corrections. Jenny, Helen and Jean to liaise on this.

2. A suggested form of ACW brochure was circulated - Discussion held over to General Business.

Reports:

1. **National President - Evonne Sullivan** reported telephone consultation

with Deaconess Frances McKechnie in Alice Springs ,who has recently suffered a broken arm. Deaconess McKechnie sent her best wishes to all members of National Executive, with special greetings to "the two Bettys". Frances' injury had somewhat impeded her efforts for Australian Church Women. National Secretary will write and convey our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Evonne received an Official invitation to the 11th Annual National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast on 4th November and will attend as ACW representative.

2. **Fellowship of the Least Coin - National Convenor Eileen Holley** reported on a number of letters received and sent:

1. NSW Convenor - Shirley Wells re an application for an FLC Grant

2. Tasmanian Unit - Greetings for NZ trip and also order for further booklets, and 40 year Anniversary Booklets.

3. Perfection Plate - A FAX about the order for FLC crested items was received while Eileen was in New Zealand. Therefore, Eileen called at Perfection Plate when in

Sydney, and sorted out the requirements. FLC spoons and badges will be available mid November.

4. Shirin Samuel - greeting to all people who attended Conference in NZ.
5. Shirin Samuel - greeting and thanks to NSW Unit (FWD)

Eileen Holley read her report of the Meeting of the International Council of the Fellowship of the Least Coin held in New Zealand - copy attached.

She also tabled an album of photos and another album of papers/reports etc obtained at the Meeting. These will be available for perusal at the next National Conference.

National President thanked Eileen sincerely for the very competent way in which she had reported on the ICFLC meeting and also for representing ACW so well in New Zealand.

National President, Evonne, proposed and Executive agreed that at the National Conference in September 1997 there should be a special segment devoted to the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

National Vice President, Olga Scott then reported on the function in Sydney on 11th October which she and Eileen attended on our behalf.

“ Peg Blake was Chairman for the day with help from Marie McCann. Shirley Wells and Heather Reid presented a re-enactment of the history of FLC, in Manila 1956, which was very interesting.

Shirin Samuel (Pakistan) addressed us: she spoke as the retiring Executive Secretary as she finishes at the end of 1996. Shirin said that although we come from different parts of the world, we are together in spirit, in our membership of FLC; She offered us peace, love and fellowship and told us that our wisdom comes from a higher source.

Dorothy Dilschneider, who lives in Geneva, was introduced by Joan Tong. Dorothy works for the World Council of Churches, on the Womens Desk, is involved with FLC and a member of the Ecumenical Forum for European Christian Women, which brings East and West together. As you can understand, her jobs overlap a little.

Mary Cline- Detrick from America was the third speaker. Mary is a member of Church Women United, lives in Virginia and travels 6 hours to New York for her work on the staff of United Ecumenical Church Women. Mary had previously been to Hong Kong as a representative of FLC, and said that the most important thing is our prayer for peace as well as the least coin. People are spiritually hungry and we must rely on Christ to work the miracles.

We were entertained by Peg Blake and Bev Elliott who sang a duet.

The recipients of recent FLC Grants were introduced: Julie and Claire Brackenreg spoke about the Girl's Brigade; and Maisie Cavanagh and Rosemary Kinne spoke about the Kuringai Partners.

During lunch I was able to speak with ladies from Darwin as well as the President of NSW Unit, Peg Blake, Shirley Wells and others, and in each case I passed on greetings from the National President and members of the National Executive.

Altogether it was a very worthwhile function and I was pleased to be able to represent National Executive on this occasion.”

3. **Publications** - Beth Webb - the latest issue of ACW News was printed on heavier paper than usual, so postage was more expensive. Copy for next ACW News is needed by early January, please.

4. **Special Days** - Convenor Betty Laurie reported that

Order of Service for World Day of Prayer 1997 is to hand. All States would have received copies of this. Betty commented that the forward had been written by the late Deaconess Mary Andrews.

A reply had been received from Mrs Barbara Grealy OAM, World Day of Prayer National Liaison Officer, agreeing that both Special Days, together with Themes could be publicised in WDP Orders of Service in future. Barbara enclosed the latest World Day of Prayer pamphlet for our interest.

