

MINUTES OF MEETING OF N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL HELD AT
140 ELIZABETH ST. SYDNEY ON MONDAY 18TH JUNE 1973 AT 10.30 A.M.

OPENING. The new President, Mrs. Win Dougherty conducted the opening devotions.

Welcome was extended to Mrs. Lockley, alternate for Mrs. Nixon (City)

PRESENT were 32 members, as per the attendance book.

APOLOGIES were received from Miss Lee and Mesdames Chambers, Martin, Nixon, Lean, Groat, Davis, Humble, Holz, Hawkins, Vickery and Corlett.

MINUTES of Meeting held on 16th April 1973 were read and confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Function for Overseas Travel Fund. Mrs. Ralph reported on Mrs. Martin's behalf that the illustrated talk by Deaconess Andrews on her overseas trips will be held in the Shop Front Church, Pitt Street, at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 30th July. It was agreed that the refreshments be served at the conclusion of the talk, i.e. light luncheon rather than morning tea. Several members offered to help with the catering, etc. and \$6.40 was contributed by members towards the cost of sandwiches, teamilk and sugar.
2. Opera House Festivities Committee. Mrs. Pfeiffer reported on developments. It was agreed, in association with the City Women's Inter-Church Fellowship and the World Day of Prayer Committee, that visitors to Sydney be invited to World Community Day to be held in St. James', King Street on Friday, 19th October probably at 12 noon. It was agreed that a sub-committee, consisting of Mrs. Pfeiffer (convener) and Mesdames Ritchie, Curtin, Carpenter, Stanhope and Bragg meet with the representatives of the City Churches on Monday, 25th June to make the necessary arrangements. (Brig. R. Smith will be Mrs. Carpenter's alternate on this occasion, and Mrs. Montgomerie will attend for Mrs. Bragg).

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A.C.W. re Fares and Special Donation for W.K.S. It was agreed that A.C.W. be advised that we pay the fare of one representative to the National Committee Meetings from the percentage of special day offerings retained for administrative purposes. It was agreed that we send \$150, being the offering from the Rally plus an amount from general funds, towards the cost of Miss Kalpana Airan's visit to New Zealand. Denominational representatives were asked to encourage those not attending Fellowship Day services to support the Winifred Kiek Scholarship fund.
2. Deaconess Andrews, written from England.

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REPORTS:

1. Finance. The statement of receipts and payments prepared by Miss Lee and showing credit balances of \$688.71 General A/c, \$275.84 F.L.C., \$32.36 Fellowship Day and \$34.80 W.C.Day, was read and received. The following account was passed for payment: A.C.W. \$86.40 for Pens and \$45 for Notelets.
2. Promotion. Mrs. Carpenter listed the various Fellowship Day Services and advised members of the literature available.
3. Annual Service. A large proportion of the Council attended the very inspiring service and very successful social occasion following. It was agreed that a greeting be sent to Mrs. Cowled who had arranged the hospitality but was in hospital for the Service.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Publicity of Church Women's Activities in Newspapers, etc. Mrs. Bragg raised this topic, expressing concern that it was so difficult to get any publicity about church women's groups and church news generally. After much discussion, it was agreed that we should write to the National Council of Women expressing our concern and seeking their support and suggestions, so that a more positive picture of the church can be presented to the general community. It was also suggested that individual members should write to the Sydney Morning Herald, seeking to have the Churches and Churchmen article published on Saturdays again, instead of Fridays. The State Council of the A.C.C. and the Council of Churches in N.S.W. and the member churches might be asked to support a campaign to have more church news in the daily press.
2. Mrs. Marsden-Smedley raised some questions about the Council's association with the Good Neighbour Council and what we had done to assist migrants, and we hope to discuss the matter at the next meeting.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Mrs. Stanhope lead in us the devotional from Circle of Prayer.

BENEDICTION.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the Benediction.

M. Ralph

Confirmed:

W. Dougherty
Date: 28/6/73