



**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
NSW STATE UNIT INC.**

***Minutes of Council Meeting Monday 16th April, 2018
10.30 am, 222 Pitt Street, Sydney***

OPENING: Welcome and Devotions were included in the AGM

PRESENT: There were 21 members present **APOLOGIES:** 14 apologies were received.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Council meeting of 19th March 2018, were confirmed, with a correction on Page 2 'Dedication Day 31st May'. Moved by Peg McEntee and Seconded by Judy O'Hara.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1 Dedication Day 31st May 2018: Peg addressed the meeting regarding Dedication Day and encouraged everyone to come and take part in the happy occasion. She advised that the Cathedral is opposite the WIN stadium and there is plenty of parking. Taxis are available at the station and lifts will be arranged to return to the station.

Moya Potts announced that Peg McEntee is to be made a Papal Dame of the Order of St Gregory the Great. This will be officially acknowledged at Dedication Day by the Bishop of Wollongong. This is the highest honour that can be given to Women in the Catholic Church. Pamela congratulated Peg on behalf of ACW.

2 Jean Arnot Memorial Lunch, 21st May: Pamela Freeman, Isabel Hewitt and Elizabeth McEwen will be at the Luncheon, where Edith Ridge will be honoured for her service to ACW. Edith will be accompanied by Uniting Church member, Lyn Drabsch.

REPORTS

Treasurer: Pat Cory presented the Statement of Receipts and Payments for March 2018. Total Income was \$648.55; Total Payments were \$81.40; Credit Balance at Bank at 31st March 2018 was \$3502.38.

Accounts to be paid were: Jean Arnot Lunch \$540, The Salvation Army Dulwich Hill (F'ship Day printing) \$42.84; NSW Fair Trading \$45, E. McEwen printing \$211.36.

Pat moved that the Financial Report be accepted and the accounts be paid, Seconded by Moya Potts. Carried

Fellowship of the Least Coin: Judy shared a Devotion from Acts 16: 14-15, 40 about Lydia, who was a business woman and the leader of a household with several members. She was a worshipper of God. Lydia was so deeply touched by Paul's message of Jesus that she decided to be baptised with all her members of her household. She opened her house for the first Christian parish, where brothers and sisters could meet, pray and break bread together. Like Lydia, we should commit our talents to God and use them for those who are not well off and not so privileged. Judy closed the Devotion with prayer. Judy drew attention to Circle of Prayer booklets, FLC money boxes and FLC spoons available.

Special Days: Lyn has received a draft copy of the Order of Service for World Community Day in October, prepared by the Tasmanian Unit. The theme is 'Women Sharing Open-heartedly – Listen, Care, Love, Assist. Since the last meeting, National came up with a Special Project 'Communify Queensland – Asylum Circle'. This is a collaborative project in Queensland that contributes to the support of people seeking asylum.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship: Judith emailed her report: Easter cards with encouragement were sent to Lauren England and Elise Ruthenbeck [2018 scholars]. Hina Burq [2017, Pakistan] is at the Women's Leadership Conference in Canada.

Easter Greetings were sent out and replies received from: *Christy Ferguson* [2009, Melbourne). She celebrated Easter with her church family which includes a group of joyful Persian folk.

Leinamau [2007, Fiji] is 'good and doing well' with the Master's Program. She always remembers Easter when studying in Sydney and the Maundy Thursday Service she had to prepare.

Esline [2016, Vanuatu]. *Esline* is always thankful that she is still thought about and appreciative of prayers.

Nighat [1994, in Philadelphia] – always sends a lovely card and greeting, although no news.

Applications for 2019 Scholarships for women of Pacific Islands are to be received by WKS Trustees by 31 May.

Social Issues: Letter to Gladys Berijikian regarding media bias against reporting substantial Christian gatherings at Conferences and Conventions; Letter to Matt Keogh, MP WA congratulating WA on a project that successfully addresses truancy; and letter to Brad Hazzard, Minister for Health regarding concern at consumption of alcoholic cider by young people. Sample letters were available for members to add their own address and signature.

Membership: No Report

Pastoral Care: No Report

Newsette: Any items to be included in the May issue of Newsette need to be sent to Isabel promptly

ACWC: Tricia Graham will get in touch with National Executive to advise that she is now the ACWC Convener.

At the June meeting catering arrangements will be made for the ACWC Concert on 26th August. Pamela has had a response from some of the groups who will be performing.

Publicity: Publicity will be prepared for the ACWC Concert in August.

Reports to be received: It was moved by Carmel Keys and Seconded by Valerie Hazlewood that the Reports be received. Carried

Correspondence – Inwards

ACWC Newsletter

Lynette Green – thanks for card

Kwik Kopy quotation for report

Laurel Pearce – WA visitor

GB – Brigade Affect Newsletter

Correspondence – Outwards

Kwik Kopy – request for quotation

Laurel Pearce – meeting dates

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Our meeting dates were sent to Laurel Pearce in WA for the information of Anjelli Abbot, who will be spending some time in NSW and may be able to attend one of our meetings.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/ TO ATTEND

Pamela will be attending the Jean Arnot Luncheon on 21st May.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

Bible Society: No Report

Girls' Brigade: Elizabeth Neale showed a copy of Brigade Affect to illustrate the new branding that Girls' Brigade have adopted. They have new colours and different logos for different events. Last week the bibles celebrating 125 years of Girls' Brigade arrived at Brigade House. These will be sent all around Australia to churches which have Girls' Brigade Companies. The NSW Conference will be held on 5th May at Brigade House with the theme of 'Abundance'. In July Zambia will be hosting the International Conference, which is held every 4 years. Elections will be held for the new International President. Six countries from the Pacific region will attend. Elizabeth thanked everyone for their prayers for Girls' Brigade.

NSW Ecumenical Council: No Report

National Council of Women (NCW) At the March Council meeting there were two Guest Speakers, one from Legacy NSW, which was established after World War I to look after widows and children. Across Australia Legacy assists 70,000 widows and children of servicemen and women who have served our country. The other Speaker told about the Invictus Games which will be held in Sydney from 20th to 27 October this year. There will be 500 plus competitors, from 18 Nations in 11 Adaptive Sports. They are hoping Prince Harry will attend the Games. The Committee will look after and organise activities for the competitors and the supporters who will be travelling with them. Tricia apologised that she won't be able to attend the Jean Arnot Luncheon or the Dedication Day, as she will be overseas. Tricia reminded us that we are all welcome to attend the Members and Friends Morning Tea on Wednesday morning in the Upper Room at Wesley Centre at 10.15 am.

Pan Pacific & South East Asia Women's Association (PPSEAWA) - No Report

World Day of Prayer: There has not been a meeting since the last Council meeting. The next WDP meeting will be on 22nd May, which will be attended by Sister Elizabeth Delaney.

NEW BUSINESS:

1 **The State Conference** will be held on Monday 17th September at Concord Baptist Church, Carrington Street, North Strathfield. Further details will be given at the June and August meetings. We will be celebrating 80 years of ACW.

2 Jan Harrison spoke about former Anglican Council Member, Dorothy Kenning, who passed away on 4th April. Dorothy, who was a member of St Johns Church, North Ryde, loved working with children and was involved in Girl Guides and GFS, and was a supporter of Anglicare. Jan commented that Dorothy had been a very faithful Christian lady.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 18th June 2018

Morning tea: Baptist ***Chairs:*** Presbyterian ***Trading Table:*** Uniting

Pamela thanked everyone who provided morning tea today.

Close of Meeting: The meeting closed at 11.55, with prayer.