

**Australian Church Women Inc National Executive 2011-2013**  
**Minutes of Meeting held Monday 12 December 2011**  
**Guild room Wesley Church**  
**William Street Perth WA 6000**

1. **Welcome** The meeting was opened at 9.15am by National President Major Laurel Pearce , who led us in prayer for a successful meeting.
2. **Attendance** Laurel Pearce, Lee Edwards, Marie Majoor Leeola Loughnan, Margaret Ker, Meryon Goode
3. **Apologies** Donna Bryan, Olive Dell
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (14 November 2011) Acceptance as a true and correct record moved Marie Majoor, seconded Meryon Goode.
5. **Business Arising** dealt with below
6. **Correspondence** List circulated/ attached. Acceptance/endorsement moved Leeola Loughnan seconded Lee Edwards.
7. **Reports** *Full written reports in the Secretary's File.*

- **President (Laurel Pearce)**
  - Wanda McKeand had sent best wishes and prayer support
  - Card sent to Helen Raymond on death of her brother. Helen had sent thanks for this.
- **Vice Presidents (Lee Edwards and Marie Majoor)** Lee reported that she had provided Aileen Eldridge (SA) with a copy of an entry in the Honouring Australian Church Women book. She handed over the National Life Members book to Marie.
- **Secretary (Margaret Ker)** No report. Letters of introduction still to be sent. Members of NE asked to let Margaret know to whom they should be sent within your own denomination and the wider Church.
- **Treasurer (Leeola Loughnan)** Leeola expressed appreciation to Unit Treasurers for prompt response re Assessment Forms.

<b>Receipts:</b>	<b>\$53,013.00</b>	These include \$1,000.00 for Incoming National Executive, Cheque from National Executive SA - \$19,977.86 – for:
		National Conference Fund (prior to 2011)      \$13,914.94
		Travel Fund      2,760.52
		Overseas Travel Fund      2,572.00
		Honouring Australian Church Women      120.00
		Fellowship of the Least Coin      610.40

The rest of the amount is from the Assessment Forms sent requesting the State and Territory Units to reply by the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

**Expenses:**      **\$508.09**      Incoming National Executive (candles, gifts and courier service)

**Cheques to be ratified for payment:**

1. WA Unit (deposit on St John of God Retreat Centre	\$300.00
2. Allstamps (new stamp madewith ABN Number on it)	36.75
3. Imprest System for Meryon Goode – WKS	50.00
4. Olive Dell – FLC and Special Days	50.00
5. Leeola Loughnan – Treasurer	50.00

(All other members did not require same)

6. Kwik Copy Printing Centre (awaiting quote for WKS brochures).

Further cheques will be needed to send to FLC, WKS, Special Project, Asian Church Women's Conference, The Salvation Army for 'Red Caps', Commonwealth Bank for drafts.

Treasurer authorised to deduct 10% for Administration. (Guidelines p.9).

Acceptance of Report /payment of accounts moved Leeola Loughnan seconded Marie Majoor.

- **ACWC** No written report. Leeola was authorised to submit the order for ACWC newsletters

- **Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor**

- Meryon expressed her gratitude to Leeola for her work in preparing the 2012 pamphlet, on which a quote is now being obtained (2610 complete pamphlets and 350 Scholars information only). Christmas letters have been sent to Scholars Denise Champion, Sisarat Kheng, Arpona Mejahary, Ruth Marsipal, Tonu Fakraufon, Inise Foiakau and Christine Ferguson.

- **Fellowship of the Least Coin Convenor (Olive Dell)**

- FLC boxes sent to Carol Saxby in Alice Springs.
- Donation received via Maureen Clark from lady in Wedderburn Victoria to whom information has now been sent.

- **Special Days Convenor (Olive Dell)**

- The Order of Service for Fellowship Day 2012 had been received from the Queensland Unit. Members agreed that the only changes needed were correction of a few minor typographical errors and adjustments required for full printing. Marie Majoor agreed to make these changes.
- Olive will look at proposing some changes to Guidelines to cover year when there is a change of National Executive. Clarification needed re choice of theme and request to Unit to prepare.
- It was agreed that the Tasmanian Unit be asked to prepare the 2012 World Community Day Order of Service on the theme Love in Action, based on Mary washing the feet of Jesus.

- **Social Justice** Letters sent re Ismail Mirza Jan and Food Labelling Review (follow up to resolutions from National Conference). Other areas of focus: prisons (2011 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement passed to Laurel by Marie) and trafficking.

- **Australian Women's Coalition (Laurel Pearce)** Laurel's report detailed the large amount of correspondence received. Laurel had advised AWC that we could not support the endorsement of increased publicity for Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis because of the bioethical issues involved, on which there was range of opinions within ACW. Slavery Crimes Draft Legislation: it was agreed that Laurel and Margaret would work on a brief submission supporting the legislation. AWC will be advised accordingly.

## 8. General Business

- *Constitution Review* Margaret expressed appreciation of responses from Units and individuals. There is at this stage significant support for Model 2 (incorporated Units as members), Model 3 (National Governing Body only incorporated) and Model 4 (nominated representatives legally the members of ACW Inc). These 3 models will be further investigated over summer, with a view to identifying key issues with each model.
- *Archives* Marie Majoor has had the opportunity to discuss the situation with Edith Ridge, who has advised that the material is stored in filing cabinets in date order. Members noted with appreciation an offer from Jean Thomson to assist with transfer of material if required. It was agreed that Laurel would write to Edith, and that early in 2012 a formal approach would be made to the National Library of Australia.

## 7. Closure of Meeting

The meeting closed at 10.15am. Revd Frances Hadfield then led us in a most uplifting Quiet Day around the theme of preparation for Christmas.

## 8. Next Meeting

Friday 27 January 2012 at 4/242 Lawrence Street Bedford. Meeting 10am – 1pm followed by beginning of year lunch at which we will be joined by members of the State Unit. Donna Bryan will join us for our meeting, and has been asked to lead our devotions.

Minutes confirmed

Date

National President