

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NSW UNIT

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 222 PITT STREET, SYDNEY
ON MONDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 1995

OPENING: The President, Mrs Lucelle King, welcomed everyone and led the devotions by first referring to I Peter 3:15 and pointing out how important it is to be prepared with an answer if questioned as to what the Christian life is all about; maintain Christ as Lord - affirm the hope that is within us - with gentleness and respect - our attitude is most important. Lucelle explained (demonstrating on whiteboard) "Two ways to live" from the booklet being used in the Christian Life and Witness Classes for the Billy Graham Global Mission. Prayer concluded the devotions.

PRESENT AND APOLOGIES: There were 49 in attendance with 14 apologies. It was noted that Edith Ridge is not well and prayers sought on her behalf.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER '94 MEETING, having been received by mail, were confirmed as a correct record.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. The 1995 diary was discussed, with particular emphasis being given to the Ecumenical Luncheon on 17 July and the Spiritual Enrichment Day on 9 October, venue for both functions being Scots Church, Margaret Street, City.
2. The letter which has been sent to all branches was read and explained, so that everyone understood the need for each branch to have a bank account in the name of Australian Church Women (Branch name and title).
3. Re affiliation of denominations to local branch, it was pointed out that as long as they accepted the ACW Statement of Belief, they could be affiliated.
4. No response as yet to letter sent to Sydney Morning Herald in relation to the training of school students in parenting skills.
5. Report given on visit of Navamani Peter to Executive meeting on 13 February. Members spoke enthusiastically of the warmth of her relationships with everybody and the meeting was informed that Navamani had been re-elected World President of World Day of Prayer. Marie McCann was thanked for extending hospitality on our behalf to our Asian visitors.

BUSINESS FROM EXECUTIVE:

1. ACWC Service: It was agreed that the Service be held at the Chinese Church Salvation Army, Burwood on 20 November. This being the day of the last Council meeting of the year, it was understood that after the Service and Morning Tea, the meeting would commence at approximately 1 pm.
2. It was announced that a volunteer was needed to represent ACW on NCW.
3. Annual Dedication Service: Lucelle advised that Joy Connor, a worker with Baptist Inner City Ministries, was happy to speak on 15 May and that the Evangelical Sisters of Mary (Lutheran background) would also bring musical items. Light refreshments to be supplied by Council.
4. Beryl McLaughlin was congratulated on the first quarterly issue of Newsette. The passing of three former ACW members was sadly noted: Mesdames Olwen Lean, Win Dougherty and Sr Lenore Sharry.
5. It was noted that Elizabeth Walker, former ACW State and National Treasurer had been ordained at Roseville and inducted into the parish of Hamilton.
6. Peg Blake reported on the NCW Australia Day Luncheon at Parliament House.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. ACW NEWS: As Mrs Johnston has moved, Secretary Barbara Lacey has oversight of ACW News.
2. NATIONAL MINUTES: Letter from David Gill, Secy NCCA, states that there is no room for observers in the NCCA and the status of bodies such as ACW has yet to be considered.
Noted that two WKS scholars have been appointed.
FLC Circle of Prayer received - cost \$2.
3. TASMANIAN UNIT MINUTES - October, November.
4. ACT UNIT - with Christmas greetings and query re special days for country areas.

Suggested that places like Dalton and Yass could be encouraged by ACT. We were asked to keep the ACT Unit in prayer, remembering that they will be next National.

5. From Judi Moylan MP - "The things that matter most" - passed to Heather Reid.

6. Letter from Chief Secy and Minister for Admin. Services also passed to Heather, as Social Issues Convener.

7. From National advising that Joan Stott, Vice President of ACW, will attend Beijing and will write a report for ACW.

8. Letter from Doreen Tie

9. " " Malai

10. " " Rachel

11. From Marlene Goldsmith MP - passed to Heather Reid.

12. From Habitat for Humanity, a Church-based group who arrange for building of houses for those who can't afford a loan.

13. 'AWAKENING' 95: literature explaining how we can be involved.

