

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

MINUTES of meeting held at 37 Rutland Ave.,
Lockleys, on Tuesday 10th December, 1985. SA

PRESENT: Dorothy Haensel, Pauline Crosby, Dorothy Wright, Margaret Knauerhase, Barbara Grealy, Jean Middleton, Alice Saunders, Margaret Pittman, Nancy Rowe.

OPENING: Devotions conducted by the President, Mrs Dorothy Haensel.

MINUTES: of meeting held on 12th November, 1985, were confirmed.

85/12/1 BUSINESS ARISING from minutes of previous meeting.

1. ACWC - reported by the President, Dorothy Haensel:

- a. Assembly will be held in Bangkok in either first or third week of November, 1986. The committee for that assembly will be set up in the coming week. Dorothy is to negotiate with Qantas to provide folders and take bags and folders over ahead of time. There will be four delegates and three observers. Janet Wood is to be keynote speaker. Closing date for registration, 31st July, 1986. The next Circle of Prayer will be available at the assembly.

Discussion took place about the desirability of these being available in languages other than English (Italian, Greek, Fijian, etc) in Australia.

WOULD UNITS PLEASE COMMENT

- b. Consultation on Tourism and Prostitution

67 people, mostly women, from 13 of the member countries of the Asian Church Women's Conference, gathered in Taipei, Taiwan, from 18-22 November to share in a Consultation on Tourism and Prostitution.

The Opening Service was held in the Bang Kah Presbyterian Church. Following a welcome dinner given by the congregation, delegates were divided into groups of 6 - 8 and taken through the local "red light" district to see something of the situation we would be discussing over the next few days.

Each morning began with Bible Study led by Rev. Timothy Chuang. Keynote Speaker was Rev. Peter Holden and he and other speakers dealt with various facets of the relationship and problems of Tourism and Prostitution, particularly in relation to the Third World.

Situation Papers were presented by representatives from 13 countries, each giving a picture of the problem in their own country. Questions and discussion arose from these papers.

Discussion groups looked at material provided and each group presented their findings in role play form, thus providing a lighter side to the serious nature of the problems and their possible solutions.

The final plenary session agreed to the list of recommendations. Evening Devotions were led by different countries. Tuesday evening saw a sharing of culture mainly through dance and song. Olive and I shared devotions that evening and used our 'item'. We used the music for Bruce Prewer's psalm "Familiar Things", and showed slides of Australia to illustrate it.

We will need to study the recommendations together to see what we can do. The seminar on Third World Tourism in 1987 will help us to find ways to prepare and educate people, particularly church people, to be better tourists.

I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to be part of this consultation. It was a tremendous experience and I hope I am

1. ACWC

b. Consultation on Tourism and Prostitution (cont.)

able to encourage others to consider this problem and what we can do about it.

Recommendations:

We, the members of the Asian Church Women's Conference meeting in Taipei, Taiwan, from 18-22 November, 1985, in a Consultation on Tourism and Prostitution involving some 67 people representing 16 countries, call upon the churches we represent, other churches around the world, women's groups and all people of good will vehemently to respond to the dehumanisation of people and the violation of human rights which we have identified as the direct result of tourism and prostitution in the Third World.

Towards this end we recommend that the churches and other concerned people:

1. Seek the liberating influence and vision of Christ, who not only cared for the individual, but also paid the ultimate price in order to change the structures of exploitation.
2. Identify with exploited people and learn from them how the resources of the church may be channelled towards enabling them to live fulfilled lives.
3. Arouse and deepen the awareness of our people about the impact of tourism and prostitution.
4. Encourage solidarity with the victims of tourism and prostitution.
5. Seek the co-operation of support groups in developed and developing countries which work against the exploitation of the Third World.
6. Act in solidarity on the issue of military prostitution and work in conjunction with the Third World Movement against the Exploitation of Women (TW-MAE-W).
7. Promote tourism which affirms the equality and human dignity of all persons involved as an alternative to tourism that exploits people.
8. Work towards the kind of society where justice and self-determination are the criteria for people's development.
9. Advocate the decriminalisation of prostitution as a means of justice towards the re-integration of women in society.
10. Re-orient the media towards the elimination of sex stereotyped advertisements and pornography.
11. Conduct research on the motivation of clients involved in prostitution.
12. Prepare a Code of Ethics for use by tourists.
13. Emphasise the importance of relationships in life for a fuller development of everyone.

