



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NSW STATE UNIT INC.

Minutes Council Meeting – Monday 17th March 2014 - held at 222 Pitt St Sydney

WELCOMES: President Isabel Hewitt welcomed all persons to the meeting

DEVOTIONS: Isabel spoke of a hymn written for the season of Lent by James McAuley, its focus being fasting and prayer for Easter. 'Now we fast that we may feast where the Lord of Life presides; May our hunger be increased for the bread which he provides – minds and bodies we prepare for the joy of Easter dawn.' Furthermore there was the suggestion that instead of giving up something for Lent that something be taken up. E.g Give up grumbling – instead give thanks. Etc. There is no 'right' way to prepare for Easter. With so many choices we should ensure that we choose what we think will be best for us.

PRESENT: 36 **APOLOGIES:** 7 [Card signed for Shirley Wells for her birthday]

CONFIRMATION of MINUTES: The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday were confirmed on the motion of Janice Willis and seconded by Jan Jeffrey. Passed

BUSINESS ARISING from the MINUTES:

National executive [NSW] 2013-2015. Major Lyn Middleton said that it had been agreed at the February National Executive meeting to partner with New South Wales State Unit Inc in paying the costs for the storage of archival materials from National and NSW State Unit, which have been moved to a new location. Denise Secomb would like suggestions for speakers at the National Conference in 2015. Shirley Mitchell has responded positively to the request to take on the role of National Social Issues Convener. This is to be ratified by all Units. Isabel asked that New South Wales State Unit Inc ratify this proposal. Passed unanimously.

Application from New South Wales State Unit Inc for National Special Project 2014. It was reported that a decision will be made at the National Executive meeting being held after this meeting.

Vacancy for State Life Member NSW: Isabel outlined the parameters for selection. Must have been a member of New South Wales State Unit Inc at least 10 years, and served on NSW Executive. Further consideration to be made.

Vacancies for 2014/15 NSW State Executive: All positions excepting President are declared vacant and require nominations for the next year. Urgent need for a Treasurer. Nomination forms available. These need to be processed by 17th March.

Pamela requested that all reports for the Annual Report be sent by 21st March, preferably electronically. Pamela requires confirmation of names and details for those to receive the Annual Report and those to whom invitations are to be sent for the Dedication Day and Installation of the Incoming President in May.

ACWC Function Proposal: Pamela stated that Helen Hill and Janet Harrison have indicated their willingness to oversight the catering for the day. A photographer is required and a person to present a report for *Newsette*. There are already those who have indicated that they will participate on the day. Date: Sunday 24th August 2.00pm to 4.00pm at Epping Baptist Church.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: In the absence of Helen Richardson, Carmel Keys presented this report. The bank balance as at end of February was \$4951.64. The accounts for payment were presented. Carmel moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by Lt Pat Cory.

Fellowship of the Least Coin: No report

Special Days: The orders of Service for Fellowship Day 2014 have arrived and will be available for collection at the April meeting. The Order of Service for World Community Day 2104 which was the responsibility of NSW Unit has been prepared by the Cootamundra Branch. Lyn presented this to NSW Unit for ratification so that it can be passed on to NE. Lyn showed a copy of the latest Newsletter from The Salvation Army Safe House for Trafficked People – last year's Special Project. Has now been in operation for 5 years. Emerging issue is the support of women and children affected by forced marriage. Empowering women to rebuild their lives is of great significance to the Safe House. Handcrafted items are available for sale. 100% of profits goes to the persons making the items. Google – irwinlr.com and click on 'significance'.

Mrs Anjali Abbot was welcomed to the meeting visiting Sydney from the WA Unit.

Winifred Kiek Scholars: The W.K.S AGM report is in. Pamphlets are printed and available at this meeting. Leinamau [2007. Vanuatu] Appreciates prayers. The experience of the help of the WK Scholarship has encouraged her to continue with her studies. End of March will do 2 week Intensive course on Leadership and Management. Would like to study for degree at Pacific Theological College in Fiji in 2015.

Social Issues: Rae Goth brought to the attention of the meeting the issues regarding 1) Homelessness and the removal of Govt funding; 2) A need to 'take clear steps to reenergize the Geneva peace talks' regarding the Syrian conflict. 3) Domestic Violence. NSW Govt urging people in these situations to report same.

Pastoral Care: Nola Dickson reported in place of Helen Hill who is now walking with the aid of walking sticks. Jennifer Peffer is still in hospital recuperating from knee surgery. Lillian Hodges has undergone shoulder surgery. Nola has welcomed her 14th great grandchild. Joy Inglis and Beatrice Kay have each welcomed a new grandchild.

Newsette: In Jennifer's absence, the reminder was given that all items for inclusion in the May edition of *Newsette* need to be in by April 6th

Publicity: Isabel tabled a flyer advertising the Dedication Day 2014. Copies were distributed.

The reports were received on the motion of Beatrice Kay and Judith Cayzer.

