

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

MINUTES OF MEETING 16-4-2007

PRESENT: E. Johnson, E. Reidy, B. Lacy, I. Bray, U. Birtchnell, B. Skilbeck, D. Bryan, M. Welford, J. Maher, J. Morley.

APOLOGIES: A. Murray, L. Adam.

WELCOME: E. Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DEVOTIONS: B. Lacy led devotions using a reading from the book, "Words of Life", May-August edition. The reading was entitled "An Encouraging Spirit" and was based on Luke 8:4-15. Barbara then opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES of 19-3-2007 were confirmed on the motion of I. Bray, sec. U. Birtchnell. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: 1. **ACW Publicity Brochure.** These will be available soon.

CORRESPONDENCE: **IN** 1. Directory of Australian Associations 59<sup>th</sup> edition – no changes required  
2. ACW NSW Unit – minutes 19/2/07. Social issues, incorporation.  
3. Evangelical Alliance "Working Together" Issue 1/2007  
4. I. Hewitt, NSW Unit – reply to request for copy of suggested changes to National Treasurer's Guidelines  
5. Ms Shu-Wen Chiang – flight arrangements  
6. ACW SA Unit – minutes 9/3/07, visit of Major E. Johnson, National President  
7. I. Hewitt, NSW Unit – re registration forms  
8. Beth Skilbeck – Sympathy thank you  
9. Major G. Watson, NT – unable to host National Executive 2009/2011  
10. Janet Watts, WA Unit – away from 12-27 April, emails to Leeola.  
11. Brenda Dickinson – ACW Web Site update  
**OUT** 1. Mrs Iris Bray – thanks for a wonderful Luncheon  
2. E. Holley – request for copy of suggested changes to National Treasurer's Guidelines  
3. Circular Letter No. 6  
4. Mrs June Chambers – thanks  
5. Mrs S. Birch – message of sympathy on the death of her husband  
6. ACW Queensland Unit – re National Executive 2009/2011  
7. Ms Shu-Wen Chiang, ACWC – re flight arrangements and itinerary  
8. Brenda Dickinson – ACW Web Site  
9. ACW SA Unit – host to Shu-Wen after Conference  
10. ACW NSW Unit – host to Shu-Wen after Conference  
B. Lacy moved, sec. M. Welford, that the correspondence be received. Carried.

REPORTS: 1. **President.** Elaine Johnson reported that she visited L. Adam and A. Murray to conduct interviews for the AWC survey. She had an appointment with Commissioner Carolyn Knaggs to speak about ACW matters. Elaine attended the ACW Fundraising Luncheon which was so well done by Iris Bray and her helpers. During Holy Week she attended an Ecumenical Easter Service at St John's Lutheran Church, Southgate.

Elaine had a letter from Shu-Wen regarding her visit to National Conference and one from A. Eldridge regarding Shu-Wen's visit to SA Unit. I. Hewitt wrote regarding the President's visit to NSW Unit and M. Flint sent greetings. Elaine wrote to J. Miller and K. Pearce regarding her visit to TAS Unit. She wrote to I. Hewitt regarding her visit to NSW Unit. She sent a sympathy message to S. Birch and phoned R. Palmer and L. Pearce regarding visits to TAS and WA Units.

2. **Treasurer.** Iris Bray presented the Financial Statement from 14-3-07 to 13-4-07. Iris reported that 52 guests attended the Luncheon. The Luncheon expenses were \$415, the profit was \$1165 and donations were \$282. It may be the last time Iris will be able to organize a Luncheon.

I. Bray moved, sec. J. Morley, that the report be received. Carried.

**3. Winifred Keik Scholarship Convener.** Una Birtchnell reported that applications for 2008 Scholarship have been posted to Indonesia and Malaysia and emailed to 24 representatives on ACWC General Committee and 9 Catholic contacts in those countries. May 31<sup>st</sup> is the closing date. A letter was received from Leinamau Monrogoana thanking us for the book "Winifred" and saying that it was interesting, a perfect gift and a challenge. Una spoke to J. Cayzer who went to church with Leinamau on Maundy Thursday and had a Passover Meal. After Easter she took Leinamau shopping for winter clothes. A letter was received from P. Saunders regarding Conference and saying they are looking forward to Elaine's visit. A copy of the "Winifred" book will be sent to Cathy at her new address. Letters were sent to all State WKS Conveners, Trustees and M. Knauerhase. An Easter card was received from Nighat Gulzar.

**4. Fellowship of the Least Coin Convener.** Elaine Johnson read Lola Adam's report. All State Conveners were contacted to remind them to send a report. J. Lang, NSW, ordered 50 brochures and 20 Circles of Prayer. These have been sent. Lee Edwards, WA, is having a procedure on her eye. J. Miller, Tasmania wrote requesting forms for grants. E. Morison, VIC, ordered 50 leaflets and these were delivered. A. Mortensen, QLD, ordered 50 brochures and these were sent. 160 Circle of Prayer 18 will be sent to SA Unit as soon as they arrive. No grant applications will be sent from Australia this year.

**5. Social Justice Issues Convener.** Marian Welford reported that no replies have been received yet.

**6. ACWC.** Donna Bryan read the greeting she sent to our South Korean prayer partners on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Korea Church Women United. The 2007 ACWC Day order of worship has been received. An Easter message was received from Shu-Wen, Executive Secretary ACWC. Shu-Wen is visiting East Timor from 14-18 April and she will send a report when she returns home. Please continue to remember all our Asian sisters in prayer. Send Signature cards to Donna before the beginning of May.

**7. Publication Editor.** The next newsletter will be published in May.

**8. Special Days.** Beth Skilbeck reported that she had sent a letter to all State/Territory units informing them that Project Rachel had been chosen as the WCD Special Project for 2007. She also wrote to ACT Unit re their theme for their time as National Executive so that a theme can be chosen for FD 2008.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** 1. **National Conference 2007.** Time was spent planning for Conference.

2. **Financial Review.** Consideration was given to the initial report of the committee reviewing the structures of the total funding of ACW as requested by the National Conference in Perth in 2003.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** E. Johnson closed the meeting with prayer.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday 14 May 2007 at 10am at VCC rooms  
Devotions – A. Murray Morning tea – B. Skilbeck

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President.....

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT	FROM 14.3.07	TO	13.4.07

**Receipts**

Balance : 14.3.07		\$25,392.80
Mrs J Chambers (E Johnson)	N.T.	\$200.00
Tasmania Unit	H.C.W.	\$40.00
Victoria Unit	WK Book	\$37.50
ACT Unit	F.L.C. AN/Book	\$15.00
Fundraising		\$917.50
W.A. Unit	F.L.C. AN/Book	\$15.00
Mrs V Birtchnell	Fundraising	\$93.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$26,711.30</b>

**Expenses**

"Merrijig" Project		\$384.95
Balance in Bank 13.4.07		\$26,326.35
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$26,711.30</b>

Iris Bray HON TREASURER