

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT

Minutes of the Council Meeting, held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney  
on Monday, 17 February, 1992.

OPENING. The meeting opened with the President, Mrs Major Joan Tong in the Chair. She welcomed members to the first meeting for 1992. New delegate for the Uniting Church, Mrs Keasi Kupu was welcomed to her first meeting, as was Mrs. Lois Maze representing the Lane Cove-Longueville Branch and Sr. Patricia de Coek, introduced by Sr. Pat Kent as her visitor. We were sorry to hear that Sr. Patricia Kent will no longer to a delegate to ACW as her work now takes her in directions where it is not possible to attend meetings in the city. We have appreciated the involvement of Sr. Patricia during her time with us. Three members who have been on the sick list were warmly welcomed back -- Beth Finlay, Margaret Jessup and Beryl McLaughlin.

THOSE PRESENT are recorded in the attendance sheets and numbered 57.

APOLOGIES numbered 9. We were sorry to note that Shirley Wells was absent because of indisposition and that Helen Stutchbury is unable to travel to meetings at present because of a hip replacement operation undergone as the result of a broken hip when Helen had a fall late last year.

SYMPATHY. The members were saddened to hear of the death of Kath Franklin, Secretary of the Sutherland Branch. In a moving tribute, Peg Blake told us of the enthusiasm and devotion that Kath brought to her involvement with ACW. She will be greatly missed in her Branch and the wider community of the Church in the Sutherland area.

DEVOTIONS. Mrs Tong brought to us thoughts of ACWC Vice-President, Navamani Peter presented at the Bangkok Conference, under the title 'Living Community'. In times of sorrow and distress, we cry 'How can we sing a new song?' especially when we remember happier times (Zion). It is at these times that we should remember 'Zion' being aware that we are the temple of God and it is God who puts a new song in our mouth. In such times, the song can become an expression of our love, caring, compassion and praise, a time of solidarity with all men, women and children.

In a time of prayer we were conscious of the need of the Franklin family and friends, our own needs and the work of ACW.

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING. The minutes having been distributed to members, they were taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

1. Invitations. All invitations were honoured and our representatives reported good functions.
2. Souvenirs. Members were reminded that there are still for sale teaspoons and teatowels and that all monies for these goods are to be paid to the Treasurer.
3. Dates for Meetings in 1992. Copies of the Year's Programmes were distributed to all members. Executive members were directed to the two changes in the dates of their meetings and Council members were asked to note that the April Meeting (AGM and Election of Officers) will be held on the SECOND MONDAY in APRIL, because of Easter.
4. Media Awareness Project, Australia (MAPA). Our three representatives to the Mapa Committee have been very busy. ACW has paid for some publicity and the Convenor Jeanne Sutherland is to be praised for the excellent job done there. ACW members have responded well to the invitation to attend the Training Day on February 27 and the MAPA Conference Day on Feb. 28 These meetings are open to both men and women and we await with interest the outcome of these sessions.

CORRESPONDENCE. The Inwards and Outwards Correspondence as listed were read and received.

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE.

1. ACC Commission on the Status of Women. This letter had been reproduced and copies were available for members interested.
2. World Day of Prayer Leaflet. This leaflet was commended and the Secretary asked to have 100 copies for distribution at next meeting.
3. CWL Conference, Parramatta. All members are invited to attend this conference on 11 March. President-elect, Phyl McKinnirey had copies of the programme for distribution.
4. YWCA Garden Party, 15 March, Government House. All invited.
5. Mission Gettogether, at the Uniting Church Bondi Junction, 30 March. The President and all members invited.
6. World Day of Prayer City Service at St. Philip's Church, Wynyard. All invited.

## PRESIDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE.

1. WKS Review Committee Minutes. Some copies of these minutes were available for distribution.
2. Members were urged to take copies of a letter to Federal Members, re. concern at the rising level of anti-social messages in entertainment and the media generally.
3. Letters from ACWC Exec. Secretary, Eunice Kim. Eunice is collecting stories of documentation regarding prostitution of children. Any case stories are to be sent to Joan Tong.
4. ACWC Report of the Bagkok Conference has been received.
5. Circle of Prayer number 12. Joan has been sent 6 advance copies of this book. Our order has been sent and copies are expected soon.
6. Requests for assistance in Viet Nam and Cambodia. Medicine is needed in Viet Nam and children's clothing is asked for Cambodia. The President will follow up ways of sending these goods out of the country. It is suggested that Australians might benefit from organising visiting teams to tour these countries, so that they can meet the people and perhaps assess the needs.

## REPORTS.

1. From the Executive Meetings.
  - i. Invitations were tabled for the Installation Service on 18 May. Additional names are sought for the Mailing List.
  - ii. Branch reports and reports from delegates to other organisations for printing in the Annual Newsletter are to reach the Secretary before the March meeting, please.
  - iii. Denominational Task Force. The President introduced a scheme where the members of each denominational group could operate as a team within the Council. A paper for discussion at the March meeting was distributed and approval in general of the idea was given by the meeting. It is hoped that such groups will meet for a first meeting after the March Council meeting.

