

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES of Meeting of the Working Committee held at the A.C.C. Building, Sydney, on Tuesday, 6th June 1978 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Win Dougherty (President), Doris Mitchell (Secretary), Mary Andrews, Olga Badger, Edna Baker, Gwen Cork, Joan Curtin, Connie Groat, Margaret Ralph, Marjorie Stanhope and Glad West.

APOLOGIES were received from Betty Davis and Heather Stevens.

OPENING With a special concern for the Moslem refugees fleeing into Bangladesh from Burma, the President led the devotional, pointing out the attitude of Nathaniel when he said "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?". So much of the trouble in the world, international and personal, stems from similar instances of blind prejudice.

MINUTES The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 2nd May 1978, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed, after correcting the omission of the opening devotional, led by the President.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Asian Church Women's Conference - Executive Members' visit to Sydney
Saturday evening 20/5/78 - the dinner provided opportunities for informal and personal chats and was much appreciated. Thanks were expressed to Olga and Don Badger for their gracious hospitality.
Sunday 21/5/78 - Hostesses to the visitors reported on opportunities the Executive Members had to address congregations and to meet local church people, as well as some sightseeing.
Monday 22/5/78 - The reception in the morning proved to be very worthwhile. It was attended by a widely representative group, many of whom expressed delight and appreciation for the privilege of sharing in the informative and very happy occasion. A letter of thanks will be sent to the N.S.W. State Unit in appreciation of their catering and wholehearted assistance to the Working Committee with the reception.
The Working Committee and Executive Members met together briefly in the afternoon and several queries, mainly concerning the forthcoming Assembly, Fellowship of the Least Coin grant applications, etc. were answered.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

1. National Committee Meeting 1979 and Proposed Consultation

The sub-committee reported that it had found an ideal location in Caritas Christi Conference Centre at Wahroonga and had tentatively booked the only available vacancy - Mon. 10th to Fri. 14th September, 1979. It was resolved that the booking be confirmed and that the National Committee Meeting be held from 10th to 13th September, allowing an additional day for the consultation with North American and New Zealand women, should they be able to accept our invitation.

It was reported that Mrs. Julia Piper, an Executive Member of Church Women United of the U.S.A., had passed through Sydney during the month and had met with some members of the Working Committee. Mary Andrews also reported that she had spoken with three Executive members of Church Women United while attending the international meeting of the World Day of Prayer. All four had responded with warm interest and suggested that A.C.W. set the date and theme of the meeting as soon as possible and send these details to New York, as many other invitations are received. It was resolved that the invitation be renewed, indicating the dates, and the theme will be notified as soon as it is decided.

2. Winifred Kiek Scholarship - 1979 Applications

It was resolved that the 1979 Scholarship be offered to Mrs. Lena Voklus of East New Britain, Papua New Guinea. Mrs. Voklus, 28, is the wife of a minister of the United Church of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. She wishes to study methods of Bible Study and Evangelism in Australia.

3. Fellowship of the Least Coin - Applications for 1979 Grants

Two applications that appear to comply with the criteria set down for F.L.C. grants have been received. It was resolved that the decision to submit these to the Asian Church Women's Conference be deferred until next meeting pending receipt of some additional information.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received and dealt with:

INWARD:

1. Mrs. J. Childs, Rockhampton - greetings and good wishes re visit of Asian Church Women's Conference Executive.
2. Deaconess F. McKechnie, Melbourne - interest in proposed consultation and offering her assistance if desired.
3. Mrs. A. Hall, Adelaide - report on Women's Forum Dinner.
4. S.A. Unit - enclosing cheque, F.L.C. and W.K.S. contributions.
5. Mrs. F. Bailey, Adelaide - enclosing Report on Theological Consultation. (Further copies will be sought.)
6. Mrs. A. Strack, W.A. Unit - enclosing report on visit of ACWC Executive members to Perth.
7. Mrs. R. Burmester, A.C.T. Unit - giving report on visit of ACWC Executive members to Canberra
8. Mr. Ken Loughhead, accepting position of Auditor.
9. Aust. Council of Churches - Minutes of Executive April 26, 1978
10. " " " News & Information, April/May 1978
(Treasurer)
11. Austcare - thanks for cheque for \$160.
12. Victorian Unit Treasurer - cheque for \$200 for Overseas Conference Fund.

OUTWARD:

1. Mrs. O. Ackland, Sec. Vic. Unit, re W.C.D. Project
2. Mrs. J. Childs, Rockhampton)
3. Deaconess McKechnie, Melbourne) reply to theirs.

