

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - N.S.W. STATE UNIT

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday, 19th February, 1996 at 10.30 a.m.

OPENING: President Lucelle King welcomed members and opened meeting with a reading from the Living Bible of Psalm 139, 1-5, 17,18 through to 24. God knows all about us - we must trust Him - our lives are under His control. Lucelle prayed that God would direct and guide us in our decisions and planning for this year.

PRESENT: 53 - 11 apologies, including Peg Blake & Marie Majoor.

The Minutes of Meeting of November 20 1995 were confirmed on motion of Doris Haberfield and Lynelle Smith. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. STATE CONFERENCE - MAY 16/17 - Registration forms available and members urged to register early, and pay \$10 deposit to ensure a place.
2. CENTENARY AWARDS LUNCHEON - NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN - JANUARY 24 - President Lucelle King met our Awardee, Fiona Collins -23 - a very charming girl - studying at Sydney University - Religious Studies and Women's Issues - she attends St. Matthews Anglican Church, Manly (Microsoft contributed \$500 and Australian Church Women \$500). Mrs. Sinclair presented the Awards. President had received a photograph and a Certificate of Award from National Council of Women.
3. CALENDARS: All monies have now been received - very successful product - possible profit of \$700.
- \* 4. A.C.W.C. BULLETIN - subscriptions now \$10.00.
5. DEACONESS MARY ANDREW'S BOOK - "GOING IT ALONE" - copies available for sale - \$19.95.
6. NCW CENTENARY PROGRAM - March-June - Exhibition in Parliament House. ACW material to be made available. Council members to visit exhibition after Meeting of April 15 - numbers to be called for at next Council meeting - as necessary to "book in".  
THANKSGIVING SERVICE - December 3 - 11.00 a.m. St. James King Street. Committee to be formed in due course.

FROM EXECUTIVE:

1996 DIARY: ACWC SERVICE: St. John's Anglican Church at Campsie - Nov.18.

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING: ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON -  
F.L.C. 40 YEARS CELEBRATION

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 1ST MARCH: City Branch - St. Stephens, Macquarie Street  
Light luncheon - speaker from Haiti. Program written by women of Haiti -  
"God calls us to respond".

Members encouraged to attend City Service if none being held in their suburb.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

1. Invitation from St. Mary's Cathedral to participate in Flower Festival September 6-9 1996.
2. Dorothy Woodhouse - moving to Kincumber - (interesting letter)
3. Campsie Salvation Army - hall available Nov 11 - not Nov. 18.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS (Cont.)

4. National Executive - letter on various subjects.  
Copy of article "Who are we?" (Hazel McIver will prepare articles for Church papers.)  
National Minutes of 27 November 1995.
5. Shalom Christian College, Townsville report - have new Director.
6. Dr. Marlene Goldsmith M.L.C., - various Bills for perusal.
7. Ecumenical Council NSW - Sharing - Taize meetings.
8. Office of the Status of Women - newsletter.
9. Lane Cove-Longueville Branch - notice of closure of Branch.  
(Letter has been written from ACW regretting closure and asking that records be retained. We will hold their balance of funds in trust and hopefully at some future time, the Branch will re-commence and we will return the amount.)
10. "Going it Alone" - Mary Andrews' Biography order form.
11. Rachel Sobana Kanley - greetings to all for Christmas.
12. In Unity - NCCA newsletter.
13. Habitat for Humanity (2)
14. Beijing - Information Sheet - Report of Conference.
15. Church of South India - magazine received from Rachel Mathews. former WKS Fellowship recipient.
16. Rev. Jan Frost - available for State Conference.
17. WEL Conference - (Phyl McKinnirey had attended on our behalf - and gave report - very interesting conference - Dale Spender one of speakers - many issues discussed - resolutions will be sent in due course.)
18. Mothers' Union - Christmas greetings.
19. NCW
20. Invitation from Uniting Church, Sydney Day Mission Support Group, Monday April 29 - interesting speakers from India - Lucelle King and Heather Reid will attend.
21. YWCA Breakfast - 7 March, 7.15 a.m. Speaker Kate Lahey, Chief Executive of the State Chamber of Commerce, N.S.W.
22. 2CBA FM - re public service talks - Joan Tong and Hazel McIver will record interviews including publicity for installation of Peg Blake as President, and covering Australian Church Women's activities. It was noted that Chris Witts from Salvation Army has been seconded to 2CBA FM.
23. Turrumurra-Wahroonga Women's Inter-Church Fellowship do not wish to hold Fellowship Day after this year due to lack of interest, low attendance etc. Margaret Jessup will continue to liaise. (Mrs. Stutchbury of Upper Blue Mountains Branch said that their Branch had had similar difficulties and had restructured their meetings successfully.)
24. ACW News - February/March.
25. National Minutes of 27 January. Looking forward to planning Conference. Projects for World Community Day being considered. Important to continue working through NCCA to support First Aboriginal Women's Conference, and decisions made.
26. RECORD - St. Vincent de Paul.
27. Mothers' Union - invitation to Centenary Service - St. Andrew's Cathedral 29 March at 10.30 a.m.
28. Mothers' Union - In Form.
29. NCW - thanks for participation in Centenary Awards.
30. Dorothy Woodhouse - thanks for 50th wedding anniversary wishes.
31. Invitation from Western Sydney Breakfast Committee - International Women's Day - 3 March - 7 a.m. \$20.

