

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. STATE UNIT

Minutes of the Council Meeting, held at 222 Pitt Street,
on Monday, 15 June, 1992.

OPENING. The Meeting opened with the New President, Miss Phyl McKinnirey in the Chair for her first meeting.

New Churches of Christ delegate Georgette Yared was welcomed. We were sad to recognise the resignation after 14 years as a delegate for the Churches of Christ, of Mrs Doreen Moore. Doreen's association with ACW goes back a long way; her mother Mrs Knight was an early member in NSW and was a Life Member.

We were sad also to farewell Olive Lucas from our meetings. Olive has served with great faithfulness as a delegate for the Salvation Army and we will miss her interest and fine contribution.

Membership Secretary thanked members of Council for their prayers at the time of her granddaughter's critical illness. We rejoiced with Marie in the complete recovery of this little girl.

THOSE PRESENT were recorded as 51 in the attendance sheets and there were 13 recorded APOLOGIES.

DEVOTIONS were conducted by the President, who used as her theme 'Peace with All Creation', referring to the Earth Summit being held at Rio de Janeiro this week. The words of Pope John Paul are just as relevant today as they were when he said them in 1990. A prayer for wisdom completed the devotional segment.

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS, 13 April. The Minutes of the AGM were read and initialled by the President.

The Minutes of the Council meeting were taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

1. From the A.G.M. Miss Jeanne Sutherland was accepted by the Executive of the National Council of Women on our nomination of her to their Executive.
2. From the Council Meeting. The Annual Dedication Day and Installation of the President.
President Phyl Expressed her thanks for such a wonderful day. She especially paid tribute to the leadership of Joan Tong during her term of office as our President, expressing the hope that her two years will be fruitful for ACW.
Brigadier Mabel Ward spoke for us all when she called the Installation Day 'wonderful' and congratulated Phyl for the day. A report of this day is attached to these minutes and will be sent to ACW News. The CWL ladies were congratulated on their catering for the luncheon and their spokeswoman told us that they were 'very proud' of their association with the day and of Phyl.

CORRESPONDENCE. The Outwards Correspondence was noted and the Inwards Correspondence was received and dealt with.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Networking Papers from the Ecumenical Decade of Churches Solidarity with Women Committee. One set of these papers has been purchased and is available for members to borrow. More copies are available for \$3.50, \$5 posted.
2. Material ordered for distribution to members was available.
3. National Minutes. a. Conference, 1993. The opening service will be in St. Andrew's Church, Launceston and the Conference will be invited to a Civic Reception in Launceston. The theme of the Conference is 'A Christian Response to a Changing World'.
b. Themes for Special Days in 1993 and 1994 are:-
Fellowship Day, 1993 "Let Justice Roll On Like a River".
World Community Day, 1993 "Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly With Your God".
Fellowship Day, 1994 "Our News is Good News".

World Community Day, 1994 (New South Wales to write this service).
"We Are Called to Peace".

Council expressed disappointment that the National Committee had overlooked the United Nation's Year of the Family theme when choosing the 1994 themes for our services. It was moved that the Secretary write suggesting that the Committee may consider changing one of the themes in 1994 to accommodate the U.N. Year. Carried.

It was further suggested that ACW should have been invited to present a submission on the Year of the Family. The Secretary to make inquiries of the National Secretary.

State Units would welcome copies of Government documents sent to the National Committee and the Secretary was asked to follow this up.

REPORTS.

1. TREASURER. The Treasurer's Report was received and adopted. Accounts for ratification. The accounts listed on the attached Financial Report were passed for payment by the motion of the meeting.
2. F.I.C. Acting Convenor, Joan Tong reported on FLC stock available. Money boxes, leaflets, Circle of Prayer number 12 and FLC spoons are all available. There are also a few badges. ACWC Bulletins were available for those people who subscribe. In a prayer for the work of FLC, we also remembered our Convenor, Shirley as she takes a well-deserved long holiday. Joan used the Eastern European segment of Circle of Prayer 12 for our time of Prayer for FLC.
3. W.K.S. Convenor Nina Whybourne outlined the plans made for the visit of Scholar, Ana. She will arrive in Sydney on July 20 and depart for ACT on July 27. During her week here, we hope to introduce her to ACW women at services in the City and Toongabbie Branches. Visits to Manly & the Blue Mountains and possibly the Central Coast are also envisaged. UCA Delegate Keasi Kupu looks forward to meeting Ana again during her stay here.
4. Membership Secretary. New lists will be distributed in August.
5. PROMOTION. Convenor Peg Blake thanked her team for the good Packing Day for Fellowship Day. There are some spare orders of service and WKS Leaflets available for those who want more. We were pleased to have Peg back after her recent operations. She thanked us for our prayers and interest.
6. PUBLICITY. Convenor Jeanne Sutherland requested copies of any news, photos in newspapers, church papers etc. referring to ACW or our services. Our Publicity has been very good lately, the Installation Service gave us good exposure. A printed list of all the Fellowship Day services, dates, times, places, was available for each member of Council. IAFA We are still doing the publicity for IAFA. People are needed as trainers for the sessions being planned. As YWCA delegate, Jeanne notified the meeting that there are 6-10 vacancies for permanent board of country girls at the Y at present.
7. Newsette. The Editor again appealed for contributions for Newsette. Please send them to her at CMS Office, 93 Bathurst St. Sydney, by 6 July, at the latest. Newsette Secretary, Marie Majoor reported that soon new rules will affect our bulk mailing of Newsette. To help with costs, it is proposed that we no longer use wrappers for our magazine. Marie will monitor our costs over the next few issues and then report on whether we will need to raise our subscription price. To qualify for bulk postage, we will need to double our present circulation of 250. Readers, Each one, get one!

GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. News from West Australia. Yvonne Davis reported on her visit to the West, where she was pleased to meet old ACW friends. We were happy to have news of Margaret Knauerhase, who was the speaker and special

- guest at a luncheon in Perth, but we were sorry to hear that her husband, Oscar is far from well.
2. Members were asked to collect copies of the Annual Report.
 3. Denominational delegates were invited to take their copies of NCW material.
 4. Margaret Jessup's excellent record in pictures of the Installation Day was on show at the meeting. Individual photos for sale on order at 70cents each.
 5. During the next two months while the Secretary is 'out of action' Joan Tong will be Acting Secretary. Members were asked to phone Joan or Phyl with any inquiries, apologies etc.
 6. Spiritual Enrichment Day, 1992.
Executive recommended that a Spiritual Enrichment Day could be held on a day to be arranged in September.
Council approved this suggestion and asked Executive to work on plans to be announced at the August Council meeting.
- CLOSE. There being no further business, the President thanked the Salvation Army ladies for arranging the room and the Uniting delegates for morning Tea.
- NEXT MEETING. The Council will meet on Monday, 17 August at 10 a.m. for morning tea provided by the Anglican ladies.
- BENEDICTION. The President prayed a prayer for us all, and closed the meeting with the BENEDICTION.

P. McKinnon
COMMITTEE.

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