FINANCE

The Treasurer presented the following statement of receipts and expenditure for the month ending 31st May 1978, and it was received:-

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
To balance at 28/4/78	15755.84		
Fellowship of Least Coin			
ACW South Aust. Unit	1300.00		
W. Kiek Scholarship			
Donations for Pocket		B. Dass, Nurses' Reg.	12.00
Money - B. Dass	740.00	" Pocket Money to 19/5/78	85.00
Bond Interest	144.50	" Board to 16/5/78	38.60
Refund of Board(Deac.Hse.)	128.00	" Warm clothes, etc.	57.10
ACW South Aust. Unit	550.00	Printing WKS Leaflets	160.00
Overseas Conference			
ACW Victoria Unit	200.00		
		Admin. & General	
		Secretarial Expenses	50.86
		President, cables, phone	20.87
		Balance at 31/5/78	18393.91
	\$18818.34		\$18818.34
Commonwealth Bank -		SUMMARY OF BALANCES	
Fixed Deposit	8825.98	Fellowship of Least Coin	5479.38
Glebe Admin. Board -		Winifred Kiek Scholarship	8481.15
Investment	3000.00	Memorial Bursary	254.55
Bank Account	6567.93	Fellowship Day	968.31
		World Community Day	1123.32
		Overseas Conference	510.31
		Administration & General	1576.89
	\$18393.91		\$18393.91

Gwen Cork, Treasurer

It was agreed that before the end of the financial year (30th June), funds received from State Units for Fellowship of the Least Coin (less 5% for administration) be transferred to Geneva, and for Fellowship Day (less 5% for administration), be transferred to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund; in each case leaving a small balance in the accounts.

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FINANCE (cont.)

It was agreed that two \$100 Bonds be purchased for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund - one of them with money set aside for the purpose last year.

It was agreed that a \$100 Bond be purchased for the Memorial Bursary Fund.

It was resolved to establish a National Travel Fund, in accordance with the decision of the National Committee Meeting 1977. It was agreed that half of the interest from the Glebe Administration Board investment be applied to this fund - to date this amounts to \$45.22 (half of \$90.44).

Accounts passed for payment were:

Donation of \$5 to Uniting Church for use of room for reception.

Australian Council of Churches - registration fees and meals for our two A.C.W. representatives at the ACC General Meeting, \$69.

CONVENERS' REPORTS

Winifred Kiek Scholarship. In Betty Davis' absence overseas, Mary Andrews reported that Kalpana Airan had written in glowing terms of the opening of the new building at the Narmada Education Academy.

Barkatt Dass has settled in happily at the Nepean District Hospital and is finding the experience very valuable.

Special Days. Heather Stevens sent a report that the World Community Day order of service, just awaiting a cover design, would be ready in a week or two.

Fellowship of the Least Coin. Marjorie Stanhope distributed to Working Committee members a pamphlet on F.L.C. produced by the Asian Church Women's Conference.

"Women at Work". Joan Curtin reported her pleasure in receiving news from some State Units for "Women at Work".

CLOSURE The meeting was closed with the Benediction at 1.15 p.m.

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, 4th July, 1978, at 9.30 a.m.

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	MEMORIAL BURSARY	FELLOWSHIP DAY	SCHOLARSHIP
Balances at 1.7.77:	\$ 204.55	3374.24	7524.33
Receipts:			
<u>Donations & Offerings:</u>			
Sundry Donations			900.00
New South Wales		456.90	67.55
South Australia			550.00
Queensland		354.73	135.00
Victoria		1300.00	25.50
" for Bond	50.00		
Canberra			184.00
Northern Territory			-
Western Australia			200.00
Tasmania		160.17	67.26
	50.00	2271.80	2129.31
Interest - Bonds 345.29			950.54
Bank <u>605.25</u>			<u>10604.18</u>
	254.55	5646.04	
<u>Expenses :</u>			
Transfer to Administration			
& General A/c		257.00	27.50
Printing - W.Kiek L'lets			160.00
F'ship Day Brochures		30.00	
Petty Cash			10.00
Special Bonds	100.00		200.00
	154.55	5359.04	10206.68
Transfers (Bonds \$200.00)		(5050.00)	5050.00
		309.04	15256.68
<u>Scholarship Payments:</u>			
Tapati Das:			
Air Fares India,			
Hong Kong,Taiwan,			
Phillipines	2200.00		
Barkat Dass:			
Air Fare - Aust.	1432.00		
Board	168.60		
Fees	33.00		
Pocket Money	277.00		
Clothes	21.99		
Incidentals	8.61		4041.20
Balances at 30.6.1978:	\$154.55	\$309.04	\$11215.48

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A.C.W. Financial Statement to 30.6.1978.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN;

Balance at 1.7.1977: 1128.50

Receipts:

Least Coin:

Northern Territory	78.35	
Canberra A.C.T.	303.01	
Tasmania	588.65	
New South Wales	2453.87	
South Australia	1300.00	
Victoria	1700.00	
Queensland	1584.56	
		8008.44
		<u>9136.94</u>

