

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - N.S.W. STATE UNIT.

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street Sydney on Monday, September 16 1996 at 10.30 a.m.

OPENING: President Peg Blake welcomed members and new Anglican member, Deaconess Heather Badgery, to the meeting and led devotions based on 1 John 1:3-9  
"If we live in the light, just as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another" - all sang the chorus "Turn your eyes upon Jesus".

PRESENT: 49 as recorded.

APOLOGIES: 14, including Deaconess Mary Andrews who was in Eversleigh Hospital.

The Minutes of Meeting of August 19 were read and confirmed on motion of Doris Haberfield, seconded Edith Ridge. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (ACWC) VISIT - Friday September 27:  
Iluminada Domingo (Executive Secretary), Woranut Pantupong (President) and Rita Wong (Vice-President) will visit. Luncheon at Scots Church 10.30 a.m.  
Members attending to bring a plate of food to share.  
Programme has been organised enabling each visitor to speak about her involvement in Asian Church Women's Conference.  
On Thursday September 26, members interested in meeting visitors for sight-seeing time, to meet at No. 4 Wharf Circular Quay at 11.30 a.m.  
Marie McCann who is hostessing the ladies will then take them to the National Council of Women meeting at 6.30 p.m.
2. FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN 40 YEARS CELEBRATION - Friday October 11 - Salvation Army Function Centre, 140 Elizabeth Street (4th Floor) at 10.30 a.m.  
Lucelle King is hostessing the three visitors, Shirin Samuel (Executive Secretary ICFLC), Mary Cline Detrick and Dorothea Dilschnieder.  
Programme has been arranged and relevant publicity attended to.  
Special FLC 40 Anniversary gift of 40 coins suggested - to be presented by members at function.  
Token of appreciation for retiring Executive Secretary Shirin Samuel was collected from members for presentation to Shirin at function.  
Luncheon charge of \$10 collected - (necessary for catering purposes by Salvation Army).  
Thursday October 10 - interested members to meet at 11.30 Wharf 4, Circular Quay for sight-seeing time with visitors.
3. NCW THANKSGIVING SERVICE - December 3 - St. James, King Street. 11 a.m.  
Service form given to N.C.W. who were pleased with format.
4. FLOWER FESTIVAL - ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL - September 6/9 - Heather Merrick with assistance from Beth Finlay and Pat Sutton had produced a magnificent arrangement  
Their efforts very much appreciated. Heather to be invited to October 11 luncheon.
5. ACWC SERVICE - Monday November 18 Publicity to denominations was distributed last meeting - to be sent to nearby Churches in Campsie.  
To commence at 10 a.m. with Morning Tea  
Rev. John Woo very excited about the Service - will arrange some translation.  
Baptist Church ladies are rostered for morning tea and two ladies from each denomination are to bring extra morning tea to assist.
6. REVISION OF SPEAKERS LIST - List circulated for those willing to speak at Fellowship Day and World Community Day Services.
7. WOMEN OF THE LAND CONFERENCE - Prayers and greetings have been received from all denominations.

8. REPORTS FROM STATE CONFERENCE - available at \$3.00. from Secretary.

9. BRANCH REPORTS - to be written at the end of the year's activities and presented at the February Council meeting - to be included in Annual Report. Suggested that reports make general comments - not necessary to mention numbers or collections - write about gist of the Service - make a statement of "who we are" in our areas - quote what the speaker says.

FROM EXECUTIVE: The Leader of Services should arrange a Planning Meeting so that each participant is familiar with the Service format, thus enabling the Service to run through smoothly.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

1. YWCA Luncheon - September 18 - AGM.
2. Wilga Morris, Co-ordinator Darwin ACW - will attend October 11 Luncheon.
3. Queensland Unit Office bearers and report.
4. Dorothea Dilschneider re visit.
5. National Minutes August 26 - report of National President's visit to Darwin setting up ACW - also attendance at NCCA National Conference. Discussion about a network of women - ACW is in a good position to lobby. ACW is the original ecumenical women's group network.
6. CWL Bi-Ennial State Conference - October 26 - 9.30 - invitation to President to attend.
7. Pan Pacific & South East Asia Women's Association - Spring luncheon - Sept. 25 - Peg Blake and Bev Elliott will attend.
8. ABM - September 25 - 10.30 - Beth Finlay will attend.
9. Letter from Archbishop Goodhew appointing Deaconess Heather Badgery to Council as Anglican member and trusting that the work of the Council will continue to thrive.
10. Mothers Union "In Form".

PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES:

President Peg Blake had attended Foundation Luncheon at Parliament House for National Council of Women - seven members from ACW attended. Peg was asked to lead National Anthem. She had also been the guest speaker at Riverwood PWA as President of ACW.

REPORTS: Marie Major reported that finances are very satisfactory. Report attached.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells with Margaret Jessup had attended Lindfield Anglican Church to speak about FLC. She said it was very necessary that denominations know what FLC stands for - there is literature available. Also the Circle of Prayer. Shirley read from the 40 special Circle of Prayer - Meditation 6 - Philippians 4:6-7 prepared by Mrs. Cruz from Philippines. "Have no anxiety about anything".

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Mina Whybourne reported that Rachel McManus from the South Sydney Anglican Ministry has been granted the Scholarship for 1997; the amount of money involved is \$8540 to cover her course costs and living allowance and she could possibly receive an amount from the Memorial Bursary Fund to cover her book expenses. Rachel is the first aboriginal scholar. (Rachel's application had been organised through Mothers' Union.)

SPECIAL DAYS: Edith Ridge reported that all Service forms had been distributed. Dorothy Woodhouse had organised a meeting at Kincumber - Woy Woy and Gosford to be invited.

A list of Venues where Services are to be held is available

FUNCTIONS: Marie McCann said that 50 ladies had indicated they would attend on September 27 and 80 to attend on October 11. Shirley Birch from South Australia will be attending Luncheon.

PUBLICITY: Colleen O'Sullivan had sent relevant information to radio stations and local papers re World Community Day.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Joan Tong will be visiting Japan as a member of ACWC Executive the last week in October - Seminar to discuss aging community. She has also been invited to Korea by Church Women United. Members asked to remember her in prayer as she travels.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN - Centenary Youth Award - application forms available.

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA: A national Research Project of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference undertaken by the Bishops Committee for Justice, Development and Peace, the Australian Catholic University and the Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes - has called for submissions.

It was proposed Phil McKinnirey seconded Colleen O'Sullivan that Australian Church Women prepare a submission and they would undertake to do this by December 1.

Get Well greetings signed by all members - to be sent to Deaconess Mary Andrews.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY NOVEMBER 18 - ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, CAMPSIE.

President thanked the Church of Christ ladies for providing the morning tea and the Anglican ladies for setting up the meeting room. She then closed the meeting with the Benediction at 12.15 p.m.

Confirmed . . . . .

November 18, 1996.