



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 PITT STREET, SYDNEY on MONDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1999 at 10.30 A.M.

OPENING: President Rev. Elizabeth Walker welcomed members. She said that today was Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement and referred to Paul's letter to the Philippians, Chapter 2- that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. She read from Australian Psalms - Bruce Prewer - "Worship" - and prayed that God would give us wisdom to guide us and that our decisions would be in keeping with His will. She prayed for all our members and gave thanks for the denominations and organisations we represent.

PRESENT: 36 as recorded.

APOLOGIES: Heather Reid, Edith Ridge, Joan Tong, Marie Majoor and 16 others as recorded.

The MINUTES of Council Meeting of 16th August, 1999 were read and confirmed on the motion of Ds Thora Thomas seconded Doris Haberfield. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN (NSW) LUNCHEON - 17th August. President Elizabeth congratulated Beryl McLaughlin on being "Woman of the Year", a quiet achiever, and presented Beryl with a rose with love and congratulations from the members. (Elizabeth had said the Grace at the luncheon and Peg Blake had led the singing of the National Anthem.)
2. INTERFAITH DIALOGUE: President Elizabeth said that Executive had discussed this matter and recommended inviting Sister Tricia Madigan to the Council Meeting in February to speak on this matter for 20 minutes - questions 10 minutes. It was proposed Ruth Moore seconded Sr Marie Craddock that Sr. Madigan be so invited. Carried.
3. ACWC - Pleasant Sunday Afternoon - 31st October - 3.00 p.m. Salvation Army Anglo Road, Campsie. Shirley Wells spoke on behalf of Joan Tong and said that the programme was very varied and entertaining - Salvation Army Band and Choirs, etc. Members attending were asked to bring a plate of food for afternoon tea. Four ushers required: Robyn Phillis, Judith Baker, Irene Carder and Ruth Moore volunteered.- to be there at 2.30 p.m. Members reminded to publicise the event.
4. WORLD DAY OF PRAYER COMMITTEE - Ruth Smith has become a Life Member. Bev Elliott is willing to join Committee - Moved Norma Harrop seconded Noelene Roose that Bev Elliott be appointed forthwith. Carried.
5. NATIONAL CONFERENCE: ACW members attending - President Elizabeth Walker, Jan Harrison, Heather Reid, Eileen Holley, Marie Majoor, Edith Ridge, Peg Blake, Mina Whybourne, Shirley Wells, Lucelle King, Marie McCann, Noelene Roose. As Marie Majoor will be representing Catholic Women's League, she has relinquished her Observer position for ACW and it was proposed Judith Baker seconded Bev Elliott that Eileen Holley be appointed as the 2nd NSW Observer. Carried.

MOTIONS: as presented had been discussed and will be agreed to. Jan Harrison had prepared some further motions and recommendations to be submitted to National Conference.

6. OZINDO BIKE RIDE - Fiona Collins arrives in Sydney on Sunday 21st November - National Council of Women (NSW) Luncheon 29th November, Parliament House. Members were asked to contribute to Fiona's Fund if they so desire.
7. NSW UNIT SECRETARY - President Elizabeth in accepting Jan Harrison's resignation from the position of Secretary, expressed our thanks and appreciation to Jan for her dedicated and efficient work and called for nominations to replace her. Glenys Holley was nominated by Thora Thomas seconded Ruth Moore as State Unit secretary and there being no other nominations, was duly elected. Carried.
The changeover will probably take place in November.
A Publicity Officer will need to be appointed to replace Glenys.

REPORTS:

TREASURER : Beryl McLaughlin (in Marie Majoor's absence) circulated Treasurer's Report. Financial position very satisfactory. Copy of report attached. Report received and accounts passed for payment.

PUBLICITY : Glenys Holley would appreciate items from newspapers and newsheets for Record book, publicising Special Days.

NEWSETTE: Deadline for items for November issue - 11th October.

ACWC - extra calendars required - Glenys Holley will contact Joan Tong's office to ascertain if any available.

SPECIAL DAYS: World Community Day - end October - President Elizabeth wished all a happy and successful day.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN - Shirley Wells read from Circle of Prayer 14 - Voice from Africa - Grace Eneme from Cameroon - terrible plight of women - Matthew 15:22 and Psalm 73:25.- their absolute trust in God in horrible situations. She prayed Grace's prayer for the women.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Heather Badgery had attended Coalition 99 on behalf of Heather Reid on 8th September 1999.

Coming Events:

1. Symposium - 18th September - Building a Bridge of Values
2. Grey Mardi Gras - 2 October 1999
3. Forum - 13 October 1999 -
Submissions submitted by partners would be discussed. Rev. Harry Herbert would be the facilitator.
This event has been supported by Uniting Ministry with the Ageing.
4. Meeting of Generations - 15-16 November 1999.- Heather Reid or Heather Badgery to represent us.

Heather had also attended a Public Meeting held on 15 September by NSW Committee on the Ageing - Taking charge - decision making for later life.

The meeting was held to promote discussion about what we, as individuals, can do to ensure that our wishes are respected, if a time comes when we are no longer able to make decisions for ourselves. Speaking at the meeting was a Canadian expert, Dr. Willie Malloy. The meetings were to provide information and for people to make their views known.

Mrs. Barbara Squires from the Centre for Ageing at the Benevolent Society spoke on the current arrangements for managing decision making, your money and your health.

Dr. Malloy explained the details of Advance Directives.
Both speakers answered many questions from attendees.

A time of discussion was held and concerns discussed were noted.

