

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL,
HELD AT THE PITT ST. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SYDNEY, ON MONDAY,
19TH AUGUST, 1974, AT 10.30 A.M.

PRESENT: Miss D. Mitchell, President, (in the Chair) and 38 members and visitors, (as listed in Attendance Book).

OPENING: The President opened the meeting with a devotional reading and prayers, after which she welcomed interstate visitors, Mrs. J. Smith, President, and Deaconess N. Norris, Vice-President, of the Working Committee of A.C.W., and Mrs. E. Dingle, member of the Queensland Unit of A.C.W., and new Council members, Revd. Lillian Livingstone, Congregational, and Mesdames Brock and Woodhouse, Methodist.

APOLOGIES: Mesdames Bent, Curtin, Fishburn, Gilbert, Hill, Montgomerie, Peterson, Saunders, Miss Hale, Major Wenables.

MINUTES: It was agreed that the Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 24th June, 1974, be ~~take~~ read and confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING: Morning Tea held on 12th August. The President thanked all who had helped to make this such an enjoyable and successful function, in particular Deaconess Mary Andrews for her very interesting talk. As a result the sum of \$44.08 had been added to the Travel Fund.
President Elect- It was reported that a letter had been sent to the Baptist Women's Fellowship inviting them to make a nomination.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was received:-

Mrs. Montgomerie, reply to President's letter expressing the sympathy of Council members in her illness. It was reported that Mrs. Montgomerie was making a good recovery from her accident.

Mrs. Carpenter, advising her retirement from the Council. It was agreed to place on record the deep appreciation of the Council for the fine contribution to its work made over many years by Mrs. Carpenter and to invite her to attend a later meeting at which our thanks might be expressed to her personally.

National Council of Women/NSW- Invitation to the Child Care Week Luncheon, to be held at the Wentworth Hotel on Wednesday, 25th September, 1974.

Methodist Women's Federation- Invitation to Women's Day, 1974, at the Lyceum Theatre, October 11th, at 10.30 a.m.

Salvation Army, supplying names of their representatives to Council, Mrs. Pack to be their representative on the Executive.

Miss J. Skuse, A.C.C./ N.S.W. Council- reply to our letter regarding representation on their Council. Agreed this be referred to Executive.

Mrs. Huthnance, Girls' Brigade- Advising her inability to continue as a member of Council. Agreed that a letter be sent expressing our thanks for her interest.

Mrs. M. Tulip, accepting our invitation to attend the September meeting and to speak.

Mrs. Ham, apologising for absence from meetings and advising that she hopes to be able to attend more regularly in future.

REPORTS: Hon. Treasurer presented her financial statement and requested permission to pay accounts-- A.C.W. Notelets- \$ 22.50; M. Willis, Duplicating- \$4.60. This was agreed to.

The President advised that Mrs. Perriam, who had been acting as Hon. Treasurer for some months, would be willing to accept appointment as Hon. Treasurer for the remainder of the financial year. Deaconess Andrews moved, seconded Miss Lee that Mrs. Perriam be so appointed. Carried unanimously.

Mrs. Perriam then moved that the bank account be transferred from the Eastwood branch of the Commonwealth Bank to the St. James, City, branch, and that the President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary be authorised to act as signatories. Seconded Deaconess Andrews and carried.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship- Mrs. Smith reported that a number of applications had been received by the Working Committee from Africa. Mrs. Dougherty spoke of a letter received recently from Kalpana Airan, telling of the progress of her work.

Fellowship Day- Mrs. Down reported on the recent observance in city, and suburban and country centres- 23 reports so far received- collections totalling approx. \$ 530., a number still to come in. It was agreed to write to Canberra Churchwomen expressing appreciation of the Order of Service which they had compiled.

GREETINGS: Mrs. Smith brought greetings from the Working Committee of A.C.W., Deaconess Norris from the S.A. Unit, A.C.W., and Mrs. Dingle from the Queensland Unit. These ladies had attended during the previous weekend the Conference organised by the A.C.C. Status of Women Commission and referred to various matters discussed there.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR COUNCIL: Mrs. M. Marsden Smedley presented a very interesting report of the recent Conference of this Council held in Newcastle.

STUDY SEMINAR: Mrs. M. Ralph reported on the Seminar organised by a joint Committee of women of the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian Churches on "Social Injustice", as part of their Study on "The Quality of Life".

The President thanked Mrs. Marsden Smedley and Mrs. Ralph for their valuable contributions to this meeting.

OPEN DAY: Plans were made for Open Day on Monday 16th September and publicity leaflets distributed.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Mrs. Dougherty conducted this segment of the programme.

CLOSURE: The President closed the meeting at 12.30 p.m.

Confirmed

Date

Deens Mitchell
14.10.74

Treasurers Statement 12-8-74 - 10-9-74

General Account.

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>
Balance at 12-8-74	\$567.99	M. N. Wilkes-
Yostung Tea	45.08	Replication \$4.60
Affiliation Fees	12.40	Balance
		10-9-74 620.87
	<u>\$625.47</u>	<u>\$625.47</u>

World Community Day

\$9.52

Fellowship Day

Balance at 12-8-74	\$168.61
Receipts	<u>566.09</u>
W. K. Scholast	<u>19.00</u>
	<u>\$753.70</u>

Fellowship of Leach & Corn

Balance at 12-8-74	\$298.94
Receipts	<u>124.57</u>
	<u>\$423.51</u>