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Following the consultation I was invited to participate in the A.C.W.C. General Committee Meeting and Executive meeting. I appreciate very much the warmth of the welcome I received in both meetings and the invitation to contribute to the business under discussion.

I would like to express thanks and congratulations to Olive Ackland for her contribution to the consultation as the Australian representative.

The 1986 Assembly will be held in Bangkok in the first or third week of November, and other business related to this is in the minutes. The various gifts we have made will go to the Assembly and Thai committee is very grateful for our offer to help in any way.

85/12/1 BUSINESS ARISING

1. ACWC (cont.)

c. General Committee Meeting

The Treasurer presented a pie chart with suggested monetary targets for different countries to cover administration and general costs. (The Australian target was US\$3,000 or approx A\$5,000). Each national representative gave a report. Responsibilities of General Committee members were discussed.

Badges and pendants were presented. 50 badges @ 85c each and 10 pendants @ \$2.25 each were procured by Dorothy for sale in Australia. A badge is to be given to previous ACWC representatives.

d. Executive meeting

Dorothy to find out when it would be appropriate for ACWC team to visit NT Unit and aboriginal community. Felt that next year would not be the right time, but something will be done about it as soon as possible.

Prayer Partners: Personal prayer partners will be continued but this activity has lapsed between countries. Australia is one of the few countries who have persisted in this effort and it was agreed to continue to do so, particularly with the next WKS coming from Burma.

e. Bulletins

Agreed that the price should be raised to \$5 per copy for 1986, \$7.50 for 1987. These are still being subsidized. There will be a need to update amounts already received.

Moved that each unit should receive one complimentary copy for the file instead of two. The Treasurer to write to the units.

In response to the financial needs of ACWC it was agreed that we set up within Australia "Partners of ACWC" inviting church women to contribute \$1 per year with a view to a minimum target of 5,000 partners.

Worship Book for ACWC Assembly will be printed with ACWC Service instead of quarterly Bulletin.

f. Bedsocks

Agreed that 120 pairs be kept for ACW Conference in 1987.

50 pairs be set aside for Korea.

100 extra pairs for prisoners in Korea.

approx. 10 pairs to girls in UC Synod office who helped project.

2. F.L.C.: Referred to Guidelines sub-committee.

3. New Constitution: Copies have been distributed.

4. W.K.S. Deed of Trust: Nothing further to report.

5. Updating Guidelines: Sub-committee to be set up. Pauline to check cost of loose-leaf books.

6. National Conference, 1987:

a. Venue - Pauline to contact Immanuel College.

b. Seminar - Theme for 1987, "Third World Tourism".

7. ACC and ACW informal consultation: Nothing further.

8. Name bars and badges: Barbara Grealy has been in contact with Mr Brain, of Perfection Plate, who can produce these for approx. \$5 each for work and attachment. Order needs to be in as soon as possible. Barbara to contact again regarding colours.

85/12/2 CORRESPONDENCE

The following Inwards mail was received:

1. 8/11 Mr Stephen Watkins, ABC acknowledging advice re ACWC Conference.
2. December Ecumenical Update, ACC.
3. Minutes Victorian Unit meeting 25/10/85
 - a. Mrs M. Wall appointed as WKS Convener
 - b. Mrs Betty Fleming appointed as Publicity Officer.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards (cont)

