

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. UNIT
MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING, held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney
on MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1994.

OPENING:- The President, Miss Phyl McKinnirey welcomed members to this her last Council Meeting. It was a special day for her as she presided over the Council Meeting and later the Annual General Meeting, 1994.

There were no new delegates nor visitors present.

THOSE PRESENT are recorded in the Attendance Sheets at 48 attending.

APOLOGIES were recorded from 12 people.

DEVOTIONS:- The Secretary, Edith Ridge opened with prayer after naming members and other people needing our prayers.

We prayed for the husbands of two members, Mollie Gilchrist and Pat Clough, both either ill or facing major surgery; we remembered Life Member Edna Baker, at present home in the Nursing Home after major surgery, but progressing well; Rev, Violet Sampa-Bredt in Zambia has had surgery for her back condition; the bereaved families of two good men were mentioned in our petitions, Rev. Gavin McKay of the UCA in Newcastle died suddenly over the weekend and the Parliamentary Member for Parramatta also died during last week. Prayer was asked for the elections in South Africa in the next few weeks.

The Bible reading was from Micah 6;6-8 "What Does the Lord Require of Us" We considered Christian Priorities and addressed the question put to us in Micah. The answer in part, was 'The Lord requires that we should keep in touch with Him constantly, that we should be obedient, persistent, trusting, steadfast and loyal and He requires that we should keep His commandments, particularly we should remember the new Commandment given to us by Jesus: Love one another as I have loved you.

MINUTES of the March 21 Council Meeting: With one alteration (deletion) page 3 take out 'and the Governor's wife read the lesson', the Minutes were confirmed as a correct record.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:-

1. Breast Cancer Research Petitions were available again at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:- The Outwards Correspondence was ratified and the Inwards Correspondence received and dealt with.

BUSINESS FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE:-

1. Attention was drawn to the N.S.W. Government's document 'Working With Women'. Available for members to borrow.

2. From the National Minutes, 11 March and Circular No 2. Various matters of interest were read and noted. We were interested in the report of the National President's participation in the CAPOW (Coalition of Australian Participating Organisations of Women) Tele-conference.

The theme for 1995 Fellowship Day Service will be "Christ's Call - Our Service".

National Conference will be held at Corpus Christi Seminary, Clayton, 21-25 August, 1995. Theme "Jesus, Women and the World".

3. The Y.W.C.A. of Sydney has notified us of their new representative to our Council. Mrs Gwen Jones replaces Miss J. Sutherland.

4. State Presidents, Mrs Beverly Griffiths of the Baptist Women's Fellowship, Mrs Norma Mitchell of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and Mrs Lyla Beckingham of the Churches of Christ Christian Fellowship have accepted the invitation to the Installation of our new President on May 16.

We were pleased to congratulate Lyla on her appointment as President of the Churches of Christ Fellowships.

5. Copies of ACW NEWS were available to all members and subscribers to ACWC Bulletin were given the latest copy.

REPORTS:-

1. The President reported that she will attend the Churches of Christ Conference and with four members of Executive will be present at the Governor's Prayer Breakfast on May 9. This is the first year that we have received an invitation to the Breakfast. She attended the Mothers' Union Festival and reported a very good day.

2. TREASURER:-

Council adopted the Treasurer's Statement. Treasurer Marie Majoor drew attention to the amendment to the February Balance.

Members were asked to remember the contribution to the Morning Tea collection and to the Trading Table. Subscriptions to Partners With ACWC are due and members were asked to take home to their groups the Partners leaflets.

Donations to the Flower Festival flower fund will be taken at each meeting.

3. SPECIAL FUNCTIONS:- Convener Marie McCann reported on the latest registrations for State Conference. Fifteen people will live in and there will be 6 extras on the Thursday and 9 on the Friday. Members were asked to see Marie at the close of the meeting for late registrations, and to invite their friends to come as day visitors. The charge for day visitors bringing their own lunch is \$10. For those wanting lunch, \$20 and for a full day including the evening meal, \$30. If meals are required, please book-in the day before.