TREASURER. The Statement of Receipts and Payments for the three months ended 31.1.92 was received and adopted.

Accounts for Payment. All accounts for payment were ratified on the vote of the meeting.

MAPA Publicity. Members agreed that at the March meeting voluntary donations be sought to help off-set the Publicity expenses of \$185 we have contributed to the MAPA Committee from ACW.

World Community Day printing expenses. A late account for this job, has resulted in the overpayment of WCDay monies to the National Treasurer. We will adjust the payment by \$287.50 when paying in 1992 W.C.Day collections.

F.L.C. The President read from the new Circle of Prayer a segment from Venezuela.

W.K.S. The new scholar, Ana from Tonga has arrived in Australia and has commenced her course.

Ana was met in Melbourne and is now in Launceston. She is a Methodist girl, aged 28 and was to commence working with Apple Computers in the offices of the Uniting Church in Launceston on 17 February. She will go also to Melbourne for some training and it hoped that Bob Jakes of the Uniting Church Commission for Mission in Sydney will be able to arrange some training also.

Mina read a Christmas Card and letter received from Rachel Sobana, who reported on her return home from her time in Australia last year. Rachel expressed her gratitude to ACW for all she received while here. Former National Convenor, Lucelle has also received letters from Rachel. She has returned to her work at the Catherine Booth Hospital, is doing administrative work at present. She was delighted and thankful to receive our gift of a box of books and other gifts sent to her for Christmas. Improvement in her mother's health is an answer to our prayers and a cause for rejoicing.

Certificate of Accreditation. Lucelle showed us her design for a certificate to meet the requirements suggested in the WKS Review Report, page 3. This attractive document will be available to all future scholars on the completion of their course as a Winifred Kiek Scholar. The first one will however, be sent to Rachel.

PUBLICITY. Jeanne reported on the busy time she has had with MAPA. 168 press releases were sent out during January.

There will be media releases done for the Installation Service.

Members shared the article in UCA's NSW Synod paper, 'Insights' in which our member Helen Stutchbury and her husband were featured in an article about their Parish.

Publicity and F.L.C. Convenors are working together for joint releases. In April there will be publicity information sent about the President Elect, Phyl McKinnirey and the Installation. A calendar of events is under production.

All members were invited to the City Branch picnic in the Botanical Gardens on March 14. An Open Invitation, the day commences at 11 a.m. and will finish by 3 p.m.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. Greetings were brought by Deaconess Mary Andrews from Rayan Ma, first President of ACWC and from Shirin Samuel. Mary expressed the thanks of those people who received the souvenir gifts we sent with her when Mary visited China and Hong Kong late last year. Mary asked us to keep on praying for our sisters in other countries, in particular the women of China and expressed the hope that she might share her experiences with Council at a later date.

2. Greetings to two women were suggested by Mary Andrews. We are glad to send congratulations to Jean Skuse, the recipient of membership as an Officer of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the recent Honours List. Jean was honoured for her work for religion, in particular in ecumenical activities and the organisation of the 1991 WCC Assembly in Canberra.

Mrs Joy Smith of South Australia, a member of ACW there has been appointed the Vice-President of the Order of Australia Association. We rejoice with both these ladies.

3. Hon. Secretary of N.C.W. Mrs Beth Finlay drew to our attention vacancies on the Executive of N.C.W. and expressed the hope that A.C.W. might be able to fill one.

4. Phyl. McKinnirey shared with us a cutting from her local paper announcing the honour given to Col. and Mrs. Col. Edna Baker, who were equal second place in the Senior Citizen's Award of the Year in Parramatta. Congratulations!

5. Announcement. Refugee Workshop, at the A.C.C. 19 March.

6. In replying to the President's word of thanks and farewell to her, Sr. Kent thanked us for her experience in A.C.W. She has enjoyed her time with us, as the representative of the 110 religious orders in N.S.W.

7. National Executive Minutes. We receive three copies of these Minutes. Members of the Executive and some members of Council wish to receive copies. A list will be distributed at the March meeting to ascertain the number we need to copy.

8. NEXT MEETING.

At the meeting on March 16, Mrs Jenny Johnston from A.C.C. will speak to the meeting about the A.C.C. Refugee Programme. Morning Tea will be served by the Catholic ladies and the chairs will be arranged by the Presbyterian ladies, who were thanked for this morning's hospitality.

Nomination Forms for all positions on the Executive, except Presidential appointments will be distributed at the March Meeting. These forms are to be returned to the Secretary before 6 April.

BENEDICTION. There being no further business, the President closed the meeting with the Benediction.

CONFIRMED.

16.3.92

*J. M. Jones*

Omitted from REPORTS.

NEWSETTE. The Editor, Beryl thanked Mina Whybourne for helping with the production of the current copy of Newsette. Mina stepped in and put the copy together while Beryl was hospitalised. Contributions for the next copy are to reach the Editor by 6 April.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY. Marie is working on the new membership lists, which should be ready for distribution at the April meeting.