CORRESPONDENCE: [Inwards]

Notice of Contacts for Executives in each Unit [from National Executive]
from N.E copy of revised National Constitution

Resignation of Mavis Cole as Anglican Representative for New South Wales State Unit Inc Council

Prayer requests from ACWC re floods in Northern Indonesia and volcanic activity in Indonesia

Copy of invitation for observers to attend the ACW quadrennial Assembly in October 2014 at the Philippines.

Information regarding nomination for the Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon Friday 9th May 2014.

Forms relating to NCW conference in Alice Springs 27-29 May 2014.

SPAN – quarterly magazine for Presbyterian Women

CORRESPONDENCE: [Outwards]

Response to Mavis Coleman

To Council members – draft copy of evacuation procedures for Council meetings at Pitt Street

To Council members – re: prayer request from ACW regarding Indonesia.

To Council Members Copy of invitation for observers to ACWC Quadrennial Assembly October 2014.

Correspondence was accepted on the motion of Pamela Freeman and Lyn Middleton

BUSINESS ARISING from the CORRESPONDENCE:

Nominations for Jean Arnot Luncheon – Nola Dickson and Merle Menzies are possibilities.

HOUNRING AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN: Deferred from the November meeting due to demands on time. Isabel gave summaries of work of Patricia Dodd [Anglican – Tasmania]; Florence Marshall [Uniting - Victoria]; Marjorie Scurlock AM [Anglican W.A.]; Shirley Wells [Baptist – NSW]; Dorothy Wright [Sth Aust].

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

Installation and Dedication Service Monday 19th May 2014. Isabel handed out flyers for distribution to the event. Natalie McLeod to be contacted regarding the catering. Further invitations to be sent to guests for the day.

Evacuation Procedures from Council Meetings: Following the forced evacuation at last meeting Isabel prepared a flyer for the members to review which was sent to members of Council. It was stressed that all need to sign in at the reception desk if arriving late. Martha is to take ACW list from the meeting with her for checking persons present. Those needing assistance need to keep to the side of the stairs with rail while leaving the building. Persons not able to walk to Hyde Park are to check with President or Martha and meet at the entry to the Pitt Street Plaza outside Westfield. It is important that names are marked off so that all persons present are accounted for. Wait for further instructions before re-entering the building.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED to ATTEND: PPSEAWA luncheon; Mothers' Union Service 11/4/2014.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

Bible Society: Rhyllis reported on services attended in conjunction with WDP 2014.

Girls' Brigade: Elizabeth brought news of training weekends family fun days and National Camp in Queensland. New Brigade commenced in Deniliquin- uniforms passed on from other brigades. Next copy of *Brigade Affect* coming soon. Visited Tamworth, Armidale and Casino.

NSW Ecumenical Council: Half yearly meeting featured reports from the Korean WCC Assembly. The Bruderhof Community from near Inverell has been accepted as member. Isabel to order extra copies of book produced by that community '*Rich in Years*'

National Council of Women [NCW]: No report - Jean Arnot Luncheon

Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association [PPSEAWA] Edith Ridge requested prayer for the President.

World Day of Prayer: Report given of the World Day of Prayer 2014, where the focus was on Egypt with an email from Egypt being read telling of conditions there. Recent events have allowed Christians and others to freely discuss their faith. Persecution gives opportunities for living the faith. Olive Edmonstone represented ACW at the Mary Jones Luncheon in December.

[1st Thursday in December]

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Members of Council ratified the Order of Service prepared by Cootamundra Branch for World Community Day 2014.

The Committee led by Lynette Green on the Future of ACW set up at National Conference in Perth in which Beatrice Kay is to take part is to meet by electronic means before the end of March.

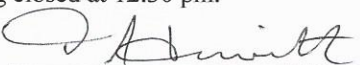
Anjali Abbot brought a greeting from Western Australia and spoke briefly to Council.

Thanks to the Anglican ladies for morning tea and the Uniting ladies for chair duties.

NEXT MEETING: AGM and Council April 14th .Morning Tea Uniting Ladies - Chair Duties Catholic ladies
Trading Table in 2014 to be arranged by Presbyterian ladies.

Isabel closed with a prayer as written by Brother Roger of Taizé.

Meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

Signed 

Date 14 / 4 / 2014

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
1 FEBRUARY - 28 FEBRUARY 2014

CREDIT BALANCE AT BANK 1 February 2014	4547.96
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INCOME February 2014

Newsette	280.00	
FLC	401.90	
Travel	102.00	
Fees	80.00	
ACWC News	12.00	
Bank Interest	0.03	
	875.93	
		5423.89

PAYMENTS February 2014

I. Hewitt - Australia Day Lunch	80.00	
M. Noel - Envelopes & stamps	17.25	
Uniting Church - Donation	300.00	
PPSEAWA - President to attend IWD	35.00	
PPSEAWA - Affiliation Fee	40.00	
	472.25	

4951.64

Cash at Bank

4968.89

Cheque not yet presented

17.25

Cash book balance

4951.64

ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID: