

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES of Meeting of the Working Committee held at the A.C.C. Building, Sydney, on Tuesday, 4th July 1978 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Win Dougherty (President), Doris Mitchell (Secretary), Mary Andrews, Olga Badger, Edna Baker, Joan Curtin, Connie Groat, Margaret Ralph, Heather Stevens and Glad West.

APOLOGIES were received from Gwen Cork, Betty Davis and Marjorie Stanhope.

OPENING: The President led the opening devotional which she aptly summed up with the text "In quietness and confidence will be your strength".

MINUTES of the previous meeting, held on 6th June 1978, having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING:

✓ 1. Winifred Kiek Scholarship Award

The Secretary reported that letters have been sent to all applicants, one offering the Scholarship to Mrs. Voklus, and the others advising that they had not been successful and expressing good wishes. *see June minutes*

2. Fellowship of the Least Coin - Applications for Grants

Consideration was given to the applications received. It was resolved that the following should be endorsed and forwarded to the Asian Church Women's Conference Executive for their consideration:

a. From the Australian Council of Churches, Resettlement Department, for \$2,000 for the training of a woman migrant as a welfare worker with migrants. This would be a pilot scheme. It is hoped that the effectiveness of such a worker would encourage funding from other sources, also similar appointments by other bodies.

b. From Australian Church Women for \$2,000 to meet the hospitality expenses of visitors from North America and New Zealand participating in the proposed Consultation of "western" women members of the Asian Church Women's Conference.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was received and dealt with:

Inward

1. Mrs. F. Cheater, N.T. Unit, enclosing reports of Official Opening of Aboriginal Women's Resource Centre, Darwin and of Mrs. Shanti Solomon's visit to Darwin, also requesting A.C.W. information leaflets. It was resolved to appoint a sub-committee, Joan Curtin, Olga Badger and Margaret Ralph, to prepare material for a new leaflet.
2. Miss Tapati Das, Dacca - enclosing report of her study tour, as holder of Winifred Kiek Scholarship. Noted.
3. Mrs. Col. M. Cairns, Salvation Army, advising appointment of Commissioner and Mrs. Ward to Eastern Territory Command. It was resolved to write a letter of welcome to Mrs. Ward as she arrives from London, giving her some information about Australian Church Women.
4. Mrs. Robin Dyer, Uniting Church's National Women's Committee - thanks for our minutes and reciprocating with theirs.
5. Miss Thelma Skiller, Australian Council of Churches - thanks & receipt for \$2,300 for the 1977 World Community Day Project, the Rehabilitation of Families of Leprosy Patients at Lucknow.
6. Victorian State Unit) agreeing with suggestion that Barkat Dass will
7. S.A. State Unit ) visit these States on her way home to Pakistan.
8. Queensland Unit - agreeing with the suggestion that Barkat Dass visit Queensland at the end of August/beginning of September.
9. Victorian State Unit, advising support for 1978 W.C.D. Project and the new officers, President: Mrs. L. Frewin, Secretary: Miss Dorothy Fry, 15 Bingley Avenue, North Clayton 3168.
- ✓ 10. Mrs. Middleton, S.A. State Unit, expressing appreciation for privilege of attending A.C.C. General Meeting on behalf of A.C.W., drawing attention to proposed alterations to ACC constitution inter alia relationship of ACW to ACC. It was resolved to make enquiries concerning the status of ACW and to bring a report to the next meeting.
11. Mrs. Yoshiko Isshiki, Tokyo, appreciation of warmth of welcome to Aust.
12. Mrs. Agnes Loyall, Lucknow, appreciation to A.C.W. for having the Asian Church Women's Conference Executive meetings in Australia. It was resolved to agree to Mrs. Loyall's request that her letter be included in "Women at Work"



FINANCE (cont.)

		<u>SUMMARY OF BALANCES</u>	
Commonwealth Bank -		Fellowship of Least Coin	363.94
Fixed Deposit	6522.78	Winifred Kiek Scholarship	11215.48
Glebe Admin. Board -		Memorial Bursary	154.55
Investment	3000.00	Fellowship Day	309.04
Bank Account	5525.55	World Community Day	40.74
		National Travel Fund	45.22
		Overseas Conferences	510.31
		Administration & General	2409.05
	<u>\$15048.33</u>		<u>\$15048.33</u>

Gwen Cork, Hon. Treasurer

It was resolved that the Treasurer be sent a get-well-soon message.  
It was resolved that \$3,000 from the current bank account be invested in fixed deposit with the Commonwealth Bank.  
The following accounts were passed for payment - Secretarial Expenses \$49.12  
President's Expenses (phone, etc.) \$25.87.

CONVENERS' REPORTS

Winifred Kiek Scholarship

In Betty Davis' absence, Mary Andrews mentioned aspects of Tapati Das' report. Tapati collected much helpful information about the administration of handcraft projects and marketing.

Barkat Dass appeared on T.V. on Channel 7, Sydney, in company with Win Dougherty, Mary Andrews and Mrs. Marie McCann, the new NSW State Unit Pres.

Special Days

Master sheets for the 1978 World Community Day order of service have been despatched to the States requiring them. The 1979 Fellowship Day order of service is being prepared by a group of women in Armidale, N.S.W on the theme "The Community plans for its Children".

Fellowship of the Least Coin

"Small Beginnings" by Fran Downes has been reproduced and orders from State Units despatched to them. The cost is 25¢ per copy. A letter of good wishes will be sent to Marjorie Stanhope.

"Women at Work"

Joan Curtin has abundant material for the next issue, but is eager to receive news from State Units.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Secretary was granted leave of absence from 12th July to 16th August.

Greetings

It was agreed that the Secretary be asked to take a letter of greeting from A.C.W. to the International Conference of PPSEAWA being held in Apia.

It was agreed that greetings be sent also to the Area Seminar of the World Federation of Methodist Women meeting in Tonga.

Mary Andrews was also requested to take greetings to the Queensland State Unit when visiting Brisbane in August.

CLOSE

The meeting was closed with the Benediction.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 1st August 1978 at 9.30 a.m.