



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC

ABN 68 539 329 715

Minutes of National Executive

Held Friday 24 June 2016 at VCC Rooms

The meeting commenced at 12.32 pm.

Lynette welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

Present.

Lynette, Loy, Donna, Lorraine, Lola, Joy, Anne Marion

Apologies:

Elaine Johnson, Fran Moss, Tricia Graham

Lola led **Devotions** telling us of a long term mission in India, Mukte, connected to International Needs. She read a short extract of an article by Wendy Arthur. She referred to a book, "A God Of Small Things" and to Psalm 75 – "You have been my hope sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth." There is concern that the rights and privileges of women are at stake due to a highway extension. Signed a book not to have this land disturbed. Dr Arundhati said that Ramabai's land should not be desecrated. She received an award for her commendable work and handed it straight back to Mukte.

Minutes of the meeting held Friday 27 May 2016

Correction

Treasurer's Correspondence.

Point 3. Should read Queensland treasurer Margaret Florence not Laurence.

Business Arising nil

Correspondence

IN

Date	From	Details
May 27	NSW Unit	53 rd Annual Report
30	Helen Raymond	Information re Australia's Prayer Partner, Bangladesh
	ACWC Rev Lee, Moon-Sook	Thanking participants in Conference
June 1	David Caldecoat	Order form for book "Our Principle of Sex Equality"
2	WA Unit	Minutes – May Meeting
5	Tasmania Unit	AGM Minutes for State Meeting
7	ACWC	Apology got delay in distribution of ACWC Day Service, copy attached
8	NSW Unit	Updated office-bearers list
	WA Unit	Updated office bearers list
	SA Unit	Updated office bearers list
12	Glenys Peacock/Margaret Ker	Re information about Rev Dorothy Wacker (Thea Gaia)
13	ACWC	Reminder for deadline for ACWC newsletter
18	N Exec President	Helen Raymond's report on ACWC General Com'tee
	N Exec President	Helen Raymond's report on 2016 Formation and Revitalisation of Asian Church Women's Ecumenical

		Movement
June 21	Fran Moss	Special Days report
	QLD unit	Minutes for May and Updated office-bearers list

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Date	To	Details
June 4	N Exec	Report for ACWC General Committee Meeting by Helen Raymond
	Fran Moss	Details of sub-titles for Fellowship Day 2017
13	All Units	ACWC Day Service Liturgy
18	All Units	Reminder of deadline for ACWC Newsletter
19	ACT Unit	Electronic Copy of Fellowship Day Service

- May 27 Anne to circulate Helen's email and inform Units of the need to pray for Bangladesh in this monsoon season.
- June 1 The book is available from David Caldecoat, Uniting Centre Theology - Through Australian Scholarly Publishing. Anne to make further enquiries and to advertise the book.
- June 7 Anne has a corrected spelling copy of the ACWC service. Victorian Unit will need a copy for their August meeting,
- Amended office-bearer's lists. Anne to update this list to 30 June and send to all Units.

Treasurer's Report

Joy reported that this is the final financial sheet for this financial year. She will have the books audited before the AGM.

Question asked re the Travel fund. This is to help with costs for the representatives to travel to conference e.g. four representatives from Australia.

It is hoped to hold a Teleconference for the annual meeting. Lynette and Anne to action and investigate suitable sites such as Conference call.com. A date and time will be advised and a decision convenient for the Units will be confirmed.

Lynette has also investigated flights to WA. She will make a booking and then give Joy the invoice. South Australia has also sent an invitation for the 40th Anniversary of ACW Fri 11 November 2016.

a. Social Justice

Lorraine reported that she had not received any communication re S J from any of the Units. There is plenty of issues raised in the Australian and World News.

b. Winifred Kiek Scholar

Loy has received an updated list of the Winifred Kiek Trustees.

c. Fellowship of the Least Coin

Lola reported that it was decided at the May National Executive meeting that the ACT grant application was good. Women Rise Up. Gowrie Court Government Housing Complex ACT. It was also decided to submit the Asylum Seeker Project as it had missed out on Special Days project. Subsequently Women Rise Up was worked on and posted off on June 2nd. The other needed much more work. Donna contacted Moon-Sook and she had not received the application and said it was too late. Lola emailed an apology to ACT Unit and suggested we apply again next year. That will hold for the Asylum Seeker Project as well. Action should be taken much earlier next year. Anne thought that the International FLC were to send revised application forms.

Helen Raymond emailed about sending the money boxes, she evidently abandoned plans to come to the next meeting. Lola suggested taking some for ACT and mailing or using carrier for the rest.

d. Publicity

- 1) Website. More updates to put on. Evan overseas on holiday at this time.
- 2) Newsletter. Not as yet.

e. Special Days

Fran sent the following report.

The 'World Community Day Service' for this year has been sent to all Units.

Two Units have been sent an email containing a letter inviting them to write services for next year 2017:-

South Australian Unit to write the 'Fellowship Day Service' (Subtitle 'Women Empowered to Lead')

ACT Unit to write the 'The World Community Day Service'. No answers as yet on either as the Units have probably not met yet.

A letter to Anna Kemp, Coordinator of 'Seeds of Affinity' conveying to her that their application was successful and explaining how the money is raised in an offering at the 'World Community Day Service' in October and that it will be early in 2017 before we know the amount to send to them.

Some time was spent considering a subtitle for the theme. Suggestions 'Empowered for Today' and 'Women Empowered'. Anne to action.

f. ACWC

Reports from Helen received in correspondence

g. Essay Competition

Aranmore Catholic College WA interested for a third year. Fourteen schools have been written to, some have expressed interest but not all. The initial approach appeared quite good but the Units from each state need to follow up their schools for confirmation of participating. Guidelines and a poster are available.

Any Other Business

a. 2017 Conference

Flyer needed asking for Expressions of interest in attending. Sixty Registrations are needed for the quoted price. Donna to action and bring a creative leaflet to the next meeting.

A speaker was suggested by Lynette: Sarah Eldridge a young woman working in Healesville realized the trauma of the 2009 bushfires affecting teenagers who had no ongoing help and began a Youth Group.

Needed: Bible Study leader and speaker. Every one to think of other requirements and people to fill them. Considering sub titles.

b. NSW Reports

Next Meeting

22 July at 11.30 am, after Vic Exec.

BYO Lunch. Devotions – Lorraine Davis

Apology: Anne Kennedy will be on holidays.

