

## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING, 10am 11th SEPTEMBER 2001  
held in Koorong Bookstore Staff Room, 198 Waymouth Street Adelaide.



**WELCOME** President Marj Dredge welcomed all present.

**DEVOTIONS** From the book "Hope for a Woman's Soul" Marj read a short piece by Barbara Johnson entitled 'God is constant and true'. Our lives should reflect this and people should be able to see in our faces that Jesus is indeed 'our living hope'.  
Marj led in prayer.

**PRESENT** Marj Dredge in Chair, Shirley Birch, Laurice Smith, Maureen Clark, Dorothy Chapman, Dorothy Ferrier, Margaret Greenslade, Mavis Ellis, Barbara Grealy, Shirley Sampson & Marj Crawford.

**MINUTES** of the meeting of 21/08/01 were signed as correct.

### **BUSINESS ARISING from the Minutes.**

1 Darwin Address - National Executive was contacted by Mrs Margaret McDermid, 3/51 Chapman Road, RAPID CREEK NT 0810 who had been given 'ACW News' sent to Darwin to the NT Council of Churches office and she asked for information to be sent to her so that she could tell her congregation about ACW.

2 Gift for auditors - \$100 Westfield Gift Voucher to be purchased for each auditor. **Agreed**

**CORRESPONDENCE** - on Page 3. Inwards received, Outwards endorsed.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE**

1(9) 10 copies of the book 'Betwixt and Between' by Deaconess Thora Thomas to be obtained on consignment for the National Conference bookstall.

2(13) Mr Doug Napier's letter of thanks to all ACW members will be printed in ACW News. Following Margaret's death he had received many letters of condolence.

### **TREASURER**

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m D Chapman, s M Clark that the report be adopted

**Agreed**

**Accounts passed for payment** - L Smith \$52.50 Conference expenses; \$200 for Gift Vouchers; \$60.75 Minute Secretary; \$50 E Ridge reimbursement for purchase of filing cabinet - m D Chapman, s L Smith

**Agreed**

**Conference Expenses** - m S Birch, s M Ellis that these be paid as they fall due.

**Agreed**

### **REPORTS**

1. **WKS Convener** - Dorothy Ferrier

The Trustees met on 4 September and considered the motions to be put to Conference. It was the last meeting for Jess Horton (Treasurer) and Dorothy Ferrier (Convener) and we were delighted to have an opportunity to meet the two Trustees-designate - Christine Barber (Anglican) and Cate Clarke (Uniting).

The Trustees will meet after the National Conference, when the application forms will be reviewed. Applications will be sought from Australia for the year 2003.

I have received an academic report for Mai Zin Zin Wah together with a Trinity Theological College Year Book. The book contains a lovely photo of Mai and the caption expressed her grateful thanks for the scholarship. She obviously enjoyed her time in Singapore and we will continue to remember her in our prayers.

2 **FLC Convener** - Margaret Greenslade

Alice Spring Branch has requested more FLC coin boxes which have been sent.

Australian Faith Community Nurses Assoc have held 5 seminars in Western Australia through part of the grant received from ICFLC. It is anticipated that further courses will be conducted in February or March 2002.

3 **Social Justice Convener** - Mavis Ellis

A very belated report has been received from the Victorian Social Justice Convener.

**REPORTS - cont**

**4 Publicity - Barbara Greal**

Flyers were sent to the denominations publicising the Ecumenical Service for the National Conference.

**ACWC REPORT - Barbara Lacy**

I am home safely from ACWC visitation to Indonesia (Jakarta/Sumba Island/Kupang). The purpose was to meet the new ACWC national representative to Indonesia, Rev Jerda Djawa, and inform her of ACWC. She is a bright young woman and will do well.

She arranged a visiting program to the Women's Commissions of the Christian Church of Sumba (DKS). She chose Sumba as it is predominately Christian and safe. Padma and I gave 10/12 presentations in 5 days on the structure, programs of ACWC and FLC. Some knew of FLC but not ACWC - they know now. So does Rev Jerda as she was our translator. Having translators in Laos and Indonesia helped to slow down my speech - hope it lasts. Sumba was very primitive and I mastered squat toilets and a shower was to tip a bucket of cold water over oneself! It was an exhausting trip via small planes and jeeps. Padma has not emailed me as yet - she would be so tired, like yours truly. I have yet to write my report.

