

Minutes of meeting of Australian Church Women N.S.W. Unit held 19th Feb. 1979
at 139 Castlereagh St. Uniting Church Offices. 36 members present.

The President welcomed those present including Mrs. Renn Baptist, Mrs. Goodwin North Ryde Branch, Mrs. Regan, Mrs. Petterson, a previous member, and Mrs.

Joyce Kippax from Victoria, Mrs. Burke.

Deaconess Andrews gave a brief report of the Deaconess' Conference in the Phillipines.

The Devotional segment was taken from Matt. 18. Mark and Luke.
with thinking of the International Year of the Child, and with prayer.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Joy Udy, Mrs. Tytherleigh, Mrs. Badger, Mrs. Green, Brig Smith, Sister Barbara Hutchinson, Mrs. Oates, Stanhope, Grant^e Burke.

It was recorded that Mrs. Knight a Life Member had passed away and a letter had been written to her family.

The Minutes were read and confirmed of the meeting 20th Nov.

Mrs. Stolz was acknowledged, life member, who had celebrated her 50th Anniversary.

The Sec. gave a report of spontaneous giving for Barkat Dass, \$34 had been in the plate after Nov. meeting, \$30 from Lane Cove, \$110.15 from Mrs. Armstrong's morning, and previously from Turramurra and Chatswood areas \$363. Sent to Barkat Summary of the Correspondence, Inwards. *File Grants N.S.W. + W. boundary given.*

Working Committee Minutes, and Women at Work had been sent out with Newsletter.

Auditors Report, A.C.W.C. Statement, A.C.C. leaflets through Working Committee.

Letters from Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Down, Brig. Cork, Barkat Dass, Mrs. Oates,

The Premier, and Mr. Walker, Minister of Justice, re hotel trading hours.
Working Committee, Property Committee Uniting Church, Baptist Women's Fellowship, Catholic Women's League, Paulian Association.

Outwards. Working Committee, The Premier, Family of Mrs. Knight.

The Treasurer gave the Financial Report, as attached.
as recommended

It was moved, that we transfer the amount of \$49.48 from the profit of the 'Celebration' in Nov. to the Overseas Travel Fund.

The President spoke of her Asian trip, and the various religions she had observed, and mentioned what a responsibility we have as Christians *up to us* a minority group over there.

Brig. Ward had been appointed Acting Publicity Officer, in place of Mrs. Ridley, who was remaining on the Executive.

Deaconess reported on the various Winifred Kiek Scholars.

Brig. Ward reported she had written of the 30th Anniversary for the War Cry and 100 years.

Mrs. Lear reported on promotions.

Mrs. Bent took the F.L.C. Devotional Circle of Prayer No 1 7 available at 50 cents. also 'Small Beginnings.'

The Secretary indicated 'Women at Work' had been sent with the Newsletter and Calendar in January, but back copies were available, also copies of the 'History.' The President explained that the Executive had discussed in the May meeting 28th perhaps we could have a Prayer Rally 11a.m. - noon, in Wesley Chapel, followed by luncheon when each one brought a plate, the rooms booked from 10 till 2p.m. Following the luncheon a Forum related to the International Year of the Child.

Suggestions were requested for speakers, or groups to be invited to take part, it was felt quite strongly that it not be a disruptive gathering with groups not in line with Christianity. Recommendations from the meeting to be polished up by the Executive, - it was suggested Mrs. Helen *Deery* be invited as a Christian, and because the Fellowship Day Order of Service was to be used by her as liason officer throughout the state, in schools, migrant centres etc. Also the Children's Films and T.V. organization.

Next meeting 19th March. Deaconess Andrews would show Zambia slides, of W.W.D of 1 and T.V. A.C.W. film, if can be arranged successfully.

Tea roster for next meeting Mrs. Thorpe, Major Venables.

Women's World Day of Prayer. Fri. Mar. 2nd. 619 George St. Baptist Church 12 noon. Central Col. Maier Evans speaker.

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The Secretary. brought notice of A.C.C. Study Book for Ecumenical Groups, and Human Relations training programmes.

Miss Mitchell the Working Committee Secretary, told of the A.C.W.C. publication which is available, and anyone interested to be a subscriber for \$2 a yr. let her know, - includes details of grants from F.L.C. funds.

The Theme for National Committee Meetings (The Family, its Faith and its Future.' is also World Community Day Theme in Oct. For Fellowship Day Service the theme is 'The Community Cares for its Children.'

The President then ~~then~~ introduced the National President Mrs. Win Dougherty, the delegate to the Asian Church Women's Conference in Japan. This talk by

Mrs. Dougherty proved most interesting, and made us realise how fortunate we are in Australia, to have 'Freedom.' She brought to life members of the Conference, for us, and expressed her appreciation for being able to be a delegate.

Mrs. Pickering thanked Mrs. Dougherty on our behalf with a posy she had made, and hoped her arm would soon be greatly improved.

The meeting closed with the Benediction at 12:35 p.m., H. U. 'Carmy' 19th Mar. '79 President.