14. WEST AUSTRALIAN UNIT - report and list of office bearers.

15. Indian Christian Mission Centre - newsletter.

16. Church of South India - annual report.

17. From Janet Watts - thanks for hospitality shown WA visitors.

18. ACT Unit - re NSW contacts. Feb/March newsletter.

19. Invitation to the Uniting Church Mission Get-together on 29 May.

20. Report - "Families, Australia's Priority" - to Heather Reid.

21. Invitation Mothers' Union, March 31 - Mina will reply.

22. UNIFEM Breakfast 8 March 7 am; celebrating Int. Women's Day.

23. NCW invitation to The Jean Arnot Annual Luncheon 28 April at 12 noon in the Parliament House Dining Room. Mina to attend.

24. NCW re membership - celebrating 100 years in 1996.

25. Mothers' Union IN FORM

26. From George Lean acknowledging with thanks our letter re Memorial Minute after Olwen's passing and assuring ACW it was very much as the family would like.

27. From Evangelical Sisters of Mary confirming their visit to us on 15 May.

28. From Dorothy Lewis, Burwood/Concord Branch with details of new Secretary.

29. Letter of encouragement from Sr Emily Holstein

30. Applications with Booking information for National Conference 21-25 August.

31. From National Executive - reply to comments in Minutes.

32. From Upper Blue Mts. Branch details of change of "branch".

REPORTS: Treasurer's report received - books closed 31 December have been audited.

Congratulations were extended to Marie Majoor now a Diocesan President of CWL.

FLC: Letter read from Shirin Samuel. Devotions were Voice from Japan - I Pet.2:4-6

WKS: Christmas greetings from past scholars read. Details given concerning the two new scholars, Mrs Capt. Lili Politini of Fiji and Miss Rachel Rolland of Vanuatu.

SOCIAL ISSUES: New addresses given for Shirley Wells, Elsie Cox and the new branch representative for Upper Blue Mts. and the Burwood/Concord Branch.

Re Australian Honours Awards: agreed that a letter be sent stating that we consider the system used is fair.

Lyons Forum - Christian MPs are keeping us informed as to what they are doing.

From Judi Moylan MP re Coalition Goals "Supplementary Papers" - elimination of discrimination and violence against women. Suggest individual letters of support.

CAPOW! Submissions - re Women in Development Small Grants Scheme: it was suggested that our missionaries could be using these grants. See sheet.

Letter sent to SMH in support of parenting education - no action.

Suggested that members write individually to Mrs Anne Cohen MP re building of casino. Letter sent to NCW congratulating them on their gambling stand.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Mary Andrews congratulated on hearing that the Wm Clarke Anglican College at Dural has named one of their Houses - Andrews House after Mary.

2. Colleen O'Sullivan to replace Sr Louise Reeves on Council. 3. News heard sadly of the passing of Mrs Dorothea Matthews our Woonona Contact over many years. 4. Lucelle distributed her Taiwan report. 5. Mary Andrews brought greetings from Shirin Samuel whom she had met while in Melbourne at WDP Conference.

THANKS to Presbyterian ladies for today's Morning Tea and Baptists for chairs.

There being no further business, Joan Tong closed the meeting with prayer.

Confirmed 20 March 1995

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
for one month ended 28-02-1995

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1-02-1995 6762-27

ADD RECEIPTS FOR ONE MONTH

Affiliation Fees	85-00	
Donation	5-00	
Sale of Souvenirs	38-50	
Newsette	175-00	
O/Seas Travel Fund - Trading Table	9-00	
Administration - Morning Tea	15-45	
F.L.C.	162-29	
A.C.W.C. Partners	51-00	
" Bulletins	8-00	549-24
		<u>7311-51</u>

DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR ONE MONTH

Printing & Stationery -	25-50	
Postage	61-10	
Newsette - Postage	69-23	
F.L.C. - Postage & Stationery	32-60	
National Ccl Women - Ann. Sub. due 1-8-94	40-00	
" " " - Ann. Jean Arnot Luncheon	35-00	
Government Charges	1-48	264-91
		<u>7046-60</u>

A/cs to be passed for payment (ratified)

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Beth Finlay - Branch Convenor - Postage	10-80
Ac Nat. Exec - Circle of Prayer	130-00