PROMOTIONS. Convenor, Peg has sent out two or three kits lately.

She still requires INFORMATION FOR FELLOWSHIP DAY -- VENUES, DATES, SPEAKERS and NUMBER OF ORDERS REQUIRED.  
THIS IS URGENT.

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CORRESPONDENCE for Executive Meetings, 20 Jan.1992  
and 10 Feb.1992 and COUNCIL meeting,17.2.92

INWARDS

1. ACW NEWS Nov./Dec.1991
2. ACWC Bulletins, 4th. Quarter,1991.
3. Ecumenical & Interfaith Jottings, Summer,1991 Number 8.
4. WCTU Christmas Newsletter.
5. ACC Commission on the Status of Women.
6. Living Under the Southern Cross, acknowledgement \$20.
7. Thank you letter, Beth Finlay.
8. Fusion Australia, Update on Mission. Spring,1991.
9. Viewpoint, (Senator Jocelyn Newman.
10. Christmas Card, Gwen Jones, YWCA. President.
11. NCOSS 1991 Publications Catalogue.
12. Material for State Units, from Joan Tong.
13. World Day of Prayer Leaflet.
14. Exec. Minutes, 11 Nov.1991, from Peg Blake.
15. Minutes of WKS Review meeting, 8/9 Nov.1991.
16. Nat. Exec. Minutes, 25 Nov.1991 & receipts for Treasurer.
17. Request for information about our Branch Reps. from Vict. Unit.
18. C.W.L. Parramatta. 11 March Conference. Invitation.
19. Thank you letter, Beryl McLaughlin.
20. Garden Party, YWCA Invitation. 15 March.
21. ACC Ecumenical Calendar,1992.
22. Copy of photo Nat. Committee, 1 October,1991.
23. MAPA brochures & registration forms.
24. ACWC Conference & Consultation Reports, ex Margaret Napier.
25. In-itation UCA Mission Support GetTogether, 30 March.
26. Invitation W.Day of Prayer City Service, St.Philip's Wynyard.

OUTWARDS.

1. Letters to 6 State Units, ACWC Report.
2. Reply to Vict. Unit, re Branches.
3. Material to Newsette Editor.
4. Card to Helen Stutchbury.
5. ~~Card~~ to Beryl McLoughlin.
6. *Flowers* Minutes of Council meetings to Nat.Exec. also reply re W.C.Day Special Project.
7. Letter re our name, W.D.of Prayer Committee. Request for more leaflets.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR 3 MONTHS ENDED 31/1/1992

CR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/11/1991 ... .. \$14,770.51

RECEIPTS (3 months)

Affiliation Fees		45.00	
"Newsette" Subscriptions & Donations		280.00	
Sales - Souvenirs		299.00	
" Stock	Spoons	24.50	
	Pens	50.00	74.50
Spiritual Refreshment Day			7.00
Donations for School for the handicapped (Kooching)			111.25
Overseas Travel	Trading Table	36.00	
	Tea Money	5.20	41.20
A.C.W.C. Bulletin Subscriptions			60.00
World Community Day			1,825.28
F.L.C.			5,925.45
W.K.S.			128.45
Interest - Westpac Current A/c		71.31	
Glebe Beard		105.21	176.52
			<u>8,973.65</u>
			23,744.16

DEDUCT - PAYMENTS (3 months)

Souvenirs - to Queensland	50.70	
to National Treasurer	453.15	503.85
Gift to School for handicapped (Kooching)		150.00
Publicity Expenses <i>M.A.P.A.</i>		100.00
N.S.W. Ecumenical Council		20.00
Cheque returned (F.L.C.) UNPAID		37.05
Bank charge		7.50
Postage - President		45.00
Dinner - Archdiocesan Commission for Ecumenism		22.00
Imprest - President		50.00
Treasurer		30.00
F.L.C. Convener		40.00
<u>National Treasurer</u>		
F.L.C.	8,547.03	
W.K.S.	50.00	
Fellowship Day	4,738.94	
World Community Day	3,884.14	
Overseas Travel (Annual)	150.00	17,370.11
"Newsette" Postage	64.00	
" Printing	39.68	103.68
W.C.D. Service Booklets (A/c received - January '92)	287.50	
(This will be deducted from 1992 W.C.D. Offerings)		
		<u>18,766.69</u>

CR. BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 31/1/1992 ... .. \$4,977.47

A/GS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENTS (RATIFIED)

Souvenirs	503.85
GIFT	150.00
Publicity Expenses <i>M.A.P.A.</i>	100.00
N.S.W. Ecumenical Council	20.00
Postage - President	45.00
Dinner - Archdiocesan Commission for Ecumenism	22.00
IMPREST - President	50.00
Treasurer	30.00
F.L.C. Convener	40.00
National Treasurer	17,370.11
"Newsette" Postage & Printing	103.68
W.C.D. for printing Service Booklets	287.50
	<u>18,722.14</u>
UNPAID CHEQUE & BANK CHARGE	44.55
	<u>\$18,766.69</u>