

A U S T R A L I A N C H U R C H W O M E N

MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT P.W.M.U. OFFICE, ANN STREET, BRISBANE

at 10.00 a.m. on MONDAY, 22nd MAY, 1972

OPENING:

Mrs. Merle Eldershaw directed thoughts in a brief but very helpful meditation on "What was Jesus Really Like?" Through scattered references from the gospel record, came appreciation of the touch of cool, soothing, healing hands, of a majestic bearing and a kingly dignity, of powerful eyes and a radiant face, of an outdoor man of robust health whose body was the temple of God and who made a pulpit of the back of a boat, whose depth of mind and wisdom astounded his hearers: the music and poetry of his stories and parables could so captivate a hungry audience they forgot their need of food, so well could he match voice to the occasion - "never man spake like this man!" Yet with all that, there is a lack of physical detail - his height and physique, the colouring of his hair and eyes, the shade of his complexion - which emphasizes the fact that it was not this man's appearance or personality but His Message that was important.

PRESENT:

Mrs. J. Dennis (President)      Mrs. K. Pope  
 Mrs. R. Lane (Vice-President)      Mrs. G. Haigh  
 Mrs. D. Eldershaw (Treasurer)      Mrs. B. Clarke  
 Brigadier M. J. Geddes      Mrs. C. Connell (Secretary)

APOLOGIES:

Mrs. L. Miller, Mrs. E. Dingle (Leave of absence).

MINUTES:

Members had previously received copies of Minutes of April meeting. These were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

BUSINESS ARISING: Letters were written as directed by April meeting.

As no replies had been received from Mrs. Shanti Solomon and Miss Hope, (Satya Watjana), the President and Secretary conferred and it was decided that "follow-up" aerogrammes be written.

Copies of F.L.C. material and Fellowship Day Posters together with a circular memo. were sent out with copies of minutes and newsletter for April.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received, direction being given as necessary for reply -

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| 1. To General Secretary, A.C.C.                            | Appreciation on contribution to '72 N.C.M.   |
| 2. To MRS. PEDERICK - A.C.W. rep. to C'tee on Co-operation | Requesting copies of Wkg. C'tee Minutes be passed on to C'tee on Co-op.  |
| From "   | Advising convenor not yet appointed, copies to be sent to Chairman; notifying termination of office as President of Aus. Fed. of Methodist W'men. & comment on Terani's visit. Acknowledgment & comment.   |
| To "   |  |
| 3. To MRS. GOUDIE, C'BERRA C.W.                            | Advising as directed April meeting re Venue N.C.M. '73.  |
| 4. From MRS. DOWNES, W.I.C.C. VIC.                         | Enclosing order for F.L.C. material & F'ship Day Posters & comment on Terani's visit. (Requirements despatched).   |
| 5. From MRS. HOWIE, W.I.C.C. of SA                         | Order for F.L.C. material & Posters for F'ship Day. (Requirements despatched).   |
| 6. From MRS. GROAT, Sec.P.W.A.'A.                          | Request for extra copies "Women at Work", enclosing \$2.00 to cover cost. (copies forwarded; receipt to be included with Minutes May meeting).   |
| 7. From GEN SEC., QLD. P.W.M.U.                            | Appreciation - copies N.C.M. Report.   |
| 8. From GEN. SEC. GIRLS' BRIGADE                           | Accepting with pleasure A.C.W.'s invitation to affiliate at national level, & requesting advice re meetings and representation.  |
| 9. To MRS. LEATHERLAND, Director I.S.S. I'national)        | Advice as directed April Meeting re submission to F.L.C.   |
| From "   |  |
| 10. To MRS. ALCORN, METHODIST TRAINING COLLEGE.            | Acknowledgment & offer to supply informative literature for benefit N.C. '73.  |
| 11. From MRS. LEAVER, Brougham Place Cong. Church S.A.     | Sympathy on sudden death of Rev. Cyril Alcorn, College Principal.  |
| 12. From MRS. WARNER, W.I.C.C. VIC.                        | Enquiry re Winifred Kiek Schlp. and suggestion to assist "runner-up" or other applicant.   |
| 13. From MRS. BELL, W.I.C.C. N.S.W.                        | Advising action taken re enquiry Venue for N.C.M. '73 (availability of accommodation). St. Hilda's College requested to supply information direct to A.C.W.  |
| "  | Re correction Minutes N.C.M. '72.  |
| "  | " Constitution - determination of N.C.M. Venue.  |
| "  | Enclosing order for F.L.C. material & Posters, & advising termination of period in office as secretary; advising decision re mailing of Minutes & Newsletters; advising intention of W.I.C.C. N.S.W. to donate \$25 to Memorial Bursary Fund and requesting information concerning establishment of Trust Fund. (Requirements despatched). |

