

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. STATE UNIT

Minutes of the Council Meeting, held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday, 13 April, 1992.

OPENING. The meeting opened following the Annual General Meeting of the Council, the President, Mrs Major Joan Tong being in the Chair.

WELCOMES. Mrs Helen Danko, representing the Ukrainian Orthodox Sisterhood of Australia, was welcomed as an official delegate. New Catholic delegates have been appointed and Sister Patricia de Coek was welcomed. We look forward to meeting new delegate, Mrs Elaine Giddy, who asked to be excused from this meeting. Major Glenys Holly was welcomed, representing the Chatswood-Willoughby Branch, as was Mrs Anne Burton from the Strathfield-Homebush Branch.

THOSE PRESENT. As recorded, there were 46 present and 14 APOLOGIES.

MINUTES of the March 16 Meeting. The Minutes were taken as read and **CONFIRMED.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

1. Denominational Task Groups. All meetings were reported as helpful. Guidelines for these groups are being prepared.
2. Festival of Flowers. Members were asked to remember the collection tin for this festival.
3. Minutes of the National Committee. Members who asked for these were invited to collect their copies after the meeting.
4. Trading Table. We were again reminded that Deaconess Andrews will welcome goods and customers for this venture. We are allocated \$150 to be sent to the National Treasurer each year for the International Travel Fund. To reach this amount, we depend on the proceeds of the Trading Table and the money donated for morning teas. Members were thanked for their support during 1991. We were able to send an amount \$28 over our allocation to the Fund.
5. President's Installation. The President-elect reported on the arrangements for the service and the luncheon. We are pleased to report that Bishop Bede Heather will attend the service and that the Lord Mayor of Parramatta and his wife have also sent an acceptance. Travel information for those coming by train or by bus was shared. Parking for cars may be a problem, but helpful information was given.

REPORTS.

1. Treasurer. The Treasurer will present a three-month statement of accounts at the June Council meeting. The books have been audited and the Annual Statement was adopted at the Annual General Meeting.
2. F.L.C. Circle of Prayer number 12 has arrived and is selling for \$2. The convenor had new cardboard money boxes and FLC brochures for distribution. The FLC box was sent around the meeting and the prayers offered came from the Circle of Prayer 12, the Voice From Ireland.
3. W.K.S. A letter of thanks for the books sent to her at Christmas has been received from Doreen Tie. Also a letter from Rachel Sobana tells us that she is well and her work is going well. Her mother's treatment was successful and she is well at the present time, but Rachel asks for our prayers still. Ana, the 1992 scholar, has been to a camp with 700 children and will go to camp again during Easter. She is enjoying her work in Tasmania. It is hoped that she will be in Sydney at the time of our June Council.
4. Promotions. The Convenor has sent 4 information kits to people requesting them in the Turrumurra area. Packing Day will be at 12.30 in Room A on May 11.

From the Executive Meeting. 1. These financial matters needed confirming. a. Donation to the Uniting Church for the use of the meeting rooms. Moved that we give a donation of \$200 to the U.C.A. Confirmed. b. Partners With ACWC. Confirmed that we send to National Treasurer the balance owing for our contribution of \$500 (\$402)

c. Pen Project. Profit of \$1,000 to be placed in our investment fund with the Glebe Board. Carried.

2. From Deaconess Andrews. Mary reported that she was the speaker at a meeting of the Parramatta Support Group, at St. John's Cathedral. Ninety to one hundred people meet monthly and support the work of their number who go into the courts to support witnesses and other people concerned with the work of the courts. At this meeting, thanks were expressed by the Inspector and the head of Parramatta Police for the work done by such people. As a result of Mary speaking to this meeting, ACW received a donation of \$200 for our work. The Treasurer is sending a receipt and a letter of thanks.

CORRESPONDENCE. The Inwards and Outwards Correspondence as listed was received and dealt with.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Members were encouraged to support the appeal for used clothing and other saleable items from Barnado's as they felt able.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. The Council will meet next at the Annual Dedication and Installation of the President Service on May 18 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta at 11 a.m.

2. Hostesses were thanked for the morning tea today and the Uniting Church ladies were reminded that they will be hosts at the June meeting on June 15. The Salvation Army ladies to prepare the room.

CLOSING. There being no further business, the meeting closed with the President saying the Benediction.

Confirmed.



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