REPORTS:      TREASURER'S:

Beryl McLaughlin presented the Treasurer's Report (due to absence of Maree Majoor in Perth). Finances very satisfactory.  
Cheques for payment of accounts were ratified on motion of B. McLaughlin, seconded H. Stutchbury. Carried.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN; Joan Tong presented Shirley Wells' report in her absence. Possibility of Shirin Samuel visiting Australia after attending 40th anniversary FLC celebration in New Zealand.

PROMOTION: Edith Ridge said that order forms for Fellowship Day will be sent out in March and are required to be returned as soon as possible.

She also reported that the full complement of Uniting Church members had now been appointed - eight members. New members were welcomed.

ECUMENICAL DECADE OF CHURCHES in solidarity with women: Edith Ridge reported that an All Day Workshop - re Conflict Resolution - will be held on 30 March - 9.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. She has details for interested members. She had attended the Aboriginal Women's Conference on behalf of Decade - very enlightening conference.

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS: Marie McCann explained program for State Conference. Necessary for members to indicate which sessions they will be attending, whether daily or overnight, etc. Necessary to pay \$10 deposit to secure place. She emphasised the statement we made at last Conference.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Heather Reid had attended the launching of Deaconess Mary Andrews' Biography by Mrs. Shirley Sinclair. Very happy occasion.

She referred to a letter she had written to the Government concerning the Casino and subsequent gambling problem - which letter had been very casually received. It is now apparent that gambling especially in Victoria is approaching epidemic proportions. She will write again registering our concern.

NEWSETTE: Deadline for contributions for May issue is 15 April.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Nomination forms for all Executive positions (with exception of President) are available. To be returned by April Executive - April 1.

CATALOGUE - COLLECTORS WORLD: Joan Tong had received small card holder - with ACW badge on front - and moved that we purchase a quantity - to be sold for \$4.00 - seconded Marie McCann, Carried. They possibly may be ready for installation service.

TRADING TABLE: To commence at March meeting. Elsie Cox suggested that biscuits, small cakes, small bottles of jam, sweets be contributed.

Deaconess Mary Andrews drew attention to a special service commending the Ministry of Women to be held at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Saturday 24th February at 10.30 a.m. and invited all interested members to attend. Rev. Narelle Jarrett, head of Deaconess House, will preach. Deaconess Andrews also mentioned that the new Anglican Retirement Village at South Hurstville - was to be opened on 20th February to be named the "Mary Andrews Village". She was delighted at the honour but felt very humble.

President Lucelle King thanked the Presbyterian ladies for providing the morning tea and the Baptist ladies for attending to the setting up of the meeting room. Next month, the Catholic ladies would provide morning tea and the Presbyterian ladies attend to chairs, etc.

NEXT MEETING: COUNCIL - March 18.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the President at 12.30.

Confirmed . . . . .  
March 18, 1996.