

Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Australian Church Women N.S.W. Unit on 17th March, 1980, at 139 Castlereagh St. Sydney.

The President opened the meeting by welcoming newcomers Mrs. Burtonshaw President of Lambton District Branch, Newcastle, a new branch, and Mrs. Burton, new representative from Chatwood-Willoughby Branch, and Miss Grace ~~BARWICK~~ a visitor from Anglican Church.

Apologies were received from Brig. R. Smith, Mesdames, B Davis, J. Udy, M. Jessup, V. Thorpe, M. Baker.

The attendance book was signed by; 41 members.

The devotional was read from St. Augustine's writing., and following prayer "Many gifts, one Spirit" was sung by all, - the National Committee Meeting hymn.

The minutes were read and confirmed,

Business arising.

Two ladies attended on our behalf the city service W.W. D of P. Thanks was expressed to Major Venables for speaking at Lambton, and instigating the commencement of a branch, at the time of the W.W.D. of P Recommendation from Executive that to implement the idea of being vigilant as Christians in listening to the media, Brig. Ward to be co-ordinator with two volunteers to bring points to the meeting. The nomination papers for our Annual Meeting were distributed, and request made for return by the Executive meeting 19th April, or later in the meeting, those wishing to nominate people for positions.

The Correspondence, was summarised, inwards,

A.C.C. request for report, which is printed in booklet.

Working Committee re W.K.S. Dien arriving in March. Drawing attention to 3 recommendations for action; from Nat. Com Meetings, asking for info Silver Jubilee Celebrations 4 N.S.W. members appointed in delegation of 9, others can attend with husbands or friends, applications for tour to Mrs. H. Stevens.

W.C.T.U. invite Reception.

Australia Post re, information for Newsette under Category "A".

Working Committee Minutes, and Women at Work.

Outwards.

Card Mrs. W. Dougherty. Also necessary letters written.

Questionnaires handed out for Nat. Council of Women ^{re Volunteer Work} were required to be sent in, by end of March, and those who had taken them were reminded,

W.K.S. Convenor reported Dien had not yet arrived, and asked for offers to entertain her later in April when she was due to be here.

F.I.C. Devotional was taken, and the Secretary summarised the reports from the Executive of the Promotions and Publicity Convenors. It was reported at the W.W.D. of P. Luncheon following the Service at Carringbah, Mrs. Bent had spoken and a steering committee was formed and would meet to plan a branch. Letters had been sent to other centres and replies were awaited. Mrs. Lean would have the Orders of Service for Fellowship Day at the next meeting for branches, to save postage. Mrs. McCann had spoken at Parramatta at a big meeting, and had given some Publicity, for our organization.

Report. "Women for the Family and Society Conference." Deaconess Andrews gave an overview of this two day conference held at Macquarie University on 8th and 9th March. It had been well run, good speakers, 250 people present, 22 resolutions were agreed to, good publicity had been given in the press. A letter writing campaign had been initiated for people to write to the Prime Minister, and their members of Parliament. Mrs. Woodhouse then gave a supplementary report on the mechanics of the Conference, and copies of the resolutions were available for anyone to take if they wished, to sign personally, or we could do so as an organization. The Family Celebration on the Friday Night was reported on; 6 of our members had been in attendance, but not representing the organizations, as it had been decided at the Feb. meeting not to do so. Mrs. King also emphasised the letter writing campaign. The President indicated following luncheon if could be decided if we would write as an organization.

at home

Report was given of the W.C.T.U. "Speaking Out" session held last week when Rev. Gordon Moyes had ~~led the~~ given the lecture; the Pres. and Sec. had attended and it was very worthwhile, and the three following weeks lectures were highly recommended to all, on Thurs. afternoons. The attention of the meeting was drawn to the Church Women's United Ecumenical Assembly in June in Los Angeles, and this was with a

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husbands could also attend this tour, of the west coast or U.S.A.
Application forms are available.

Mrs. Lt. Col. Baker had brought a badge for our "Newslette" magazine and Executive had recommended that it be used, to see if ladies were happy about it, it had been circulated for comment later in meeting.

Application forms for Newsette were available on the table for ladies to subscribe, or to ask others to subscribe to our magazine.

