

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC.

**Minutes of the meeting of the National Executive held on Tuesday, 9th March 2010 at 1.45pm
at SACC Inc. 65 Flinders Street, Adelaide.**

Meeting opened at 1.45pm by President Margaret welcoming all members present.

PRESENT: M. Clark; C. Barber; K. Smith; J. Burge; J. Brown; M. Flint; M Greenslade.

APOLOGIES: Dorothy Ferrier, Wanda McKeand, Pat Walker, Donna Bryan and Brenda Dickinson

REFLECTION: Led by Judy Burge who compared the ‘geese’ and their migration habits of working as a team in their ‘V’ formation and supporting and encouraging each other in times of need, to realizing that if we had as much sense as geese we would grasp that ultimately success depends on working as a team, taking turns doing the hard tasks, and sharing leadership. We can learn from God’s marvellous creations; you only need to stop long enough to observe and let God reveal His wonders to you.

MINUTES of the previous meeting, 9 February 2010 had been circulated.

Moved M Clark/K Smith that the minutes be signed as a correct record. **CARRIED**

M Flint initialled the December 2009 minutes in the appropriate places where the corrections had been made.

BUSINESS ARISING:

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| 1. | Conference 2011 – visit by Chris and Judy | Defer | General Business |
| 2. | Website | Defer | “ “ |
| 3. | National Newsletter | Defer | “ “ |
| 4. | Reflection Day | Defer | “ “ |
| 5. | World Community Day Service | Defer | Special Day Convener’s report |

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence, February/March from the President and Secretary and WKS Convenor, is attached.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Email to J Burge from Helen Raymond, Public Officer on her visit to Registrar General who advised that an extension of the AGM will be possible until November 2010 when audited financial statements must be presented. Helen will forward to N.E. the appropriate annual return forms for completion and then lodge with R.G.
2. Margaret presented her correspondence, highlighting particular items.

Moved M Clark/M Greenslade that the correspondence ‘in’ and ‘out’ be received. **CARRIED**

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report as at 9 March 2010:

Offerings from Fellowship Day, (Winifred Kiek Scholarship) World Community Day and Fellowship of the Least Coin have been forwarded to the various Secretariats as follows:

Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust (Offerings \$8,542.45 – 854.25 Admin) + donations \$2,188)	\$9,876.20
World Community Day (Offerings \$8,997.66 less 897.66 Admin = \$8,100)	
50% to Kairos Outside WA (Community Project 2009)	\$4,050.00
50% to ACWC	\$4,050
+ ACWC Donations, Affiliation and Newsletter	<u>2,342</u> \$6,392.00
Fellowship of the Least Coin (\$40,651.23 less 508.23 Admin)	\$40,143.00

Net balance after these disbursements is \$31,347.83 as set out on the Statement

Balance B/F 1/2/10		\$92,676.00
Add Receipts		
Bank Interest	58.06	58.06
		\$92,734.06
Less Expenditure		
Petty Cash	59.18	
Postage WKS Leaflets	105.89	
Balance Lodgment Fee (Registrar ACT)	6.00	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust	9,876.20	
Int. Fellowship Least Coin	40,143.00	
Asian Church Women's Conf.	6,392.00	
Kairos Outside	4,050.00	
WKS (gift audit)	200.00	
SA Council Churches	100.00	
Bank Fees	64.00	
UCAF Conf.	390.00	
Total Expenditure		\$61,386.23
Balance as at 1/3/10		\$31,347.83

Balance represents:

National Conference Fund	\$13,442.86	
+ transfer Nat Conf. 2009	127.08	\$13,569.94
National Travel Fund		3,890.12
Overseas Travel Fund		3,355.00
Administration -		10,532.77
Includes transfers from		
Fellowship Day Offerings	854.25	
World Community Day Off.	897.66	
FLC Off.	508.23	

President's Report:

Margaret has attended the AWC meeting in Sydney from which she received an honorarium of \$200, \$100 of which was donated to S a Council of Churches for the use of the board room for N E meetings.

Margaret reported that:

- AWC had two good speakers, one on victims of trafficking and slavery in Australia. AWC has submitted an application for funding to Government for the continuance of these meetings.
- She has registered for UCAF Celebration in Canberra in April.
- attended Unifem Breakfast and IWD lunch at the Convention Centre to mark International Women's Day 2010.

Secretary's Report: Nil

Winifred Kiek Scholarship - Maureen Clark

The WKS Circular No. 4 is being prepared for the WKS Convenors of States & Territories.