The Order of Service for World Fellowship Day 1997 had been received from Queensland, still to be typed, proofread and printed ready for each State/ Territory. There was some discussion about the 'monologue' included. Each member of National Executive was given a copy to study.

5. **Winifred Kiek Scholarship National Convenor** - Jenny Jarvis reported

A reply had been received from Rev Roger Bacon of Hughes, ACT, Baptist Church, thanking her for information about the Scholarship.

Letters had been sent to each State/Territory Convenor with information about the 1997 Scholars, and also reminding them of the rotation decided upon at the 1995 National Conference

- 1998 for Pacific Island Nations/ countries
- 1999 for Asian Church Womens Council member countries
- 2000 for Multicultural Australia.

Deaconess Harris of Sydney had not yet presented an account for the telephone costs she incurred during the visit of Deaconess Burkat Dass.

Each scholar will be asked to provide a photo suitable for inclusion in the 1997 WKS brochure.

6. **National Treasurer - Helen Lloyd** -

Financial report covering the last two months was accepted on the motion of Helen Lloyd, Beth Webb.

The Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 1996 was accepted on the motion of National Treasurer, seconded Betty Laurie.

A letter of thanks to be written to the Auditor, Mr Carl Bromwich, and inviting him to continue to act as Honorary Auditor for the financial year ahead.

Accounts as below, were passed for payment on motion of Helen Lloyd, Betty Farrell

Reimburse Petty cash to Eileen Holley, FLC Convenor	\$70.90
Photocopying charged by North Woden Parish	\$10.00
Reimburse National President (11th National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast)	\$35.00

A motion of thanks to Major Peter Holley for providing transport to two FLC functions in Sydney was moved by Helen Lloyd, Olga Scott. Passed

The total expenses of Major Eileen Holley's trip to the International Fellowship of the Least Coin Council Meeting in New Zealand amounted to \$1,000, with a debit to National Executive of only \$277.40 - a very creditable result. The National Treasurer voiced the thanks of national executive to those State/Territory Units who sent donations to help with New Zealand travel expenses.

After discussion, National Executive agreed that the National Treasurer be empowered to re-invest the Term Deposits as they fall due, at the best rate available.

Nothing further to report about the matter of ACW badges to be ordered.

Correspondence as listed - received/endorsed on motion of Olga Scott, Beth Webb.

- B/A** Members -
1. Letter to be sent to SA Unit re Notice of Motion concerning National Life
 2. Letter to go with receipt from National Treasurer to Darwin Uniting Church Fellowship - donation to FLC
 3. National Secretary will work on update for Gale Research in USA
 4. We noted with pleasure the reply from Lady Deane's Official secretary that our invitation to attend the Ecumenical Service in September 1997 will be considered when their Excellencies program for that period is prepared.
 5. Letter of congratulations to be sent to Barbara Bourhill, new WA Unit President, also note of appreciation to Lady Wilson (retiring President)
 6. National Executive expressed pleasure at news of the purchase of the new bus for TIMAL Centre at Malmaluan, Rabaul.
 7. Nungalinya Newsletter was interesting and informative.

General Business

1. Appointment of National Minute Secretary - National secretary to write to Mrs Jan Abrahamffy inviting her to fill the vacancy on National Executive..
2. The draft brochure was discussed, several amendments made, next 'draft' edition will be available for November meeting.

Next Meetings:

Friday 15 November at 9.30am at the home of National President.- Special planning meeting for national Conference.
Monday 25th November at Yarralumla Uniting Church Centre.

Devotions: Eileen Holley

Hostess: Beth Webb

Norma R. Sullivan

Date 25/11/96

National President

Australian Church Women - National Executive

Treasurer's Report 26 August 1996 to 28 October 1996.

CHEQUE ACCOUNT.

