



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held on 10th floor 222 Pitt Street, Monday 10 April 2006, 11.45a.m.

Following the Annual General Meeting Past President Jean Porteous opened the meeting in prayer.

PRESENT: 39 as recorded.

APOLOGIES: 16 as recorded.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of 20 March, 2006 were confirmed on the motion of Irene Roberts and Joan Bird. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Service of Dedication and Installation, Monday 15 May 2006 at 11.00 am at Mary Immaculate & St Athanasius Church, 50 Whistler Street, Manly. President Elect, Carmel Keys indicated that a cup of tea would be available before the service for those travelling long distances.
2. Nominations for certificates of appreciation. Enquiries are still being made to complete the list, and Council members were asked to speak up if they had been on Council for 15 years or more, or to tell of others who have reached this milestone.
3. Following Joan Tong's suggestion regarding the Christian message of Christmas, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Bible Society with a copy of Joan's submission. A draft has been prepared and will be forwarded to the Bible Society within the next few days.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Helen Richardson reported that the balance at the beginning of March was \$1743.03, and the balance at the end of March was \$1881.91. Moved Helen, seconded Pam Freeman that the report be received, and payments of accounts approved. Carried.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: In Janet Lang's absence Nancy McLaren led a short devotional from Circle of Prayer – Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12 Two are better than one, because together they can work more effectively . . . Proverbs 3: 5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart . . .

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Winsome Penn brought a request from Pat Walker concerning financial assistance for four women from Bangladesh to attend the ACWC Assembly in October. Council members were given the opportunity to make a contribution and an amount of \$245 was collected. The Trading Table had brought in \$45, and it was agreed that an amount of \$300 be sent to National Executive for forwarding to ACWC.

MEMBERSHIP & PASTORAL CARE: Heather Badgery reported that Shirley Wells is now at Mt Wilga for rehabilitation following her recent hip operation. Beryl Kirkwood has a broken bone in her foot. Ruth Dickenson, whose son died, is surprised at how much at peace she is.

SPECIAL DAYS: Packing day for Fellowship Day orders of service is set down for 22 May 2006 from 9.30 on level 9 and packers are welcome.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

ACW National – Minutes 6/3/2006

Olive Beverley – Seven Hills/Toongabbie Branch Report

Margaret Ralph – re Heather Stevens who died recently

ACWC report 4/2006

Bev Elliott – Kincumber Area Branch Report

Valma Pethybridge – Special Days Report

Glebe Trust – statements

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CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward) continued:

PPSEAWA – Executive positions 2006/7

UCA Sydney Day Mission Support Group – Mission Get-Together 29/5/2006 Lakemba UC

UCAF Newsletter 3/2006

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

Barbara Lacy – confirming National Conference Minutes/Working Papers had been sent to National Library Canberra as soon as Minutes were available.

Mrs Joy Arnold – re Baptist President Elect

NSW Ministers/Shadow Ministers for Health – re mental health

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

The Special Project chosen for World Community Day this year is Joseph's Corner support service to families living with alcohol/drug addiction. It was agreed that we respond to National that we endorse the project, but feel more information would have been helpful.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

1. Day Conference is set down for 18 September 2006. The day will incorporate a time when we can hear of work being done, hopefully with the focus on women and families. Council members were asked to advise Carmel Keys of any organisations that might be considered and approached to supply a speaker. There will also be a 'spiritual enrichment' component to the day. It was noted that Vivian Cheung, the present Winifred Kiek Scholar from New South Wales might be available to come.

2. Nomination of Thora Thomas for a National Council of Women honour to go ahead. Lyn Middleton will attend the Jean Arnot luncheon later this month where the award will be made to the selected 90 year old.

3. Beryl McLaughlin showed a small booklet produced by the Women's Christian Temperance Union – *Mocktail Recipes* – for non-alcoholic drinks. She also had a 'match book' containing forget-me-not seeds, with the message directed to expectant mothers, asking them to forgo alcohol during pregnancy for the well-being of the foetus.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Council agreed to a proposal to research and collate profiles of Presidents of NSW Women's Inter Church Council/ACW NSW Unit. A list of past presidents was available along with the guidelines for information as was used for *Honouring Australian Church Women* entries. Denominational delegations are asked to gather the information and a photo for presidents who represented them. It is hoped that this might be done by the latter part of 2006.

CLOSE & BLESSING: Lyn Middleton closed the meeting with prayer

NEXT MEETING: 19 June 2006

CHAIRS: Baptist

MORNING TEA: Churches of Christ

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____