

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC.

Minutes of the meeting of the National Executive held on Tuesday, 11th May, 2010 at 1.45 pm at 65 Flinders Street, ADELAIDE.

Margaret Flint opened the meeting at 1.50pm and welcomed everyone. We acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, the Kaurna people.

PRESENT: M. Flint; J. Burge; M. Clark; D. Ferrier; C. Barber; M. Greenslade; K. Smith; P. Walker; W. McKeand.

APOLOGIES: J. Brown; D. Bryan; B. Dickinson.

REFLECTION: Chris asked us to think of Jesus coming into His full power with the Father and the Holy Spirit at the Ascension. As we approach this time we should feel the presence of God in our lives.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were accepted with the following corrections :-
Business Arising No. 5. Alter to 30th April.

No. 7 Alter toOccasional news has been distributed by Judy. The National News will be sent by Judy.

WKS report alter mither to mother.

General Business – Immanuel not Emmanuel.

M.Clark/D. Ferrier.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Conference 2011 Public Liability, program ideas, fundraising ideas. Defer to GB..
2. Three replies received from states re **public liability**. Chris moved that the reports be tabled, seconded Maureen. Passed.
3. **Special Days** – Judith Brown sent out details of the proposed Special Days Project for 2010 being Allowah Presbyterian Children's Home at Dundas, NSW. There has been a positive response received from most State and Territory Units. She therefore **moved that this project be confirmed** so that she can inform each State and Territory that this is the accepted project for **2010**.
This was passed K. Smith/P. Walker.
4. **Circle of Prayer** – Juanita Miller, ACW Tas Unit was interested in submitting an item.
5. **Reflection Day**, 23rd July, Sunset Rock Uniting Church, Stirling. Invitation to the SA Unit. BYO Lunch, tea and coffee provided. **Margaret** will liaise with Geraldine. Margaret, Chris and Dorothy will take passengers from the city if required. **Judy** will contact Aileen and speak at the Friday meeting of ACW SA Unit. **Judy and Margaret** will make up a flyer. Winifred Book will be given to Geraldine. \$2.00 gold coin donation to cover expenses.
6. Focus on Incorporation rules. Defer to GB.
7. **Margaret** will ask Brenda to link with Ewan to update the website.
8. A letter will be sent to Lee Moon Sook to congratulate her on her appointment as Executive Secretary of ACWC at the General Assembly. A letter of thanks will also be sent to Shu-Wen. Judy will present them at the assembly.
Margaret and Judy.

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9. Equal Work for Equal Pay letter was circulated to the National Executive.
10. The Secretary wrote to Margaret Florence Sec. QLD Unit in reference to their letter re Jodie Forsyth's request for stories on women, advising that Winifred Kiek had a book written about her and that Jodie could be advised that this book may be purchased.
11. International FLC grant application. Defer to GB.
12. Both Occasional News and National News have been circulated. Results have been good. Corozon replied that she found the National News interesting, inspiring and fun. **Margaret** will oversee the next National News and **Kath and Maureen** will help her.
13. AWC "Face to Face" meeting in Sydney. Defer to AWC report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial statement for Australian Church Women Inc. National Executive as at 30th April, 2010.

Balance Brought Forward			\$31,501.03
Receipts			
Bank Interest March	\$19.51		
Bank Interest April	23.19	\$42.70	\$31,543.73
Expenditure			
Post and Packaging World			
Community Day	\$33.35		
Abbotts News Printing	331.16		
News Post and Packing	138.70		
Airfare UCAF	315.70		
Post Box Rental	79.50	898.41	\$30,645.32
Balance as per Bank statement 30.4.10			\$30,896.87
Unpresented cheques			
Cheque No. 16	33.35		
Cheque No. 19	218.20		\$30,645.32
National Conference Fund		\$13,569.94	
National Travel Fund		3,890.12	
Overseas Travel Fund		3,355.00	
Administration		9,830.26	\$30,645.32

US\$1,000.00 will be sent to ACWC Account in Japan copies to Kyoko Berger, Pauline Yates and Donna Bryan for Registration fees for Donna, Pat, Fran and Laurel for the General Assembly.

An account will be opened at Abbott's Printers.

Passed Chris/Pat.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Public Liability Insurance – Waiting on a quote from CGU and have two other quotes. We need to get the same information from all companies. Public Liability must be for \$20 million. We could take out a policy for 12 months from November or take out a policy for \$600 per year. Chris and Margaret will confer about the quotes.
Chris moved that we further investigate the public liability insurance for ACW Inc. seconded Wanda. Passed. Chris also moved that we advise Immanuel that we are happy to proceed with the conference booking and

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are still investigating public liability cover. We will confer with them as soon as we can produce documentation. Seconded Wanda and passed. **Judy** will notify Immanuel.
2. Programme Ideas - **Wanda moved that Judy write to the SA Unit to say that if we need to fundraise for the National Conference we would need to work with the SA Unit.**
Dr. Lynne Arnold was suggested as a speaker. We should think of other possible speakers. Kath suggested the Tutti Foundation. Discussion was held on ecumenism. Margaret also asked whether the programme is variable. Apart from business and Bible Study it can be. We should let Judy know of any special skills we might possess that can be useful.
3. Thanks to Judy's personal contact in ACT, who printed a copy of the Act of incorporation for her. **Margaret** will ask Gilbert Materne to meet with her, Chris, Dorothy and Maureen at SACC to go through the document. It needs to be clarified for better understanding.

CORRESPONDENCE List circulated.