Balance at 26. 8. 96				\$ 3133.61
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
Aew- ACT Unit	Circles of Prayer	2.30		
Darwin Branch of Aew - Fellowship Day Offerings		151.55		
Aew - S.A. Unit	- Circles of Prayer	95.00		
	F.L.C. Spoons	28.00		
			<u>276.85</u>	
				3410.46

<u>PAYMENTS</u>				
Petty Cash - Special Days Convenor		48.35		
- WKS Convenor		<u>48.45</u>	96.80	
Winifred Kiek Fellowship Expenses			20.00	
J. Thomson - Postage			18.15	
Nth Woden Uniting Church - Photocopying			31.00	
Accommodation - F.L.C. Convenor NZ Trip			323.00	
Bartels Collectors - 100 Aew Spoons			225.90	
NCCA - Ecumenical Friends Annual Sub.			60.00	
Highland Press - Aew News Oct/Dec '96			139.84	
Salvation Army - Nat. Sec. Postage Aew News			<u>67.70</u>	
				<u>982.39</u>
Balance at 28. 10. 96				<u>\$ 2428.07</u>

CASH SUMMARY - 28. 10. 96

Cheque Account	\$ 2428.07
Term Deposits	<u>10171.64</u>
	<u>\$ 12599.71</u>

SUMMARY OF DESIGNATED FUNDS 28. 10. 96

Administration	6971.29
National Conference Travel	3184.47
Overseas Conference Travel	1856.70
Winifred Kiek Fellowship	676.60
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Donation	21.50
Fellowship Day Offerings	151.55
Aewc Bulletin Subscription	15.00
NZ Travel - F.L.C. National Convenor	<u>(277.40)</u>
	<u>\$ 12599.71</u>

(end of whole trip to NZ = approx \$1000)

To Lloyd
28/10/96.

Correspondence for ACW National Executive Meeting on 28. 10 96

Inwards

27. 9. 96 1. Thanks for condolences sent to Dorothy McMaster.
2. SA Unit Promotions officer for Newsletter FWD
3. SA Unit Minutes of meeting on 13. 9. 96)
Minutes of executive meeting on 13. 9. 96) filed
Ballot for Community Concerns project for 1997
Notices of motion for AGM
4. WA Unit Minutes of meeting on 13. 9. 96 - filed
5. ACW Newsletter September 1996.
1. 10. 96 6. CALL October 1996.
9. 10. 96 7 FLC Contributon from Darwin UC Fellowship to Treasurer
8. NSW Unit re visit of IFCLC team
enc minutes of June and August council meetings - filed
10. 10. 96 9. Qld Unit Minutes of meeting 23. 9. 96 - filed
10. Vic Unit Minutes of meeting 23. 8. 96 - filed
11. 10. 96 11 NCWA Quarterly Bulletin Sept 96
12 Copy of Annual report sent to ACWC by Lynette Green
14. 10. 96 13 Lynette Green answering my letter of 9.10.96
14. UCA Fellowships office SA Malmaluan bus has been purchased.
15.. CCA News July/August 1996
16. 10. 96 16. Perfection Plate to E Holley - FWD
17. B. Grealy to Betty Laurie - FWD
18. Record of meeting of WKS Trustees 3. 10. 96 - filed
18. 10. 96 19 Gale Research USA re Update
20 Shalom Group of Companies Townesville - newsletter etc,
21. 10. 96 21 SA Unit Minutes of meeting 11. 10. 96 filed
22 Tas Unit greetings for Darwin and Alice Springs FWD Darwin only
22. 10. 96 23 Nungalinya News - tabled
25. 10. 96 24..WA Unit Minutes of meeting 11. 10. 96 filed
enc Annual Report
25. ACT Unit Newsletter
26. Invitation to National Prayer Breakfast
28. 10. 96 27 Tas Unit Minutes filed
28 Reply from Official Secretary to Lady Deane - our request added to
those to be considered, when program is prepared
29. Care Australia
30. E Holley FWD
31 E Holley FWD
32. NCCA to Treasurer. Tabled.

Outwards

4. 10. 96 Minutes to all on list
8. 10. 96 L. McDonald re No subscription to CALL
9. 10. 96 L Green re some questions
11. 10. 96 Qld Unit re WCD project etc
14. 10. 96 L Green re visit of Iluminada in 1997
22. 10. 96 Governor General re Conference
22. 10. 96 SA Unit re National Executive,