

## **ACW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MINUTES of Meeting**

### **11 April 2008 at 10 am**

1. **Welcome** President Jean welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked Vonnie for hosting the meeting at her home.
2. **Devotions** Jan Abrahamffy led the devotions from "Circle of Prayer" – voice from Argentina.
3. **Present** Jean Thomson (in chair), Jan Abrahamffy, Constance Aronsen, Angela Devlin, Jacqueline Hipwell, Eileen Holley, Margaret Lawton, Helen Lloyd, Helen Raymond, Judith-Ann Sjostedt, Ruth Burmester (NLM), Evonne Sullivan (NLM)
4. **Apologies** Donna Bryan, Brenda Dickinson, Fran Moss.
5. **Minutes** of meeting on 14 March 2008, with the following amendments –
  - Correction to the spelling of Corazon Tabing-Reyes in the FLC report;
  - In 'other business' *WomenSpeak* all one word.

Moved Constance Aronsen, seconded Helen Raymond – passed.

5. a) **Business arising.** Victorian unit has been asked for more information regarding their request re Winifred Kiek and what they meant by the 'National register';
- b) Nungalinga Newsletter received via WA – address needs to be changed.

#### **6. Treasurer's report as attached.**

6. a) **Business arising.** A receipt has been sent to Rev Pat Williams acknowledging the \$104.46, from the former Darwin Unit which had been credited to FLC funds.

Moved Helen L, seconded Jan Abrahamffy that report be received.

#### **7. Correspondence IN**

1. NSW Unit minutes of meeting 18 Feb 08
2. SA Unit minutes of meeting 14 March 08.
3. WA Unit meeting minutes Nov 07, and AGM Nov 07, including annual reports.
4. VIC Unit minutes of meeting 22 Feb 08.
5. Note from Olive Ackland –she still attends meeting so can pickup news there – no need to send national minutes.
6. CWL Archdiocese Canberra/Goulburn Newsletter Apr/May 08.
7. Email from Barbara Lacy to say that NLM Olive Ackland's son, Graeme Lawrence Ackland, passed away on 2 April after a long illness with cancer.
8. ACWC Newsletter Jan-March 08. Very informative news about Sister Dominica in East Timor (WEAVE program), Shu-Wen's visit to Nepal, etc.
9. NSW Unit Newsletter Feb 08.
10. Email from NSW Secretary re Survey from AWC.
11. Email from Girl Guides Australia – invitation to President AGM in WA.
12. Emails (2) from NSW re suggested funding for project.
13. Email from AWC including 'Aging and Social Inclusion' Survey

### **Correspondence OUT**

1. Minutes of Nat Exec meeting March 08.
2. Sympathy card to Olive Ackland.
3. Sympathy card to Rev Vicky Cullen.
4. Email/letter to each Unit re AWC survey. See 13 above.
5. To Qld Unit re successful Special Project submission.
6. To WA Unit re unsuccessful project application.
7. To TAS Unit re unsuccessful project application.
8. To NSW Unit re unsuccessful project application, plus suggestions re funding elsewhere (item 12 in IN correspondence refers).
9. To WA Unit re invitation to Girl Guides AGM.
10. Treasurer to Tasmanian Unit regarding their query on FLC expenditure.

Moved Judith-Ann Sjostedt, seconded Constance Aronsen that inwards correspondence be received, and outwards correspondence be ratified. Agreed.

### **8. Reports**

- 1 **FLC** Jan had nothing to report.
- 2 **WKS** Constance reported on various items of written correspondence and correspondence relating to WK pamphlets. She had also written to all states with general information. A letter had been sent to Nighat Gulzer acknowledging Christmas and Easter greeting and a letter and a copy of the book "Winifred" sent to Imelda Aquino.
- 3 **Special Days** Fran was not in attendance, so no report available.
- 4 **Social Justice** Judith-Ann read an extract from today's (11/4/08) "The Canberra Times" on Canberra clubs 'doing it tough'. She had already responded to the *Aging and Social Inclusion* survey
- 5 **Newsletter** Eileen had a draft of the Newsletter, which was almost ready for printing. This edition will include a profile of Fran Moss, as well as other articles. Profiles of other members of the National Executive will be included from time to time, as space allows.. Closing date for items for the next edition will be mid-June 2008.
- 6 **ACWC** Donna not in attendance, so no report available.
- 7 **Website** Although Brenda not in attendance it has been confirmed that Donna had prepared WKS for Web page in 2006 and she is the only person who can carry out alterations. Lists of updates have been emailed to Donna and *pdf* file is being updated. It was most unfortunate that Margaret Watson's name still appears on the website, as Margaret passed away some 18 months ago. It was urgent that this be attended to a.s.a.p.
- 8 **AWC** Survey on *Aging and Social Inclusion* had been widely circulated and closing date for responses is 21 April 2008.

**9. General Business**

- 1) Jacqueline had attended the *WomenSpeak* conference, together with the Vice-President of CWLA. Approximately sixty in attendance and many items were discussed, including the issue of paid maternity leave, housing, indigenous affairs, women's health, to name but a few.
- 2) Jean had attended Harmony Day on 30 March at Regatta Point, which was very well attended and included a very nice morning tea. The time of the event was still considered very inconvenient and it was suggested that perhaps an afternoon event on a Sunday might be a better time.
- 3) Incorporation continues as a work in progress.
- 4) Newsletter and mailing lists needs to be updated.

10. **Next Meeting** will be held at 10am on 9 May 2008, at the same venue.

**Meeting closed at 11.45 am**

Members then discussed some ACT / Housekeeping matters and enjoyed lunch together.

Signed: Jean Thomson  
(Jean Thomson, President)

Date: 9-5-08

## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN – NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

### Treasurer's Report 11-4-08

#### CHEQUE A/C

Balance at 14.3.08 \$ 6791.19

#### RECEIPTS

Interest 334.59

#### PAYMENTS

Photocopying 25.80

Australia Post Box Rental 70.00

ACWC Bulletins 72.00 167.80

Balance at 11.4.08 \$ 6957.98

#### A D F Call A/C

Balance at 14.3.08 \$22 000.00

Add Interest to 31.3.08 327.45

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#### Balance of funds at 11.4.08

National Travel Fund 3485.95

National Conference Fund 12 567.86

Overseas Conference Fund 2435.00

Winifred Book sales 248.00

FLC badges 54.00

Postage reimbursed 18.70

A Legend & a Legacy 56.00

Honouring Aust Church Women 60.00

F L C 104.46

Administration 10 255.46

Total Funds \$ 29 285.43

Helen Lloyd  
National Treasurer  
11.4.08