Mrs Kitty Hamilton, r.i.p. Kitty, aged 90, of New Zealand, passed away at the end of August. Kitty was an executive member of the ACWC Planning Committee from 1962-1966. I advised Rathie Selvaratnam as they worked together on this committee and were good friends

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Conference matters were discussed.

**Closure - Marj led in prayer**

Confirmed.....  
National President

Date .....

**Our group will meet on 9 October at 10am at the home of Mrs Barbara Greal, 13 David Read Lodge  
462 Henley Beach Road, Lockleys.**

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## Financial Report for month ending 31st August 2001

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| Balance 1-8-01                                     |                    | 10,770.11        |
| <b>Receipts</b>                                    |                    |                  |
| National Conference - registration & accommodation | 9,885.00           |                  |
| Fellowships Day Offering - Alice Springs Branch    | 175.50             |                  |
| <b>Sales</b>                                       |                    |                  |
| WA Unit - ACW Badges                               | <u>24.00</u>       | <u>10,084.50</u> |
|  |                    | 20,854.61        |
| <b>Payments</b>                                    |                    |                  |
| National Conference Expenses - M Clark             | 629.18             |                  |
| ACW Incoming National Executive - Administration   | 1,000.00           |                  |
| Open Book Publishers - ACW News                    | 176.00             |                  |
| Dishonoured cheque - 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2001    | 245.00             |                  |
| <b>Petty Cash</b>                                  |                    |                  |
| Secretary, M Clark                                 | <u>26.53</u>       | <u>2,076.71</u>  |
| Balance 31-8-01                                    |                    | <u>18,777.90</u> |
| Balance cheque account as per bank statement       | 18,777.90          |                  |
| Term Deposit maturing 31-8-01                      | 5,330.20           |                  |
| Term Deposit maturing 23-9-01                      | <u>6,348.30</u>    |                  |
| Total Balance 31-8-01                              | <u>30,456.40</u>   |                  |
| <b>DESIGNATED FUNDS SUMMARY</b>                    |                    |                  |
| Administration                                     | 908.94             |                  |
| WKS - Fellowship Day                               | 175.50             |                  |
| National Conference Fund                           | 26,053.86          |                  |
| Overseas Conference Fund                           | <u>3,318.10</u>    |                  |
|  | <u>\$30,456.40</u> |                  |

### CORRESPONDENCE:

#### Inwards:

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|---------|--|
| 23/8/01 | 1. ACW(WA Unit) re bromide for printing letterhead and theme for Incoming National Executive |
| 24/8/01 | 2. Commonwealth Women's Network re Workshops to be held in conjunction with CHOGM            |
| 24/8/01 | 3. Emails from Iluminada Acuna-Domingo and Uma David re travel arrangements                  |
| 28/8/01 | 4. Email from Esther Byu re travel arrangements  |
| 30/8/01 | 5. ACW(SA Unit) minutes meeting 10/8/01  |
| 5/9/01  | 6. ACW(QLD Unit) minutes meeting 23/7/01   |
| 5/9/01  | 7. Mothers' Union Australia greetings for conference   |
| 6/9/01  | 8. ACW(NSW Unit) minutes meetings 18/6/01 & 20/8/01  |
| 7/9/01  | 9. Deaconess Thora Thomas forwarding copy of her book 'Betwixt and Between'                  |
| 7/9/01  | 10. Vera Wilson greetings for conference   |
| 9/9/01  | 11. Churches of Christ Women's Ministries apology and greeting for Conference                |
| 9/9/01  | 12. Emails B Lacy ACWC report and Nancy Lin confirmation of Esther Byu's travel arrangements |
| 19/9/01 | 13. DOUG NAPIER THANK YOU TO ALL ACW MEMBERS FOR CONDOLENCES                                 |

### PUBLICATIONS:

'Through Your Eyes' Bulletin 14

BPW AUSTRALIA CHAT PAGE

#### Outwards:

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|---------|--|
| 22/8/01 | 1. Archdeacon John Collas re Ecumenical Service (from Laurice Smith)               |
| 25/8/01 | 2. Cathy Langley, Functions Coordinator Adelaide Town Hall, info re ACW activities |
| 25/8/01 | 3. Circular 2001/19 to all Units   |
| 25/8/01 | 4. ACW(WA Unit) reply to No.1 Inwards  |
| 27/8/01 | 5. Mrs Margaret McDermid, Darwin   |