

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. UNIT

Minutes of the State Council meeting held at 222 Pitt St. Sydney at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, August 15, 1988.

The meeting opened with the President, Mrs E. Baker in the Chair.

Those present were as recorded in the Attendance Book. They numbered 32.

A special welcome was extended to Mrs. Noelene Roose, the guest speaker, to Mrs. Janet Fuller, a new delegate from P.A.A. and to Mrs. Dorothy Harris, U.C.A. delegate, who has accepted the Council's nomination as one of the Aboriginal Travelling Fellowship holders.

Apologies were received from 8 members (see Attendance Book), and special mention was made of Mrs Leah Pickering, recovering from a nasty fall and Brigadier Mabel Ward who was on this day, having an eye operation. Greetings by way of a card were to be sent to Mabel Ward.

Devotions were given by the President, on the theme "Our Wonderful Saviour". Readings from Isaiah 9, v.6 and Matthew 1 v.21 reminded us of how the scriptures spoke of Jesus. Mrs Baker told how our Lord was greater than the philosophers. Though He wrote no poetry, painted no pictures, composed no music, yet all these things have been used to His glory and enriched by Him. The session closed in prayer.

The Minutes of the June 20th. meeting were read and confirmed. Business arising from the minutes would be dealt with through the

Correspondence.

It was moved by Mrs M. Burtenshaw, seconded by Mrs. McLaughlin that the correspondence be read be received and dealt with. Carried.

Inwards Correspondence.

1. National Executive Minutes, 27 June, 29 July.
2. Barbara Greeley, representative to A.C.W.C. with information for the F.L.C. Convenor.
3. Tasmanian Unit regarding x-rated videos and video pornography.
4. Office of Film & Literature re. classifications.
5. N.S.W. Dept. of Finance, re exemption of tax registration (our A.C.W. History publication.)
6. Dorothy Harris, her acceptance of our proposed nomination.
7. North Ryde Branch, A.C.W. with names of those wishing to attend the luncheon on November 18.
8. Thanks from Mrs. Lt. Col. Phyll Barnard.
9. thanks from Mrs. Y. Davis.

Outwards Correspondence.

1. To Nat. Executive. The nomination of Mrs. Dorothy Harris. Notifying availability of accommodation for Nepalese visitors.
2. To the Lutheran women of N.S.W. Inviting them to send delegates to our State Unit meetings.
3. To P.A.A. acknowledging their invitation, State Conference.
4. To The Attorney General, re video violence.
5. To Tasmanian Unit, enclosing our reply re response to protest forms.
6. To Mrs. Lt. Col. Barnard, a letter of sympathy on the death of her husband.
7. To our Treasurer, Mrs Dorothy Lumb, a letter of sympathy on the death of her husband. Most of the Executive and other Council members were present at the funeral.
8. To Mrs Dorothy Harris, asking for her permission to send her name as a nomination to the position of Travelling Fellow.
9. To Mrs Y. Davis, a get-well card.

Business arising from the Correspondence.

1. There has been no reply from the Lutheran women.
2. The letter from the Tasmanian Unit was reproduced and copies were

distributed to one representative of each denomination for them to deal with through their own networks.

Treasurer's Report. The statement as attached was presented by the ~~T~~ Treasurer and received and adopted. As there was an amount exceeding \$3,000 in the current account and acknowledging that much of that amount was Fellowship Day money (and as such was an incomplete record of the collections on Fellowship Day), it was moved by Mrs J. Graham, seconded by Mrs. J. Baker that the Treasurer pursue the possibility of attaining a higher rate of interest for that money to be on monthly call. Carried.

Convenors' Reports.

F.L.C. Mrs West referred to the letter from Barbara Greely in which she asked members of F.L.C. to consider more private prayer when putting by the coins for F.L.C. This is perhaps more important than the public prayers offered when the money is put into the jar at Council meetings. She reminded us that there are many places in the world needing our prayers and that most of these places have had W.K.S. girls come to us in Australia. When trouble comes to these countries women are the main sufferers. Using the 1987 Circle of Prayer, Mrs West read the portion from the writer in Madagascar and we prayed for the women in that country.

W.K.S. Mrs Davis referred to the current news of the riots in Rangoon Burma and wondered with us 'Where is Stella Min in this revolution?' We are thankful for the assurance that Melini is safe in her home in Sri Lanka in spite of the troubles there. Mrs Davis asked us to remember to pray for our former W.K.S. scholars, using the list of names distributed each year on Fellowship Day.

Promotions. Mrs Graham reported that the World Community Day service is being printed and will be packed for posting on Friday, 2 September. A list of people able to assist on that day was compiled.

Publicity. Mrs King requested the dates, times and venues for World Community Day services.

Banners for 19 November. Report. Some are finished others are being made. The Chatswood-Willoughby Branch had brought theirs to show us. The members of Executive are each contributing a part of the banner to illustrate the Fruits of the Spirit. An appeal was made for members to bring to the 18 November service stands on which the banners will be displayed. Offers to Mrs King, please.

The Golden Jubilee--Bi-Centennial Service. Sister Norma Clare reported :-

1. Large posters with the official logo have been received from the Women Celebrate '88 committee. These were given to Mrs King for detailing and distribution. (For denominations.)
2. An acceptance letter from Lady Rowland's Secretary indicates that Lady Rowlands will be pleased to read a scripture passage and will join us for lunch. This acceptance makes our celebration a 'Vice-Regal function'.
3. The Committee for the celebration will meet on Friday, 26 August.
4. The offering at the service will be given to the Bimbadeen College for the training of an aboriginal woman.