4. November "In Unity" ACC.
5. News Release and other publications, Minister for Community Services re new child care funding arrangements from April 1986.
IF INTERESTED, UNITS CAN APPLY FOR COPIES.
6. Minutes Queensland Unit meeting 28/10/85.
7. 12/11 Mrs Mabel Ward, NSW Unit placing order for 1986 WKS leaflets.
8. Circular, Stanley C. Williams P/L re range of disposable products for SA Jubilee 150.
9. 17/11 Mrs Beth Finlay, Promotions Convenor, NSW Unit enclosing promotional material.
Tabled for reference to sub-committee.
10. Minutes SA Unit AGM 8/11/85. Greetings and list of Executive Officers for 1986. Verbal approval of Mrs Alice Saunders' appointment.
11. 19/11 Mrs Marion Dodds, Sec. Vic Unit - report of World Community Day Service for ACW News.
12. 24/11 Mrs Marion Dodds, Sec. Vic Unit -
 - a. acknowledging receipt of ACW leaflets.
 - b. approving appointment of Mrs Alice Saunders.
 - c. advising that \$250 was raised to assist aboriginal women to attend ACWC Assembly.
13. 29/11 Mrs Sheela Turner returning new Constitution duly signed by Mrs Lena Meadows and Sheela.
14. Circular, "The Advertiser" re special Jubilee feature - 4th Jan.
15. Minutes, WA Unit meeting 8/11/85.
16. "Ramblings", Report to ACC, "OSW" Status of Women Newsbrief from Women's Desk, Commission on Status of Women, ACC.
Recommended that copies of "Ramblings" be forwarded to all units.
17. 2/12 Mrs M.J. Hunt re Valeri Palang's departure costs.
Letter of thanks to Principal of Alcorn College, Rev. David Pitman, for services given.
Felt that maximum amount for excess baggage should be included in WKS budget.
18. 4/12 ACC press releases.
19. ACC Minutes - meeting 20/12/85.
20. 5/12 Father Richard Chance, SACC re suitable project for 1986 World Community Day offering.
Suggested that "Mothers of the Disappeared" be considered as recipients. Decision deferred.
21. Phone call ACT Unit - ! ACWC bulletin required.
22. 2/12 Mrs Mabel Ward, Sec. NSW Unit re Deaconess Mary Andrews' visit to China.
23. 11/11 YWCA re ACWC Conference.
24. 4/12 Jean Venables - change of address.

The following Outwards mail was endorsed:

1. 13/11 Circular to all State and Territory Units.
 - a. enclosing new Constitution.
 - b. seeking approval for appointment of Mrs Alice Saunders as Publications Editor.
 - c. advising resignation of Miss Irene Jeffreys, Special Days Convenor.
 - d. ACWC Bulletins.
 - e. copies of Unit Minutes.
 - f. requesting FLC and WKS monies to Treasurer by end of year.
2. 13/11 Mr David Bridges, letter of thanks for checking Constitution.
3. 13/11 Mrs Marion Dodds, Sec. Vic Unit re -
 - a. delegates to ACWC Assembly - decision deferred.
 - b. Mrs Lieut. Miriam Gahare's tragic death.
 - c. FLC Audio visual - published in ACW News.
 - d. ACW leaflet - small supply to be forwarded pending update.
4. 13/11 Mr Kerrin B. March, Annesley College, thanks for return of percentage of deposit.

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Outwards (cont.)

5. 13/11 Retreat House, thanks for return of deposit.
6. 13/11 Miss Valeri Palang, WK Scholar sending greetings and good wishes for trip home etc.
7. 13/11 Mrs M.J. Hunt Qld, Convener WKS finalising arrangements for Valeri's departure.
8. 19/11 Mrs Sheela Turner enclosing New Constitution and seeking her signature as well as that of Mrs Lena Meadows for official copy.

85/12/3 REPORTS

1. Finance Dorothy Wright.
 - a. Financial Statement to 30th November tabled by Treasurer was received. Copy attached.
 - b. Accounts for payment were approved as follows:

FLC Convenor Jean Middleton - expenses,		
	(phone, postage)	\$16.40
Secretary - expenses		\$59.45
Printing - Sept/Oct Financial Statement	\$4.31	
Nov. Minutes	<u>11.43</u>	\$15.74
 - c. The following payments were ratified:

Printing - New Constitution		\$54.65
WKS - Valeri Palang final a/c Alcorn College:		
Board (9 weeks)	\$465.00	
Pocket money	180.00	
Books	<u>80.85</u>	\$725.85
- Reimbursement, M.J. Hunt - Valeri's excess luggage etc.		\$107.40
 - d. Recommendation to Units re percentage of funds to be deducted for WKS and FLC etc:

A phone call was received by Treasurer from NSW Unit who were advised that up to 30% could be deducted.
To be discussed in sub-committee.
2. W.K.S. Margaret Knauerhase.

