



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NSW STATE UNIT INC.

*Minutes of Council Meeting Monday 18th April, 2016
10.30 am, 222 Pitt Street Sydney*

OPENING: Welcome and Devotions were at the beginning of the AGM, which preceded the Council Meeting.
PRESENT: 23 members and 1 visitor
APOLOGIES: 13 apologies received
MINUTES: The minutes of the Council meeting of 21st March 2016 were confirmed as correct. *Moved by Pamela Freeman and Seconded by Jan Harrison.*

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1 Dedication Day: Pamela handed out a leaflet giving travel information and a map showing the location of the Salvation Army in Smith Street in relation to public transport.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Pat Cory presented the Financial Report. Income for March was \$624.76; Payments for March \$703.00, giving a Credit Balance at Bank at 31st March of \$2276.63. Accounts to be paid are: Dept. Fair Trading \$54.00; Elizabeth McEwen – printing Annual Report \$304.70; Martha Noel \$35.90 for postage. *Pat Cory Moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and that the accounts be paid; Seconded by Shirley Mitchell.*

Fellowship of the Least Coin – Pamela Freeman presented Lillian Hodges' report in her absence. In each Newsette booklet this year, Lillian will be including projects throughout the world which have received a grant from the International Committee for FLC. The devotion Lillian sent came from Pauline Sagherian from Beirut, Lebanon. 'Every life has worth. Whatever we are responsible for, with the right attitude and trust in the Lord, our thoughts, words and life become His channels and something of significance.' Pamela closed the devotion with prayer.

Special Days: Lyn Middleton advised that the Orders of Service for Fellowship Day have been printed and spare copies were available at the meeting. Parcels for the branches with representatives present at the meeting were ready to be taken. Lyn commented that there had been a bit of a hiccup with the printing of the WKS pamphlet, but she had received an email from Donna Bryan stating that the NSW pamphlets were being posted today. In the packages is a little pamphlet Lyn has done herself. Lyn will bring the pamphlets to Dedication Day in May and will now be able to post them to the country branches. Copies of the Annual Report will be in the packages.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship: Elizabeth presented the WKS report in Judith Cayzer's absence. The applications for 2017 WKS applications need to be in by 31 May. There has been no news on 2016 Scholar, Eslie in Vanuatu. Easter greetings were sent to 12 people with known email addresses. Replies have been received from: Nighat Gulzar (1994), who is fine and doing well in Philadelphia; Leinamau (2007) was involved in Fiji/College Easter services. She has finished and posted 6 program books for children's ministry; Christy Ferguson (2009) leaves Melbourne on 2nd May for 2 months Mission trip to SE Asia; Inise Foiakau (2009) now doing a Master of Theology; Siok Cheng Chew (2005, Sarawak, Malaysia) is still working with Special Needs Children. The May edition of Newsette has more information about each of these scholars.

Membership: Martha reported that there were 23 members present plus one visitor, and 13 apologies have been received.

Pastoral Care: June Kay reported that she has been in touch with Helen Hill, who is a lot better and hopes to be able to attend meetings soon.

Publicity: Publicity has gone out for Dedication Day.

Newsette: Newsette may be a little late. There has been good response from people wanting to receive it by email, so postage will go down.

CORRESPONDENCE Inwards

National Executive – Minutes November & Feb.

Helen Raymond – Lahore Bombing

Helen Raymond – ACWC Statement

Girls' Brigade April Report

PPSEAWA Minutes

Kwik Copy quote

CORRESPONDENCE Outwards

Letter to Bev Elliott

Kwik Copy re quote

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

Pamela Freeman represented ACW at Mothers Union Festival Day on Friday, 1st April.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

Bible Society: No report

Girls' Brigade: The Office Manager for Girls' Brigade NSW, Michelle, introduced herself to the meeting and briefly outlined her new job at Girls' Brigade. Elizabeth Neale was attending a conference in New Zealand.

NSW Ecumenical Council: Isabel reminded council members that there will be one of the brothers from Taize visiting Australia later in the year. Taize is an ecumenical brotherhood which brings together men from all around the world. Their main ministry is to work with communities in impoverished circumstances. This year as reported in the previous Minutes, Prayer Services will be held on 22nd September at St Patricks, Church Hill; 23rd September at St Albans Epping at 7.00 pm and at Mereweather on 24th September at 6.00 pm.

National Council of Women (NCW): Tricia Graham reported that the Q & A Breakfast held at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel on 13th April was a great success with 26 women in attendance. The panel of speakers on the topic of 'Concerns for Young Women' was The Hon. Jennifer Boland AM, Virginia Howard and Audrey Markowskei and the facilitator was Virginia Gordon.

The Guest Speaker at the Council meeting on 31st March was Diu Brown AM, a volunteer with the World Health Organization, who spoke about her work with the staff at Sanglah Hospital in Bali. The change of time to 4.30 pm for meetings is working well. The next major 120th Anniversary function is the Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon on Friday 6th May. No-one from ACW is being honoured this year. Member and Friends Morning Teas continue on the third Wednesday of each month in the Upper Room Café at the Wesley Centre from 10.15 to 11.30am – all are invited to attend. NCW would like affiliated organisations to consider attending the Foundation Day Luncheon at Parliament House on Monday, August 8th, which will celebrate the 120 years of NCW.

Pan Pacific & South East Asia Women's Association (PPSEAWA): No Report

World Day of Prayer: Shirley Mitchell reported that 2016 has been an excellent year for WDP NSW. A service was held in 326 locations; small gatherings, and up to 100 attendees, reaching from Broken Hill to Norfolk Island. Seventeen thousand service books were printed, including youth and children's versions. With some offerings still to come, \$95,000 should be achieved for the project in Cuba in conjunction with the Bible Society.

Shirley then read her letter of resignation to ACW NSW Council, as one of the representatives from Uniting Church Adult Fellowship; her ten years of attending the World Day of Prayer meetings on behalf of ACW will also come to an end. Shirley stated that she has appreciated the leadership of the many Presidents who have led ACW during her time as a Council member and fellowship with other ladies has made the trip to Sydney an enjoyable experience. President Tricia Graham thanked Shirley for her contribution to ACW and time spent as ACW representative to the World Day of Prayer.

OTHER BUSINESS: A reminder was given that the Essay books are available for \$5, the book about Winifred \$15.

CLOSE OF MEETING: Tricia thanked the Baptist ladies for morning tea. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.45 am, with prayer by Tricia Graham.

NEXT MEETING Monday 20th June, 2016

Morning tea: Anglican

Chairs: Uniting

Trading Table: The Salvation Army