4. W.K.S.:-

1994 Scholar Nighat Gulzar will arrive for her two months' course in May.

W.K.S. Leaflets for Fellowship Day have arrived. We note that there are some mistakes on the leaflet.

a. Rev. Violet Sampa-Bredt uses this form of her name (Scholar 1971).

b. The visit of Violet Sampa-Bredt in 1994 was as a W.K.Fellowship holder. Even though her visit for ACW was for only one week, the W.K. Fellowship paid for her travelling and accommodation during that time, and it should be noted for future W.K.S. leaflets.

We liked the new format for the Leaflet.

5. F.L.C.:- In the absence of the Convener, Mrs Major Joan Tong reported. F.L.C. brochure of Grants for approved Projects, 1994 were available. The reading was from Circle of Prayer the passage written by Venezuela, on the subject 'Solidarity'. When one member of the body suffers, all suffer; when one member rejoices, all rejoice. This reading was very suitable at this meeting, as a team of visitors from W.C.C. are at present in N.S.W. for the visit for the Half-way point of the Decade for Churches' Solidarity with Women. Joan and the Secretary had attended a service for this visit on Saturday and Marie McCann and the Secretary had also met the team at a meeting and luncheon during last week.

At the service, there were reports from members of the churches affiliated with ACC when they told where their churches were in the Decade. I.C.F.L.C. President Shirin Samuel has distributed a small book, "A Search for Reconciliation", a history of F.L.C. Joan will have copies made and there will be one for each denomination.

It was suggested that we should write the history of F.L.C. in N.S.W. and that perhaps National Committee might be asked to do the same.

ACWC:- There is a new Secretary announced and the Treasurer has moved.

6. PROMOTION:- Committee members were reminded that Packing Day for the Fellowship Day services will be in Room "C" 9th. floor on Monday, 23 May at 10am. There are still some order forms to be returned.
7. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:- Copies of the Council Minutes are waiting for members to collect them.
 Membership Secretary Heather Reid explained her system with the Attendance Sheets. They are in alphabetical order of denomination, the "A's" are furthest from the entrance door.
 Branch representatives and reps. from other organisations are at the end of the lists.
 Heather brought us up-to-date with MAPA news. Cadbury-Schweppes has withdrawn its sponsorship of HeyHey, It's Saturday because of its programme when the cameras went live to the Sydney Gay Mardi Gras. This firm has a commitment to decent morals. Heather has written a letter of commendation to Cadbury-Schweppes and urged us all to do the same. The Gay Lobby has urged people to boycott Cadbury's. We are encouraged to have a 'Buy-in' not a boycott.
 Dr. Marlene Goldsmith, M.L.C. was interviewed about her Private Member's Bill on Pornography. After she comes to speak at our Conference we will write to her, offering our support.
 Write to The Manager, Cadbury-Schweppes,
 42 Orange Grove Rd.
 Liverpool. 2170

N.S.W. Council for Children's Films and Television has two tasks.

1. They provide films and videos for children in hospitals.
 2. They monitor television programmes. One of our reps. to this Council, Marie McCann will have lists of people to whom we can send our complaints or congratulations at the next meeting. This is an updated list to the one we had previously.
8. NEWSLETTE. The May copy is with the printer and will be ready for collating, addressing and posting on May 2.
9. N.C.W. Members were reminded of the visit to the Great Synagogue on 20 April.
10. W.C.T.U. Representative Ann Young is no longer able to attend our meetings. Her replacement, Mrs Dora Quarmby expects to attend in June. The Annual Conference of WCTU was a good day. The speaker was Rev. Noreen Towers. There will be a full report in Newsette.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. ECPAT (End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism) badges are for sale at the reception desk of the Assembly of the Uniting Church offices, (outside the room where we meet.) Cost \$1. Members were encouraged to buy a badge.
2. Dedication Day, 16 May. A reminder to our members. Please bring craft goods already priced.

NEXT MEETING:- Council will meet on June 20. The Salvation Army delegates will provide Morning Tea.

CLOSING:- The President closed the meeting with prayer and the Benediction.

Confirmed. 

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