In reply to a question about the limitation of attendance at the luncheon members were informed that there is now no restriction on the numbers. Everyone is invited to stay, we'll fit all-comers in, and there will be at least a cup of tea for everyone!

General Business.

1. Delegates to National Council of Women reported that that body requests letters to be sent to their Secretary expressing the opinion of affiliated organisations and their members on the issue of Timed Local Telephone Calls. Members were asked to give ideas and opinions to our Secretary, H. McCann.

2. N.S.W. State Unit Constitution. Copies of the draft Constitution having been distributed at the March meeting, the convenor of the Committee presented the final draft to this meeting. Minor alterations and additions were discussed and accepted. The new Constitution was adopted by the members of council on the motion of Mrs. D. Shearman and Mrs. M. Burtenshaw. The date of 15-8-88 will appear on the new document and will take effect from that date. Carried.

In discussion of the the Constitution, two matters were referred to the Executive for consideration and they were :-

1. As there is to be a limit to the numbers of Life members we will appoint, would the Executive discuss the possibility of establishing an Honour Roll on which the names of outstanding members could be recorded and displayed.
2. There is a suggestion that the time has come to raise our affiliation fees. The Executive in consultation with the Treasurer to examine. Moved Y. Davis, seconded B. Finlay. Carried.

3. Nomination of National Committee of A.C.W. Sept. 1988 to Sept. 1991
N.S.W. State Unit has accepted the responsibility of being the women to find a National Executive for the term to follow the current one. National meetings will be held in Western Australia in September, 1989. Some thought has already been given to the appointment of this Committee by the N.S.W. Executive, and members of Council are now invited to submit nominations for all positions. This matter will be dealt with at the September Council meeting, 19 Sept.
4. The Anglican ladies were thanked for their hospitality today at morning tea and notice was given that at the September meeting the Baptist ladies will assist the Churches of Christ in this responsibility.
5. The President has been asked by the St. Andrews Cathedral Festival of Flowers Committee to arrange for a display in their Festival, to bear the name of Australian Church women. Mrs Baker has chosen the text of Psalm 30, verse 12 to illustrate our entry. She will be arranging the flowers on Thursday 8 September and invited helpers to share this lovely responsibility. Members are encouraged to visit the Festival, 9 to 11 September.

Guest Speaker. Mrs Baker introduced her Pastor's wife, Mrs Noelene Roose and invited her to address the meeting on her long-time interest in the welfare of aboriginal people, which culminated in her years of service amongst these people in Western Australia. She told of the work she and her husband were involved in at Norecman and at Esperance. There were many sad experiences, but there were more joyful ones. She was able to testify to the grace of God at work in the lives of many of the people with whom they worked. The address was a most interesting and inspiring one and the appreciation of all her hearers was expressed to Mrs Roose by Mrs J. Graham, who presented her with a posy of flowers and an A.C.W. teaspoon.

The meeting closed with the members singing together the Mizpah Benediction.

Confirmed.

Mary Baker

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS ENDED 29/7/1988

CR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/6/1988

\$2,755.17

ADD RECEIPTS - JUNE AND JULY 1988

Affiliation Fee	5.00	
Refund Imprest	30.00	
Donation	31.33	
"Newsette" Subs.	26.00	
Sales Badges, Spoons	10.00	
Offerings - Fellowship Day	1,211.84	
"Partners" A.C.W.C.	40.00	
F.L.C.	133.84	
Interest - Current A/c	16.37	
" - Glebe Board Investment	123.30	1,627.68
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		4,382.85

DEDUCT - PAYMENTS - JUNE & JULY

Postage on Fellowship Day Form of Service booklets	79.10	
"Newsette" Annual Registration	40.00	
Printing 230 copies "Newsette"	38.00	
Printing 2,500 Fellowship Day Bklets.	300.00	
" 80 Response Sheets	5.00	
National Treasurer - Bookmarks	100.00	
F.L.C. Convenor - Postage	20.00	
National Treasurer "Circle of Prayer"	20.00	
Air Fare for speaker Bi-centennial and Golden Jubilee Service	334.00	
National Treasurer - O/seas Travel contribution (2 years)	300.00	
Printing 200 Annual Newsletter	40.00	1,276.10
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AS WE WERE NOT TO MEET UNTIL TODAY, THE ABOVE A/CS WERE
AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT

Dorothy E. Lumb
Treasurer
15/8/88

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT)
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDED 31/8/1988

CR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/8/1988

\$3,106.75

ADD RECEIPTS - AUGUST 1988

Affiliation fees	15.00		
"Newsette" subscriptions	26.00		
Overseas travel	7.50		
Sales "Circle of Prayer"	9.00		
Offerings - Fellowship Day	2,233.60		
Partners - A.C.W.C.	18.00		
F.L.C.	109.10		
Postage	.11		
		<u>2,418.31</u>	<u>2,418.31</u>
			5,525.06

DEDUCT - PAYMENTS

Secretary's Imprest	50.00		
President's Imprest	50.00		
Treasurer's Imprest	30.00		
Printing 230 copies "Newsette"	38.00		
"Newsette" postage, etc.	52.90		
		<u>220.90</u>	<u>220.90</u>

CR. BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 31/8/1988

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A/CS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT

Secretary's Imprest	50.00	
President's Imprest	50.00	
Treasurer's Imprest	30.00	
U/C Board of Education -		
-230 copies "Newsette"	38.00	
"Newsette" postage etc. -		
- Mrs. D. Woodhouse	52.90	
		<u>220.90</u>

Dorothy E. Lunde
Hon. Treasurer
19/9/88