Expenses:

Petty Cash	8.00	
Transfer to Administration & General	765.00	
		773.00
		<u>8363.94</u>

Transfer to F.L.C. International 1978: 8000.00

Balance at 30th June, 1978: \$363.94

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY:

Balance at 1.7.1977: 431.02

Offerings:

Northern Territory	30.00	
Canberra A.C.T.	80.00	
Tasmania	103.26	
Western Australia	200.00	
New South Wales	379.04	
Victoria	1000.00	
Queensland	323.42	
		2115.72
		<u>2546.74</u>

Expenses:

Transfer to Administration & General A/c.	206.00	
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"Rehab. families Leprosy Patients Lucknow"	2300.00	
		2506.74
		<u>\$40.74</u>

Balance at 30.6.1978:

OVERSEAS CONFERENCES:

Balance at 1.7.1977: 816.26

Receipts:

New South Wales	200.00	
Victoria	200.00	
		400.00
		<u>1216.26</u>

Expenses:

A.C.W.C. Regr. & Board - 2 Delegates		705.95
2 Observers		

Balance at 30th June, 1978: \$ 510.31

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING - SPECIAL FUND:

Balance at 1.7.1977 1,030.48

Transfers from other funds 114.92

1,145.40

Expenses:

Fares and accommodation of National Committee Meeting delegates	1,145.40
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Balance at 30.6.1978 NIL

A.C.W. Financial Statement to 30.6.1978.ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL:

Balance at 1.7.1977:		3579.88
Receipts:		
<u>Transfers:</u>		
World Community Day	206.00	
Fellowship of Least Coin	765.00	
Fellowship Day	<u>284.50</u>	1255.50
Income:		
Donations	21.00	
Regr. & Accom.Receipts	549.00	
Bank Interest	<u>378.15</u>	<u>948.15</u>
		<u>5783.53</u>
Expenses:		
A.C.C. costs - General Meeting	69.00	
Petty Cash & S.T.D.calls	153.82	
Accom.& Regr.fees - N.C.M.	2439.24	
T'fer Bank Interest to N.T.F.	45.22	
Bus trip N.C.M.	90.00	
Book Marks & Posies N.C.M.	65.00	
Postages	213.06	
Statny.& Printing	231.73	
Morning Tea - A.C.W.C	15.00	
Use of Board room & Kitchen	35.00	
Freight - Perth to Sydney	<u>17.41</u>	<u>3374.48</u>
Balance at 30th June,1978:		<u>\$2409.05</u>

NATIONAL TRAVEL FUND:

Receipts:		
Accrued Interest - Investment		<u>45.22</u>
Balance at 30th June,1978:		<u>\$45.22</u>

SUMMARY OF BALANCES:

Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund	11215.48	+ Bonds 3300.00	
Memorial Bursary	154.55	+ Bonds 1000.00	
Fellowship of Least Coin	363.94		
Fellowship Day	309.04		
World Community Day	40.74		
Overseas Conferences	510.31		
National Travel Fund	45.22		
Administration & General	<u>2409.05</u>		
	<u>15048.33</u>	<u>4300.00</u>	\$19348.33
Cash at Bank	5525.55		
Investment A/c	9522.78		
Bonds	<u>4300.00</u>		\$19348.33

A.C.W. Financial Statement to 30.6.1978.Winifred Kiek Scholarship:Bonds:

Series 2C Special Bonds	:	\$600	maturing	1.10.80
" 2E " "	:	100	"	1. 1.83
" 2F " "	:	100	"	1. 7.83
" 3 " "	:	100	"	1. 2.84
" ASB8 " "	:	100	"	1.12.84
" 11 " "	:	200	"	1. 9.85
Treasury Bonds	:	2100	"	15.10.93

Memorial Bursary:

Series 2C Special Bonds	:	100	maturing	1.10.80
" 2E " "	:	200	"	1. 1.83
" 4 " "	:	300	"	1. 4.84
" 11 " "	:	100	"	1. 9.85
Treasury Bonds	:	300	"	15.10.93

Bonds Lodged with the Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia
Pendle Way, Pendle Hill, N.S.W.

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TREASURER.

Comments and Recommendation: At a time of inflation & rising costs it is becoming increasingly difficult to finance our Overseas Travel Fund to meet costs of Delegates and Observers to the A.C.W.C. Assembly.

The response from the State Units following an urgent request by the National Committee for assistance to help meet costs for the forthcoming A.C.W.C. Assembly in Japan this year is worthy of commendation. However the problem remains.

To ease the burden on State Unit resources it is recommended that all avenues are explored by State Units to obtain funds, on a continual basis, perhaps from denominational sources, and that such funds raised be sent Half yrly/yearly to the National Committee Overseas Travel Fund.