

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Minutes of the Working Committee Meeting held on Friday, 11th August, 1967 at 10:30 a.m. in the Office of the Victorian Council of Churches, 37 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

1. OPENING The meeting opened with prayer led by the President.
2. PRESENT Miss Ritchie (Chair), Mesdames Anderson, Ashton, Coates, Faichney, Saunders, Stephens, Strack, Williams and Duke.
3. APOLOGIES There were no apologies.
4. MINUTES The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.
5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - (1) Fellowship Day. Mrs Anderson reported that further Orders of Service had been requested by N.S.W. and Darwin and Nightcliffe had requested 50 copies for August 20th. These had been obtained and air-freighted immediately. Reports were given by members who had attended services in a number of different areas. All commented on the value of the service and it was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to the Canberra ladies who had prepared the Order of Service. It was decided to ask each State for a list of Office Bearers, President, Secretary and Treasurer before Community Day. This would assist groups to know where offering should be sent, as the Treasurer's address would be included in each State's order.
 - (2) National Committee Group Discussions. No report.
 - (3) Travel Fund. No report.
 - (4) Miss Anna Busina. It was reported that the President and Secretary had conferred with the Y.W.C.A. and it was agreed that Miss Busina should return home for health reasons. The President undertook to inform Mr Val Brown, Mr Byatt and the Scholarship Committee in Sydney. Miss Busina would return on the following day. It was decided that the question of climatic conditions in relation to the time of year should be considered when the next scholarship holder was chosen.
 - (5) Brochure on Miss Anna Busina. This would not be needed now.
 - (6) World Community Day Order of Service. The President reported that it had been necessary to condense the Order of Service as the National Committee had requested that the Order of Service should not be too long. It was decided to order 6,000 copies from W.&J. Barr.
 - (7) Letterheads. The Assistant Secretary had obtained quotes from two printers and it was decided to order 1,000 letterheads in one colour print, from the 'Spectator' Printing Company.
 - (8) Mailing List. The mailing list had been examined and it was decided that the question of sending copies of the Working Committee Minutes to each member of the State Units could not be granted. This list would need to be reviewed again as 98 copies of the Minutes are being sent out.
 - (9) Meeting with Mrs Gnanadason at Rolland House. Members of the Committee expressed their thanks to Miss Ritchie for the opportunity of meeting Mrs Gnanadason to hear of the work of the women in the Church of South India.

6. CORRESPONDENCE as follows was received:-
- (1) From Miss Florence Christian, Executive Director of the Y.W.C.A. advising that Mrs A.W. Burton be appointed to fill Mrs Ashton's place on the Working Committee. A letter of welcome to be written to Mrs Burton.
 - (2) From Mr Val Brown, Secretary A.C.C. suggesting that A.C.W. be encouraged to establish conversations with Roman Catholic women.
 - (3) From the Rev. B.L. Langford, Secretary of Queensland State Committee of A.C.C. notifying change of address.

7. Business Arising from CORRESPONDENCE

- (1) A letter of welcome to be written to Mrs Burton.
- (2) It was noted that the Victorian State Unit of A.C.W. already had Roman Catholic observers at their meetings. Mrs Dougan and Deaconess Mary Andrews of N.S.W. had attended the conference at Taize and a report of this would be available later. It had been decided to invite Roman Catholic women as observers to the National Committee Meeting in 1968.

8. FINANCE

The Treasurer submitted the following Financial Statement, which was received and adopted:-

FINANCIAL STATEMENT to AUGUST, 10th, 1967.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
Balance in Bank 10/8/67	1095.40	Refund postage to Mrs Anderson	4.00
Ladies' Guild Meth. Ch. Mt Waverley F. Least C.	3.50	Anna Busina	
Christian Women's Fell'p Woorinen Vic. F. Least Coin	3.63	Clothing	27.58
Meth. Ch. Healesville, Fellowship Day	7.16	Hospitality	15.00
A.C.W. W.A. Unit W. Kiek Scholarship	13.30	H.B.A.	15.44
V.W.I.C.C. Orders of Service F'ship Day	125.00	Fare Port Moresby	265.20
Donation W. Kiek Sch'p. from E. Ashton	5.00	Refund Clothing Y.W.C.A.	30.59
		Petty Cash postage F. Least Coin	2.00
		Kwikasair delivery	
		Literature from A.C.C.	2.30
		Bank Balance	890.88
	£1252.99		£1252.99

Summary of Funds

Fellowship of the Least Coin	£405.51)	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	262.70)	£868.41
Overseas Travel Fund	132.02)	
Fellowship Day Receipts	68.18)	

Literature

Debit \$62.90

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (1) A.C.W. Brochure. It was decided to order a further 500 copies if A.C.C. had retained the type. A new Brochure would be prepared later.
- (2) Mrs Ashton. As Mrs Ashton would be leaving for Hong Kong sometime after September 15th, opportunity would be taken to say farewell to her at the next Working Committee meeting. Mrs G.I. Duke would take over duties as Secretary and Mrs E.L. Williams would become Assistant Secretary.
(Mrs G.I. Duke, 38 Argyle Street, East Bentleigh, 3165, Vic.)
(Mrs E.L. Williams, Hallam Road, Narre Warren North, 3804, Vic.)

10. REPORTS:

- (1) Publicity. Mrs Coates submitted notes which she had prepared to send to Mr Hinton.
- (2) United Churches. Mrs Faichney reported on a letter she had received re women's work in Rabaul. Orders of Service for Fellowship Day had been requested by Darwin.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mrs Coates reported that Mr W.H. Genne, Co-ordinator of Marriage and Family Life, National Council of Churches of Christ of the U.S.A., would be visiting Melbourne late in August. Opportunity would be given for members of the Committee to meet him at the home of Dr & Mrs Coates on Monday, 28th August.

Mrs Saunders reported that she had forwarded A.C.W. Brochure to the National Council of Women for display at the National Meeting to be held in Melbourne in August.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at the home of Mrs H.W. Saunders, 40 Middleborough Road, Burwood at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, 8th September, 1967. Opportunity would be taken to farewell Mrs Ashton at luncheon on this day.

13. CLOSING

The President closed the meeting with the Benediction.