Reported having written to all W.K. Scholars including news about our Jubilee Celebrations, wishing them well and hoping to hear from them.
To ring Betty Helm re progress with arrangements for scholar from Burma in 1986.
3. F.L.C. Jean Middleton.

Posted reply to Qld Unit's request for FLC pamphlets and Circle of Prayer and sent some more ACW pamphlets. Advised that more are to be published. Sent account for \$50, postage \$7.40.

FLC Allocations: Nungalinga College in NT applied for grant from FLC. Jean to write to Shanti Solomon, executive secretary of ICFLC, asking whether this has been granted and if in future the national committee could be advised the results of such applications.
The next Circle of Prayer will be available at the Assembly in 1986 in Bangkok.
4. Special Days

Dorothy to make further enquiries re Convenor - to approach Evelyn Scriven.
Margaret to make contact with Dawn Hurst re cover of Fellowship Day Order of Service.
Margaret to type master copy.

World Community Day: - received the Order of Service from CWL.
To be dealt with by sub-committee (Joy Smith).

85/12/3 REPORTS (cont.)

5. Publications Alice Saunders

ACW News had been sent out be Secretary.
Dorothy to submit report about her visit to Taiwan and Bangkok for next newsletter.
Secretary to obtain book of illustrations for publicity editor.

6. Visit to NT Unit

Dorothy reported that this was a very good meeting. In response to the question "What does the ACW do?" Dorothy was able to give a complete run down of ACW activities.

Broached the subject of the possibility of arranging meetings in Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs with a view to forming branches in these centres. This suggestion was well accepted.

85/12/4 OTHER BUSINESS

1. Sub-committee - Guidelines

To comprise: Dorothy Haensel, Pauline Crosby, Dorothy Wright.
Will meet during January.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 14th January 1986 at 48 Eyre Street,
Seaview Downs, at 9.30 a.m.

<u>1986 Meetings:</u>	14th January	8th July
	11th February	12th August
	11th March	9th September
	8th April	14th October
	13th May	11th November
	10th June	9th December.

Confirmed.....
President

Date

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MONTH ENDING 30 NOVEMBER 1985

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

Balance Oct.31 B/F	\$42,667 .87	<u>ADMIN. & GEN.</u>	
<u>WORLD COMMUNITY DAY</u>		Petty Cash Secretary	33 .52
N. T, Unit	43 .22	Printing Oct- Nov.	8 .30
<u>FELLOWSHIP LEAST COIN</u>	79 .26	F.I.D. Tax *	4 .80
<u>ADMIN & GEN.</u>		BALANCE C/F =	
N.S.W. Unit C of P Bks	30 .00	Summary of Accounts	42,875 .73
	<u>\$42,820 .35</u>		
Interest C.T. Bonds	102 .00		
{ W.K.S. \$89.25	\$42,922 .35		<u>\$42,922 .35</u>
{ W.K. M/B \$12.75	-----		-----

* F.I.D. Tax Exemption for new account lodged.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

PETTY CASH IMPREST	260 .00	WINIFRED KIEK S.	\$29,671 .44
TREASURY BONDS	2,400 .00	FELL/DAY	621 .20
C'WTH GOV. BONDS	4,100 .00	W. KIEK MEM/BURS	2,774 .55
CUSTOM CREDIT	6,000 .00	NATIONAL TRAVEL	3,361 .22
A.G.C.	5,000. 00	OVERSEAS CONFERENCE	2,108 .66
TERM DEPOSIT	12,000 .00	ADMIN. & GEN.	4,216 .18
GOLD INVESTMENT	11,776 .25	WORLD COM/DAY	43 .22
CHEQUE ACCOUNT	<u>1,339 .48</u>	FELL LEAST COIN	<u>79 .26</u>
	<u>\$42,875 .73</u>		<u>\$42,875 73</u>

STATE BANK CHEQUE ACCOUNT BALANCE 31/10/85	\$1,126 .82
RECEIPTS	152 .48
INTEREST	<u>102 .00</u>
	1,381 .30
LESS PAYMENTS	<u>41 .82</u>
	<u>\$1,339 .48</u>