

Minutes of meeting of Australian Church Women N.S.W. Unit held on 16th Feb. 1981 at 139 Castlereagh St. Sydney, at 10.30a.m.

The President welcomed all present and led in ^{reading} Ephesians Chapter 1 1-14r with Devotional thoughts and prayer.

Special welcomes were extended to visitors, Mrs. Loco/Hahari from Port Moresby visiting Sydney with a team from Papua, introduced by the Secretary. Major Venables introduced Mrs. Commissioner Orsborn, Mrs. Gibson from Grantham Heights, Mrs. Hyndman from Roseville/ Lindfield/ Killara branch, Mrs. Oliver Wentworthville-rep. for W.C.T.U. Sister Lenore Sharry, Catholic Ecumenism, Dame Monica Gallagher, Mrs. Loreen Stanhope, Mrs. Denham, and Mrs. Verco.

Apologies were received from the Treasurer Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Dougherty, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Bent, Mrs. Whyborne, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Renn, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Neville, Mrs. Peterson, Also Mrs. Capt. Biles who had a new baby son.

A record No. present 55.

Love and sympathy was extended to Mrs. Hulme-Moir and Mrs. Evelyn Ridley in the loss of their sons since we met last.

Minutes of meeting 17th Nov. were read and confirmed.

Business Arising, 5 ladies had attended the Ecumenical Day at Cranbrook School, which was very good.

Photos of the St banners had been investigated to see if possible to have stationary made with the photos on, but it was not practical. The Executive had sent to the Working Committee in Hobart their views on the "Structures" of the Working Committee to be considered in August, at the National Meeting.

Inwards Correspondence, and outwards replies, etc.

Catholic Women's League Christmas Card,
Cards from Dien, with photo, & Rev. Mary Au.

Trading Partners, and reply

Letter Mrs. Com. Ward and reply

Uniting Ch. booking rooms accepted

Wesley Chapel booking 25th May accepted

Working Committee W.K.S. Conv. Several letters and replies

Mrs. De Wit resignation leaving Aust.

Catholic Women's League 2 new reps.

Mrs. Briggs, Life Member thanks

W.C.T.U.

A.C.C. request for Annual Report.

A.C.C. Leaflets

Impact Wesley Central Mission

Asian Church Women's subscription due

F.I.C. Leaflets, and Circle of Prayer Silver Jubilee Edition, received.

Master Copy of Fellowship Day Service. "Creative for Christ. Theme.

Sympathy cards Mrs. Hulme Moir and Mrs. Ridley.

Cards Major Venables get well, all replied

Dorothy Wagner greetings F. L.C.

Working Committee Minutes and Women at Work, posted to Council Members.

Letters to Council members.

No Financial Report, but it was endorsed that Robin Trinder be auditor. It was indicated Mrs. McCann would take any subscription for "Newsette."

The 5 minute segment of affiliated organizations was given by Mrs. Oliver about the W.C.T.U. which proved very informative.

The F.I.C. Segment was read by Mrs. McCann, and the offering taken.

Deaconess Andrews gave the Winifred Kiek Scholar Report, about Mary Au, Dien, and the arrival of Maline, this year's scholar, whom Mrs. Stanhope would act as hostess, and Lane Cove-Longueville Branch for assistance with items needed. Others could donate items during the year, she is due to arrive on 27th. and would be available for week-ends later to stay with people.

Promotion Convenor Mrs. Ednd Baker gave reports of new branches being started, or plans to speak at new areas, including Hornsby and Cromer, and Grenfell, and Lakemba.

Publicity. Brig. Ward spoke about "Newsette", and asked for items to be sent in to her. Spare copies are available of the Feb. issue.

The Ecumenical Tour of New Zealand Churches was to commence on 14th March, Mrs. Stevens reported she had 37 people going in the group, and they would visit both islands, and were wished well.

The Secretary indicated we had found Mrs. Hall had passed away, who was a life member and requested information for a minute as a tribute for her work, for next meeting.

The Secretary indicated she had approached an Aboriginal girl for a speaker in March, but as she was going to Canberra for 6 months in Aboriginal Affairs, would have to wait till the end of the year. Plans for the May Service were under way, to recognise the F.L.C. Jubilee Year., and possibly following that a speaker may be included for the International Year of Disabled Persons.

The March Meeting at this stage was not finalised, and would be a surprise.

A reminder that the Women's World Day of Prayer Service would be held on Fri. 6th March, and Brig. Smith indicated the city service would be at Wesley Chapel at 12 noon., with speaker Jean Radden.

Mrs. Heather Stevens then presented the ladies who had attended the Manila, Philippines Celebrations in Nov. / Dec. who spoke on various activities. Mrs. Stanhope spoke of the Celebration ^{Dinner and} Service and Cultural Night, Deaconess spoke of the Bible Studies, Mrs. Mc Cann spoke on the Workshops, Mrs. Richardson spoke of her encounter experiences the week-end she was allocated, and Mrs. Stevens on Worship and Final Communion Service. These proved most interesting and this was acknowledged with a small ~~peey~~ spray of flowers to the speakers.

The tea hostesses were Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Sparkes. and the offers for next meeting are Mrs. Lean and Mrs. Cameron.

Next meeting 16th March.
The meeting closed at 12.30 with the Benediction.

President. *E. Sparkes*.....

16th March, 1981.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MRS. A. HALL.

Mrs. Hall passed away in September 1980 at the age of 95. She became a Life Member of our organization because of her involvement with Wybalena Hostel at Burwood in the days when this group was the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council. Sometimes she would spend several days at the hostel assisting looking after the girls who lived there. She was an ecumenical lady, but as a member of the Baptist Church at Ladjemba for 45 years, she was for 30 years a stewardess, arranged church flowers, and entertained people. As well as being a delegate to the Baptist Union, she travelled to Chatswood weekly to assist Mrs. A.E. Walker, also one of our late Life Members, in working for stalls for the Central Methodist Mission, as it was then. She also attended St. Clements, Mosman, Anglican. She was also an active member of the W.C.T.U., being President and Secretary and bringing information to our organization about that work. An active lady who was involved when there was a referendum with that body, she was also a visitor of the sick. We express our thanks to God for her life and work, and our sympathy to her daughter.

Contributed by several who remember her.