Special Days - Judith Brown

The Order of Service for the Winifred Kiek Fellowship Day Service 2010 is now complete. Aileen Eldridge willingly edited the draft copy and with the assistance of a staff member at The Salvation Army Divisional headquarters, the service was put onto a disc as well as emailing a copy to either the State Special Days' Convenor or the Secretary. Confirmation of receipt of the disc and emailed Order of Service, has been received from Victoria and ACT with several comments from ACT.

Judith has now been in contact with the President and Secretary of ACW ACT, who are responsible for the 2010 World Community Day Service. At their AGM on 27 February, two women were appointed to share 'Special Days' and I now have their names and am awaiting addresses, phone details etc. so that I can contact them direct.

The only application form received for the Special project for World Community Day 1020 was prepared by the Kincumber Branch, NSW, of ACW on behalf of Allowah Presbyterian Children's Hospital for special beds and bedding for severely disabled children. The protective 'cocoons' are especially manufactured linings for each cot or bed so that the occupants do not injure their heads or limbs. Each cocoon is approximately \$800 – five have already been purchased and another five being needed as the facility expands.

Moved J Brown/M Greenslade that NE recommend that ACW Units authorize that this submission for the World Community Day Special Project for 2010

CARRIED

Social Justice - Kath Smith

This month I am trying to contact all networks and leadership members of Churches regarding the mistreatment of Indian students in Australia. I have contacted chaplains from within the Adelaide, Flinders Universities and Aquinas College in SA, which attempt to address issues such as these, as they arise. Ecumenical councils are often in the best position to address such issues through their connections with appropriate local networks. I would appreciate any feedback.

The UNAA Status of Women Committee of SA, 95 South Terrace is organizing a workshop on this subject for 18 August at 7pm. You are all most welcome.

Another of my concerns is about the government's decision to allow the importation of overseas beef into Australia from countries known to have *mad cow disease*. This is a serious threat to the health of all Australians and I hope people only purchase meat with the labelling **Product of Australia – NOT – made in Australia**, 'which means that value adding has occurred'. If you aren't sure of its origin, don't eat it!!! I intend writing to the Federal Minister Hon Simon Crean

MP Parliament House Canberra 2600, also to my Fed. Member in SA, Hon Kate Ellis MP 161 Main North Road, Nailsworth regarding this matter.

Fellowship of the Least Coin - Margaret Greenslade

It has come to our attention that the 'Circle of Prayer' booklet, Volume No. 20, which comes out every two years, is being coordinated and the deadline for articles is 30th May. Australia has been asked to prepare a piece of writing, some 300-400 words, for inclusion in this booklet. M Flint to contact Units to enquire if someone would like to write this article.

National Newsletter: Margaret & Judy

A bulletin for Units by the National Committee is being prepared and should be ready for distribution before Easter.

Australian Women's Coalition: Margaret Flint

Minutes and Intercultural Project Report and recommendations received. ACW's input to the latter was acknowledged.

No news yet on funding tender submitted.

There will be an AWC "face-to-face" meeting in May. If funding tender is unsuccessful, there is some funding for AWC to continue, but may be in a different "shape".

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Immanuel College** - Treasurer Chris has put together a costing for the 2011 National Conference which is very favourable. The 'hire of premises agreement' requires us to produce a copy of the current Public Liability insurance certificate. This is being investigated for the 2011 Conference. Moved J Brown/J Burge that this be investigated. **CARRIED**

With regard to the motion adopted at the 2009 Conference re the investigation and implementation of a Public Liability Insurance policy to the value of \$20 million to cover ACW members Australia wide, Treasurer Chris has drafted a letter to be sent to all State and Territory Units for information re their Units' situation.

Enquiries will be made with Insurance Companies.

Moved J Burge/C Barber that this investigation takes place.

CARRIED

Members asked to bring forward ideas of trips during the 2011 Conference, also ideas about a fund raising event to help run Conference.

2. **Website:** is progressing. NE Members were encouraged to view the website and comment.
3. **Reflection Day** – Sunset Rock to be booked and an invitation to go to ACW SA Unit... Dates to be sent to G Hawkes for consideration – 2, 16 or 23 July.
4. **National Register of Members:** Christine has oversight of this.
5. **Archives:** Margaret and Judy hope to see and discuss these with Edith Ridge at UCAF Celebration.
6. **Focus on Incorporation:** A date needs to be arranged for in-depth consideration of the Rules etc.

Meeting closed at 4.10pm

NEXT MEETING

Reflection/Devotion: Judith Brown
Tuesday 13th April 2010 at 1.45pm.