



## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.

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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> floor 222 Pitt Street, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010, 10.30 a.m.

**WELCOME:** The President, Nola welcomed everyone present with a special welcome to Marie Craddock back with us after surgery.

**DEVOTIONS:** Nola based her devotion on Job Ch.29, v2 and John Ch.10, v10. Entitled "Why Bother"? Jesus loves and cares for us all, old and young. When we read the Bible more – the more we comprehend. Being a Christian we know we can pray to Him, not always understanding the answers, but we know God's love is always there.

**PRESENT:** 37 as recorded.

**APOLOGIES:** 11 as recorded.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010 having been circulated were confirmed on the motion of Lily Hanlon & Bev. Elliott. Carried

### BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Approval sought for Helen Hill & Isabel Hewitt's positions as secretary & publicity respectively required. Moved by Nola Dickson & seconded by Heather Badgery.
2. Nola spoke about the Service of Dedication, very pleased with the occasion, expressed gratitude to all who helped on the day especially the Epping PWA.

### REPORTS

**TREASURER:** In the absence of Helen Richardson, Carmel Keys reported \$3295.58 Bank Balance at the end of May. Cash Book stands at \$3218.08.

On the motion of Lyn Middleton and Jean Porteous, the financial report was received and payment of accounts passed. Carried

**FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN** No report in Lillian's absence, collection taken up as usual.

**ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:** Lyn Middleton reported that Executive Secretary term is coming to an end, being replaced by Rev. Lee Moon Suk. Reminder for Concert at S/Army in Campsie on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Need for more participants. Suggestions welcomed. There will be a food request list passed around at August meeting.

**SPECIAL DAYS:** Pamela Freeman reported that parcels for Fellowship Day Services had been despatched after the AGM. Suggested other material, flyers etc can be sent by email. Information re ACW has been sent to Judy Caldwell, from Judith Brown (National Executive) Theme for Community Day Service is "Out of Darkness into Light," being prepared by Canberra unit. Should be ready for despatch after August meeting. Also from Judith Brown news that Allowah Children's' Hospital is the recipient of this years Project. Suggestions for next years project should be in by November 2010.

**WKS** Judith Cayzer had sent report, update on the 2 new students, visas have been granted and girls arrived in time to begin term. Judith has sent cards of welcome. Both need our prayers. Judith had hoped that someone might write to these girls & Janet Lang will do this. News about Imelda Aquino (2008), Leinamau (2007) Chew Siok (2005), was read to the meeting. The WKS Trustees in S.A. should have applications in for 2011 Scholarship. Prayer for wisdom needed in choice. All these young women always give thanks for our interest & prayers.

**SOCIAL ISSUES:** Carmel Keys drew our attention to these concerns:- Federal Government's plan to take over Aged Care. Compassion needed for refugees. Support for parents and carers of teens required

due to changes to parenting styles. Choicez Media provides a sample program for young women to combat media and marketing impact on their sense of self. Adultery Advertising shows a new low in advertising standards. Granting of Parental Leave is cause for celebration. Incidence of homelessness due to high cost of rent. Rights of workers to a fair wage. Trafficking in women and young children is still not being addressed. Human rights, be aware of hidden agendas. Religious agencies should be exempted from medical and social laws which conflict with their beliefs. Vote for our parliamentary members so we have a right and responsibility to address any issues which conflict with our Christian Beliefs. International Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June should have reminded us that we, as Christians should carefully consider our actions & address ourselves to the common task of preserving all life on earth given by our Lord God & Saviour.

PASTORAL CARE: Olive expressed sympathy to Carmel on the death of her sister-in-law, Beryl Kirkwood needs our prayers for her ongoing health issues.

NEWSETTE: Beryl McLaughlin advised that the deadline for copy for the next issue is 19 July 2010.

PUBLICITY: No report

PPSEAWA: In April, the Muslim Women's National Network of Aust. gave a report to the meeting. This group collaborates with a variety of Muslim Women's Organisations in Aust & 23 other countries in the S/East Asia and Pacific regions. It is recognised by the Government as being the peak Muslim women's advocate. Work shops have been run in every state and territory in Aust. with Government cooperation. 123 women have attended these. They are reaching out into the community and accomplishing many positives for Muslims in general. Joan Bird & Edith Ridge.

GIRLS BRIGADE: No report

W.D.P. : Shirley pleased to have Jennifer join the committee.

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL INC.: Isabel Hewitt. Reported that the AGM had been held at St George Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral in Redfern on 12<sup>th</sup> June. It was noted that the Edinburgh International Mission Conference in June 1910 was the beginning of the modern ecumenical movement and that a centenary conference was currently being held in Edinburgh. With this in mind, Geraldine Hawkes, who is the Executive Secretary of the South Australian Council of Churches spoke on "Nurturing Ecumenism the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Important resolutions from the meeting:- Responsibility for The House of Welcome transferred to the Franciscan Friars, who have extensive experience with the needs of refugees and asylum seekers. Churches Housing Inc. has been reconstructed into two separate bodies, one responsible for the oversight of the housing stock, the second to manage the welfare needs of the tenants who have been accommodated.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward) PPSEAWA invitation to Lunch on 28<sup>th</sup> July

SPAN

Prison F'ship

Invitation from Uniting church of Australia to Mission Support Service & lunch  
NCW

Letter from Isabel, thanking committee for flowers & wishing them well

Letter to Scots Presbyterian church, re Day Conference on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward) Reply from Scots agreeing to use of church for 20<sup>th</sup> Sept.

#### BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

The WCTU Foundation is nominating Beryl McLaughlin for the Jean Arnot Luncheon which honours 90 year olds, and ACW will support this.

#### FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

UCA Mission support service & lunch

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS: Attended Jean Arnott Luncheon honouring Beryl Mc Laughlin, in her 90<sup>th</sup> year. Nola gave a resume of Beryl's life.

PPSEAWA Lunch on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Marie wanted to thank everyone for their prayers during her surgery & rehabilitation. While in hospital she found opportunity to minister to a couple of staff.

Thanks to the Anglican ladies for morning tea, and to the Presbyterian ladies for setting up the room.

CLOSING PRAYER was led by Olive Edmundson with special thoughts for Beryl Kirkwood.

NEXT MEETING: 16<sup>th</sup> August, at 10-30am, 10<sup>th</sup> floor Piccadilly Court

CHAIRS: Salvation Army

MORNING TEA: Presbyterian

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_