1. Some petitions on Paid Parental Leave are available.
2. Greetings were sent for the UCAF Celebrations.
3. NSW Unit has had their AGM and sent new Executive List with address for correspondence.
4. Pauline Yates the Treasurer of ACWC thanked Australia for its generous donations.
5. Tasmanian Unit sent Kath Smith a letter re Social Issues.
6. AWC have lost their funding. Margaret assured them that we will work with them now they have no funding.

REPORTS

President's Report. **M. Flint**

21-25 April I attended the UCAF Celebration at Greenhills Conference Centre, ACT. The theme was "For such a time as this" from Esther. There was no business at this gathering.

I enjoyed the celebration and meeting some ACW members as well as new friends. I did appreciate this opportunity to represent ACW and experience a sustained time with members of another denomination. I thank ACW Inc. for meeting the costs of my attendance. I shall prepare and submit a report.

1-2 May I attended a face-to-face meeting of Australian Women's Coalition in Sydney. There was a focus on the future shape of AWC, as there is not Federal Government Funding after June. Current projects will be completed and a final report be submitted to government.

I shall be forwarding to Units information related to:

Paid Parental Leave Petition

APEC Women's Network Seminar 8 May 2010, Sydney

Advocacy Workshop – June, August, October in Sydney

Prayer request from Nepal.

Winifred Kiek **M. Clark**

Emails have been sent to denomination representatives re names and postal addresses for National President thereof and replies received.

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A copy of the Fellowship Day Service and Scholar brochure were sent to all national bodies as per the list. Circular 6 was sent to WKS convenors with news from Leinamau Manrogoana and Imelda Aquino.

Social Justice **K. Smith**

In the year 2,000 Australia along with 189 countries signed onto the millenium Development Goals to eradicate poverty, hunger and curable diseases from the world and to ensure that all have access to education and clean water by the year 2015.

In order to achieve this goal, countries like Australia need to ensure that 7% of GDP goes towards this effort. At the moment we are only half way. Caritas has initiated a "Stop Global Poverty" poster campaign to develop more awareness in the community. It would be heartening if ACW members would put a poster on their noticeboards at their church to encourage awareness.

I plan to contact social issues convenors in State Units and Territories to update them regularly.

AWC Report **M. Flint**

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On Saturday we met Professor S. Caroline Taylor, Foundation Chair in Social Justice, Head, Social Justice Research Centre, School of Psychology and Social Sciences, Edith Cowan University. Professor Taylor spoke "Happy Healthy Women, not just survivors" national summit.

Mr. Marvin Weinman, Chairman, Outcomes Australia & Sharelife Australia spoke about best practice and change from his experience. I am awaiting a copy of his power point presentation.

On Saturday Ms. Caroline Evans, who runs a management consultancy spoke and will lead us further on our journey in June.

I advised that ACW will continue as member of AWC through 2009-11 National Executive's term.

Continuing projects – Happy Healthy Women; Advocacy training; Inter-cultural dialogue/Bridge building; trafficking; Parental leave; Role of consumers on Medical Boards; Women's Refuges; Durri Women's Health project; Lifeline suicide crisis support; Consumers Health Forum.

I shall attend the next face-to-face meeting in Sydney Friday 18th June and Saturday 19th June. This will be to finalise the works in progress.

ACWC Report **Captain Donna Bryan**

ACWC 14th Quadrennial General Assembly.

Much is happening behind the scenes in preparation for the ACWC Assembly. With the theme of "Non Violent Worl/New Earth/Life in its Fullness" the assembly will take place at the Kinasih Conference Resort in Bogor, Indonesia from 15-20 October, 2010. Nine Australians will attend – Donna Bryan, National Representative (voting delegate) Vic; Pat Walker (voting delegate) SA; Fran Moss (voting delegate) QLD; Laurel Pearce (voting delegate) WA; Judy Burge SA; Nita West SA; Marie Majoor WA; Helen Raymond ACT; Jean Thomson ACT.

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The Assembly will be a time of rich fellowship, Christian study, consideration of ACWC's programmes and contributions to ecumenism and plans for the future in continuing to give hope and support to our Asian sisters.

There will also be sadness as we say goodbye to Shu-Wen Chiang, who has served ACWC as a most excellent Executive Secretary for the past eight years. Shu-Wen has worked extremely hard to promote ACWC and to strengthen relationships with ecumenical partners. A particular focus has been to allocate more funds to scholarships for educating young women and to raise support for worthy projects that aim to reduce poverty and oppression for women and children.

During the Assembly Rev. Lee Moon Sook from Korea will be installed as the new ACWC Executive Secretary. Rev. Lee has considerable experience of ecumenism and she is well qualified in both theology and the role of Secretary to Christian organisations. Rev. Lee is also gifted in the difficult area of reconciliation and her skills have often been called upon by various organisations.

Shu-Wen will visit Korea from 17-19 May in order to meet with ACWC's ecumenical partners and discuss Rev. Lee's appointment as ACWC Executive Secretary. While in Korea Shu-Wen will also attend the Korean Church Women United (KCWU) Assembly and present a greeting from ACWC.

A Prayer Request has also been received from Nepal. There is great political unrest at present. There are strikes and food and vegetable prices have risen as the economy is at its worst. Dialogue is going on between three major parties at present but is not yet resolved.

Please pray for Nepal, the ACWC General Assembly; Shu-Wen Chiang; Rev. Lee Moon Sook; the elections in the Philippines and the conflict situation in Thailand.

The meeting closed at 4.10 pm with the Prayer for Christian Unity.

Next Meeting will be on Tuesday 8th June at 1.45pm at 65 Flinders Street, Adelaide.

M. L. Flint

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