CORRESPONDENCE (Contd.):

- 14. To MRS. SHANTI SOLOMON, INDIA Re intention concerning itinerary prepared by QANTAS.
- 15. To MISS ANGELA HOPE, Satya "Follow-up" request for information previously sought.  
Wajjana

In response to a 'phone request from Mrs. Carpenter (N.S.W. W.I.C.C.), secretary sent a parcel of pens (2 gross) air freight T.A.A. to reach Sydney by 15th May for special meeting - Invoice to be included with copies of Minutes of May Meeting & Newsletter.

- Ø 8. Secretary to write expressing delight at acceptance of invitation and giving such information as would answer enquiries and be generally helpful, also enclosing A.C.W. Brochure, new F.L.C. material, copy of constitution & copies of O/S for Fellowship Day and World Community Day.
  - Ø 11. Mrs. Leaver to be thanked for practical expression of desire to assist and information to be offered which may help in determining who would be a suitable applicant to receive the kind of assistance which could be given.
  - Ø 12. As no information had been received to-date, direct enquiry to be made.
  - Ø 13. N.S.W. Unit to be advised that
    - (i) correction had been noted for appropriate action N.C.M. '73.
    - (ii) point raised was currently causing concern & suggesting submission of Notice of Motion to amend relevant clauses in A.C.W. Constitution.
    - (iii) decision re sending of correspondence was appreciated.
    - (iv) donation to Memorial Bursary Trust Fund gratefully received (enclosing receipt) & action taken to-date in regard to the Frust Fund to be outlined.
- Letter to be sent to Mrs. Bell expressing good wishes for Overseas Trip, also to Mrs. Carpenter enclosing receipt and replies to matters raised as set out above.

FINANCE:

The Treasurer's Report and Statement, received and adopted, were as follows -

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE - for month ending 18/5/72

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Balance as at 18/4/72	\$2066.00	Adjust. entry - dishonoured chq.	\$10.00
Circle of Prayer	60	Postage O/S Fellowship Day	2.60
Scribal Pens	43.20	" National Meeting Reports	1.50
Calendar Diaries - Tasmania	40.00	Balance as at 18/5/72	2140.70
Postage - N.S.W.	5.00		
	<u>\$2154.80</u>		<u>\$2154.80</u>

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP A/c

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Balance as at 18/4/72	\$1501.35	T. Aisake - W. K. Scholar	
Bond Interest	11.65	Clothing	\$6.98
Adjust. entry - Dis. chq.	10.00	Air Fares	205.30
A.C.W. Mem. Bursary -		Pocket Money	<u>20.00</u>
Dr. F. R. Ashton	\$50.00		\$232.28
N.S.W. W.I.D.D.	25.00	Balance as at 18.5.72	1365.72
	<u>75.00</u>		
	<u>\$1598.00</u>		<u>\$1598.00</u>

The following accounts were passed for payment -

Abell & Co.	\$115 (F.L.C.)
Scribal Pty. Ltd.	\$229.50
Aerogrammes - W. K. Scholarship	\$2.76
Postage & Freight	\$3.86
Poster Paper (½ F'ship Day; ½ W. City Day)	\$9.64
Board for Terani Aisake	\$154.00

The treasurer reported that there was still a small amount outstanding from Calendar-Diary sales. A donation of \$25 from N.S.W. W.I.C.C. brought the amount in the Memorial Bursary Trust Fund to \$121.00. It was therefore moved that a separate Bank A/c be opened for the Trust Fund; that the President & Treasurer be appointed Trustees and that arrangement be made to place \$100 of the Fund at fixed deposit for six months. This action was considered advisable for the purpose of attracting to the Fund the best possible interest rate for the remainder of the current year, until such time as definite National Committee direction concerning establishment and investment of the Trust Fund could be implemented.