It was highlighted that an important legal principle is that we can only make decisions ahead of time or appoint someone to make decisions for us while we still have our mental faculties and can understand the implications of what we are signing. Once we have lost this ability, we cannot appoint someone else to make decisions for us.

MEMBERSHIP/PASTORAL CARE: Heather Badgery had sent get-well wishes to Lily Hanlon, Helen Stutchbury, Cela Cooper (husband in hospital), Helen Richardson.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP - The Scholarship for 2000 has been granted to the applicant from ACT Unit.

No news from Myanmar re Mai Zin Zin Wah - some delay and difficulty in obtaining visa to study in Singapore.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

1. BUSH CHURCH AID RALLY - 25th August - BCA 80th anniversary - President Elizabeth attended - interesting and enjoyable day.
2. ST. MARY'S FLOWER FESTIVAL - Peg Blake attended opening by Lady Deane - flowers very beautiful - our arrangement all white - lovely.
3. BAPTIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - 20 September - Edith Ridge attending.
4. PRAYER ON WHEELS - Sat. 16 October U.C. Waitara: 10 am to 4 pm. Merle Menzies will represent us.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

1. President Elizabeth had attended dinner at Seventh Day Adventist' invitation.
2. Constitution revision - thanks to Peg Blake for all her work.

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

1. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN (NSW) - Luncheon for Fiona Collins - 29 November.
2. WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Noelene Roose said that the Service for 2000 is being prepared by the women of Indonesia - pray that the Service will be accepted. Packing Day is 18 October. Next World Day of Prayer - 3 March 2000.
3. CHILDRENS FILM & TELEVISION - Change of meeting place - now in English Speaking Union rooms, 85 Castlereagh Street.
4. PAN PACIFIC & SOUTH EAST ASIA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (PPSEAWA)- Sr Marie Craddock said that the guest speaker at last meeting spoke about her work in South Korea and about its political and other struggles. Christianity was established there some 4000 years ago. Christians have been persecuted but hold strongly to their faith. PRAYER is the foundation of their faith.
* Next meeting - Sr Josephine will speak on East Timor - translation of curriculum into TETUN - training of E/T educators.
* AGM - re-elected to Executive.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

1. Ruth Smith - resignation from Council as representative of Salvation Army - has become Ass. member - card to be sent signed by members.
2. Robyn Henry -Uniting Church Synod - confirming dates for meeting room for 2000
3. Nat. Sec. Thanking units for support and encouragement during her term as Nat.Sec.
Nat. Ex. Financial statement and Conference details
Nat. Minutes for August
Advised of sudden death of Pat Franklin Imm.P.P. Victoria Unit
(Sec. wrote to Unit and family)
4. Helen Stutchbury - unable to attend Council - will come when able.
5. Edith Ridge - delight in receiving Life Membership of ACW NSW Unit
6. Marjorie Verco - praying for Nat. Conf.
7. Department for Women - consultation Beijing + 5.

CORRESPONDENCE (Outward)

1. Nat. Sec. Council Minutes June & August and Conference information
 2. Annual Reports & Invites to Pleasant Sunday afternoon to Associate members - 20 sent
 3. Letter to Phyl McKinnirey congratulating her on her Life Membership of CWL.
 5. " " Pat Lanham from Gunning - not well.
- Secretary attended to routine correspondence mainly to Exec. etc. 14 sent.

Correspondence inwards was received and outwards endorsed on motion of Robin Phillis and Helen Hill. Carried.

President Elizabeth thanked the Presbyterian ladies for preparing morning tea and the Anglican ladies for attending to the chairs, etc.
She then closed the meeting with the Benediction at 12.15 p.m.

Confirmed

Joan M. Jones

Date

15/11/99

RECOMMENDATION 1. That all documentation be dated and labelled.
Rationale: Affords easier identification at a later time and a great help to future office bearers and indeed any readers. Small print at the end of the document would be appropriate e.g. ACW NSW 9/99 and add if needed an abbreviated title - WKS, FLC, Pastoral Care, Soc. Iss. etc.

MOTION 1. That the National Executive Committee explore the possibility of broadening the purpose and function of the existing National Travel Fund to enable more distant Units to avail themselves, even at short notice, of a special speaker, i.e. WKS scholar, ACWC, FLC from overseas.

Rationale: Australia is vast and travel expensive, but contact is important for all to hear and learn from people with a mission to share. There are times when these people could be in Australia on a personal visit or en route elsewhere. This was the case recently in NSW. Mrs Padma Ebenezer from Sri Lanka, a member of ACWC Executive, visited family in Sydney. It would have been good if she could have visited - say Tasmania, or Northern Territory or Western Australia. A travel fund could assist with a fare and should be used at the discretion of the National Committee in consultation with the Australian representative of ACWC, WKS Trustees, FLC etc.

MOTION 2: That a National Directory be compiled and sent to all Units containing

- a) Lists of National and all State/Territory Office Bearers
- b) Guidelines from the National Committee for State/Territory office bearers and conveners.

Rationale: This would keep important information together and be useful to pass on when changes occur in Units. It could be updated in ACW News and National minutes as changes occur. Two copies could be sent to each Unit to copy and distribute within their Executive. The back cover of ACW News could continue to list a different Unit as has been the practice.

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Bartel - Collectors World - Calendars	85.40
" " " "	128.10
Joan Tong - Paper for photocopying	50.00
Board of Human & Property - Postage WCD Services	84-15
Jan Hansen - Secretarial Expenses	53-00
Viken Hally - Registration for Nat. Conference	60-00
VEA - NSW Sympol - Postage WCD Services	355-00