Financial Report. Miss Mitchell, the Treasurer, reported the books were with the auditor for the financial year end of Feb. One A/c for payment \$10:35 for Newsette postage was approved. In the new financial year A/c's from Service Copying Co. for Fellowship Day Services, \$432:80, printing being done for Qld, N.T. and A.C.T. some ~~to~~ be reimbursed, from those states, \$2:50 duplicating for Promotions Convenor, the 'History' had been reprinted by Mrs Stevens, which is used for promotions, 200 copies for \$10, Sec. expenditure postage \$2, and \$1 for the Conference papers for our files. A/cs passed for payment.

Annual Service and Installation of President . This will be held on Monday 26th May at Northside Baptist Church, Crows Nest, 10.30a.m. followed by refreshments in the Centre. Mrs. Glad West, President Elect gave details; buses ^{pass} and car park available nearby.

The denominational segment this month was taken by Mrs. Heather Stevens for the Uniting Church, nearly 3 years old, but bringing in three traditions. The chart also proved informative.

This month had been set aside to implement the recommendations from the National Committee Meeting in Sept. There would be an afternoon session as well. The State Units had been urged to include in their work "Training programmes which enable more women of the Church to take their place in the decision-making structures of the Church." Miss Mary Guthrie had been approached, from the Y.W.C.A., and she had brought along 2 other speakers as well. Mrs. Pat Rankin; and Mrs. Collena Lynam. The first speaker Mrs. Pat Rankin, runs the life skills programme at the Y.W.C.A. Her talk was about systematic problem solving, and included some group work. Mrs. Lynam, President of the Penguin Club, spoke from her experience, and about planning, and organizing a meeting, the role of President and Secretary, and the importance of the constitution, and correct procedure. Miss Mary Guthrie Executive Director of the Y.W.C.A., who spoke about the training of the Y. personally on the job, and more details of how to run existing organizations, minute taking etc. The Centenary Service of the Y.W.C.A. at 3p.m. Sunday St. James Church, speaker Florence Christian. All ladies invited. Miss Guthrie had earlier in the day received an award at Myers. Mrs. Olwen Lean moved the vote of thanks to the speakers. The President said we are now the ambassadors to help the women in our churches, and are now better equipped, from the speakers information.

After a break for lunch the meeting was resumed. Mrs. Betty Broadie was welcomed from the Church of Christ. It was agreed to use the badge on Newsletter, May issue. Reports from the denominations were given about the leadership training in their churches by appropriate representatives. Those who had consented to speak were asked to come forward and Mrs. Lorna Oates spoke for the Mother's Union, Anglican, the Baptist Church was represented by Mrs. Lucelle King, Mrs. Broadie spoke for Churches of Christ Christian Women's Fellowship, as State President, the Catholic Women's League was represented by Mrs. J. Renahaw, The Girls Brigade was not represented, but the W.C.T.U. had topic papers and information available on the table, Miss Blackwell spoke for the Presbyterian Women's Association, Major Venables spoke of The Salvation Army training, and Mrs. Heather Stevens of the Uniting Church.

~~It was put to the meeting that, having had time to peruse the resolutions from the "Women for the Family and Society Conference" over lunch; perhaps a vote could be taken whether we endorse the resolutions as a whole and sign the document as an organization, or to personally deal with it. It was agreed that we not sign as an organization, but those present could take the papers personally or to their own groups, and follow that up if they wished.~~

Rev. Noel Gibson was welcomed from the Open Air Campaigners, as the afternoon speaker, in "Speaking Under Stress." He was most enlightening telling of his experience of effectively communicating the gospel, in situations that are difficult, in open air, prison, and high schools etc. and brought 7 points to us, in his ^{humorous} ~~humorous~~ fashion. Mrs. Lt. Col. E. Baker then spoke suitable words of thanks to our guest speaker, and for his stirring ~~message~~. Thanks for help as hostesses Mrs. Perriam and Mrs. Savage today, and offers next time were given by Mrs. Green and Mrs. DeWit.

The next meeting would be the Annual Meeting on April 21st. The meeting closed with the Benediction, at 2:40p.m.

President. 21st April. 1980.

.....*Mae M. Cann*.....