REPORTS:  
UNITED CHURCHES,  
NEWSLETTER

Mrs. Ruth Lane had written to ten groups during the month and replies were awaited from all of these. News had been forwarded by N.S.W. for inclusion in "Women at Work" and she had been grateful for this. It was noted with particular interest that Deaconess Mary Andrews had been

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invited to attend the Triennial Meetings of the World Federation of Deaconesses in New York in June (14th to 21st). These meetings are of interdenominational interest. Material for the next issue of "Women at Work" was in hand, copies to be despatched with Minutes of May meeting.

SCRIBAL PENS:

Sales appeared to be quite brisk in some States, and orders were being despatched promptly.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN:

Word had been received from Mrs. Badger that the F.L.C. Tape had been forwarded to Tasmania as requested. The new information leaflets and labels were going out, three States having already sent in their orders.

Mrs. Haigh drew attention to the stock of current Circle of Prayer Booklets still on hand, stressing the need to clear these as soon as possible.

Mrs. Solomon had not replied to the query concerning the possibility of printing future C. of P. Booklets in Australia.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP:

Mrs. Pope had met a very elated Terani on her return to Brisbane on Thursday, 18th May, after her visit to southern States. She was most enthusiastic about her visits and appreciated all that had been done for her. She was warmly received everywhere and had enjoyed each new experience. Her devotional session at the Methodist Meetings in Melbourne had attracted much favourable comment. So far no press cuttings or pictures had been forwarded, but Mrs. Pope hoped that State Units were aware of the need to keep the Scrap Book up-to-date and would let her have reports in due course. She had received a most interesting letter from Terani written in Melbourne and Hobart. Definite dates for future visits were - Queensland, 12th - 18th August; New South Wales and Canberra, 4th - 11th December.

The Scholarship Committee had met on 15th May. The new policy in regard to the receipt of applications from a specified area only, had been explained and applications forms had been sent out. Letters had been written to the various National Christian Councils informing them of A.C.W.'s new policy concerning future applications for the scholarship. Following their receipt of this letter, the National Christian Councils of four areas - Malaysia & Singapore, Indonesia, Japan and Bangladesh - had all sent enquiries re the W.K.S. which indicated that these particular Councils had not previously been informed in regard to it. In view of the particular questions to which answers were sought and the inquiring interest of various representatives from Mission Boards present at the meeting, it seemed that there is definite need for an up-to-date information leaflet on W.K.S. Consideration was being given to the composition of the Winifred Kiek Schlp. Committee.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

W.K.S. LEAFLET - It was decided that a leaflet with concise statement of information be prepared for consideration by the Working Committee at its next meeting, with a view to duplicating a brief but comprehensive statement which could be of future use in disseminating information when and where requested.

"ASIA FOCUS" - Attention was drawn to our close link with the A.C.W.C. and the contribution by Mrs. Dingle to the quarterly magazine of the E.A.C.C., "Asia Focus". It was felt that A.C.W. should give practical expression to its interest and it was therefore decided that the subscription for delivery (\$5.00) be paid on behalf of A.C.W. for one year.

It was reported that A.C.W. had been invited, through the Working Committee, to be represented at the Annual Meetings of the following Queensland Church Women's Groups -

- Mothers Union
- Catholic Daughters
- Churches of Christ
- Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 26th June, 10.00 a.m.

CLOSE:

The meeting closed with the mizpah benediction at 2.40 p.m.

CONFIRMED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary: Mrs. C. Connell, 15 Burns Parade, Chapel Hill, 4069.  
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