

# AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC

## National Executive 2009-2011



### MINUTES OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT 1.45 pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 1.45 pm at 65 Flinders Street, Adelaide.

**PRESENT** Margaret Flint OAM, Christine Barber, Maureen Clark, Judith Dell,  
Dorothy Ferrier, Margaret Greenslade, Wanda McKeand and Kath Smith.

**APOLOGIES** Donna Bryan, Brenda Dickinson and Aileen Eldridge.

#### WELCOME

President Margaret opened the meeting at 1.45 pm welcoming all present. Acknowledgement was made of the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting was held, the Kurna people. All joined in the Prayer of Commitment before proceeding with the meeting.

#### REFLECTION

Christine based her prepared reflection on the Bible passage: Luke 24: 30-32 "*Two Sad Walkers*".  
*He sat down to eat with them, took the bread, and said the blessing; then he broke the bread and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "Wasn't it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"*

How often we walk where these two walked. Our spirits sag and we hurl abuse at the heavens – and all the time God is near! So often we act as if Jesus has not risen from the dead. Yet he is right here with us! The promise that he would be with us always, wherever we are, has been the promise that has sustained generations of Christians in their personal faith.

The fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy and a guarantee of our own resurrection.

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

12 April 2011

Following the correction on page 2: No 7 should read \$131 Maureen Clark PROPOSED,  
SECONDED Wanda McKeand that the Minutes be regarded as a true and accurate record of proceedings.  
CARRIED

#### BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 1 Archives ongoing issue
- 2 Reflection Day 2011 Wanda McKeand  
Chris to check on collection of church/hall key and the availability of a piano. Flyers to be distributed at the Unit meeting on Friday and offers of transport made. Gold coin collection.  
Thank you gift has been organised.
- 3 Western Australia Unit Letter Margaret Flint  
President Margaret reported that she has had several phone conversations with the Unit President and Secretary in recent months
- 4 2011 World Community Day Draft Service/Special Project Judith Dell  
Margaret Greenslade to provide information and the final draft checked.
- 5 ACWC e-mail news. President Margaret received an email from Donna Bryan that we should advise her we would like to receive be part of this network.

- 6 WKS – Rev Lee, Moon Sook has not yet replied re travels to other states whilst attending our Conference. The ACT Unit is willing to host her post-Conference. and there is a strong possibility that the Victorian Unit will also offer.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

PROPOSED Dorothy Ferrier, SECONDED Maureen Clark that the Correspondence Inward be accepted, and the Correspondence Outwards be endorsed.

- Banking details have been sent to Rev Lee, Moon Sook in order to receive flood donation money.
- An email has been received from Network Service Company, a domain registration centre in China advising that there is another organisation named ‘acwnational’ which is the same as ours. President Margaret to contact Peter Womersley for advice on this matter.

### **REPORTS**

**President: (attached)**

**Margaret Flint OAM**

**Treasurer: (attached)**

**Christine Barber**

- The Victoria Unit has written advising of the following motion which they propose to put to the Conference.  
*The Victorian Unit expresses disagreement that Australia wide cover is needed and Personal Liability Insurance should be part of the Conference expenses – not on-going – and be included in Conference costs. We disagree that it should be increased to \$20,000,000.*  
This has been acknowledged explaining that the insurance is ‘Public’ Liability and covers all members in Australia attending any ACW function.
- Chris will write to the Western Australia Unit offering the incoming National Executive a float to start its National Executive Bank Account.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Fellowship of the Last Coin:**

**Margaret Greenslade**

Two grant applications have been received.

- 1 From the Queensland Unit on behalf of the Mobile Christian Bookshop and Christian Outreach to the Alyawarra people in the Northern Territory sponsored by Churches of Christ Aboriginal and Islander Christian Fellowship. Photographs and supporting information provided.  
Amount requested: US\$5,000.00.
- 2 From the ACT Unit on behalf of the Salvation Army, Canberra – Project Name:  
“Very Important Families” (VIF) which provides invaluable support network to the family members of those suffering addictions of various kinds. Amount requested US\$5,000.00 to sponsor VIF participants to attend the annual VIF retreat to facilitate opportunities for Family Support Worker to work with NSW based VIF teams particularly for training purposes; to facilitate retreat opportunities, to have physical respite from their stressful life situations; providing meals, time for reflection and relaxation. Supporting information provided.  
PROPOSED Margaret Greenslade, SECONDED Judith Dell that we submit both of these applications.

**CARRIED**

Eva Cooper has been supplied with a range of FLC material.

Margaret G. has requested further stocks of material so that delegates can take any requirements they need whilst attending the conference, thereby saving postage.

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**Winifred Kiek Scholarship:****Maureen Clark**

Maureen has received Easter greetings from Nighat Gulzar (formerly of Pakistan now USA) and has also Distributed Circular No. 17.

**Publicity/Newsletter:** No report.

**Special Days:****Judith Dell**

Judith requested permission to write to the Redcap Program advising them of their successful application and also to Oz Harvest advising them that they have been unsuccessful. World Community Day Service to be finalised with Aileen Eldridge.

**Social Justice:**

Help Problem Gamblers. Half of the poker machines in the world are in Australia. Australians lose over \$12 billion every year on them, and problem gamblers can lose over \$1,000 in a single hour. 'Get Up' is running a petition calling on Parliament to pass a bill introducing sensible pre-commitment technology to help problem gamblers kick the habit that is destroying Australian families. Independent MP Andrew Wilkie will present the petition to the Prime Minister, when 100,000 people have signed on. To find out more and sign on visit <http://www.getup.org.au/campaign/pokies>.

**ACWC:** No report.

**AWC:**

President Margaret advised that she will be attending a meeting of the AWC Executive in Sydney on 28 May 2011.

**WEBSITE:** No report.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 1 Draft Guidelines AGM Alternate Years.  
President Margaret and Christine Barber will arrange a meeting to discuss this matter.
- 2 Kath Smith has been in contact with the Tutti Group re their inclusion in our Conference Program. There are some finer details to be discussed and Maureen Clark PROPOSED, SECONDED Margaret Greenslade that Kath continue with negotiations with this Group.
- 3 Conference Planning Meeting Dates: To be held at NCW House, 95 South Tce. Adelaide at 10 am on 20 May, 24 June, 29 July, 19 August, 16 September, 30 September and 7 October. On the last date (7 Oct) we expect to have a longer meeting to fill the conference bags.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday 8 June 2011 at 1.45 pm.

Reflection/Devotion:

Kath Smith

The meeting finished at 4 pm.

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 Date

