

N.S.W.

Minutes of meeting of State Unit of Australian Church Women held at 139 Castlereagh St. on 18th Feb. 1980.

Welcome was given to the 42 members present, and a welcome was extended to those who had been overseas Miss E. Blackwell, Brig. R. Smith, Mrs Major Hoskings, and Mrs. Price as proxy for Mrs Hunter Lane Cove - Longueville, and Miss Guthrie as representative of W.W.C.A. Apologies, Mrs. Col Peterson, Mrs. Hunter, Badger and Ridley, Brig. Smith brought a greeting from U.S.A. and spoke of the work of The Salvation Army with Church Women United.

The President brought a message in the devotional from Ephesians, and prayer was offered, for our work, and for Win Dougherty.

Congratulations to Deaconess Andrews on the conferring of the Member of the Order of Australia.

The Minutes were read and confirmed.

Correspondence was summarized. Inwards.

Thanks Cards J Curtin, J. Hunter and Deaconess Andrews.

F.I.C. Silver Jubilee Celebrations. Delegates.

Molong United Church

Lambton Uniting Church re new branch.

Mrs. Smith Lambton

Nat. Council of Women 6 questionnaires.

Dorothy Wagner C.W.U.

Master Copy of Fellowship Day Service

Women at Work, and Minutes of N.C.W. 4 months,

Invite "Women for the Family and Society Conference."

Mrs. Briggs.

Application forms for Ecumenical Conference in Los Angeles, and tour.

Working Committee re-W.K.Scholar, -Leaflets, -N.C.M. 25-28 Aug. 1981, and World Community Day Projects.

Bookings for Executive meetings same meeting room except Execut. W.W.D. of R next 2 meetings, on 2nd floor.

Outwards.

Letter Dorothy Wagner,

Working Committee copy of "Newsette."

F.I.C. Convenor names for Manila Conference, Nov.-Dec. and all all necessary letters written.

The inwards correspondence was accepted, and outwards confirmed.

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Publicity Report was given by Brig. Ward, "Newsette" was available today, the second edition, anyone else could subscribe, and everyone was encouraged to assist in getting subscribers, there are 95 now. Mrs. McCann is to speak at Parramatta Business and Professional Women's Club, at Brig. Ward's arranging. This could be an interesting time, and opportunity for promotion also.

It was suggested 'Newsette' could be promoted through the W.W.D of P Services, but it would be necessary to wait till next year to ask for permission to send out leaflets, through the committee.

Promotions. Mrs. Lean reported a thrust is planned in 4 new areas for branches, letters written to Hornsby, Penrith, Caringbah, Eastern Suburbs. Information form for copies for W.F. Fellowship and World Community Day are available, today. There are "People of the Kingdom," and "With Hope in our Hearts." It was resolved to write to Convenor

Special Days of Working Committee and point out various ways to improve Master Copy of Order of Service. The Convenor to write pointing out Mrs. Heather Stevens had been able to arrange for it to be redone in her office, before it could go to the printer.

The Secretary reported she had the permission of the Nov. Exec. to attempt to make an Audio Visual for our organization. This had been done over the holiday period, using slides, and making more of prints photos etc., -and there are 2 tapes, one 15 minutes for Promotions, and one of 30 minutes for branches if required with the same set of slides. The screen and speaker had been borrowed from the Board of Education Uniting Church and if there was time at the end of the meeting it could be shown. Major Venables could be able to show it at Newcastle, at Lambton, when she speaks for us at the W.W. D of P. Service in the evening, preceded by a tea when she would promote a branch.

March Meeting. Arrangements to extend the meeting 10a.m. till 2.30p.m. Co-ordinate resources that are available for training; women to take their place in the decision making bodies of the church. A report from each denomination of 5 minutes telling what they do to help the women to be more effective, in leadership training, -also from the affiliated organizations. Miss Guthrie had been asked to be a speaker in the morning, from Y.W.C.A. on procedure at meetings etc. And open air campaigners could be approached re a speaker on "Speaking Under Pressure," recommended by Mrs. J. Cocks, It is to pool our resources, and also to be stimulated by the speakers.

"Women for the Family and Society" Conference invited us to participate in planning meetings. The President and Secretary had been attending, but as individuals, as no meetings had been held to give us authority to speak for A.C.W. It had been recommended by the Executive that we send a delegate from this organization, cost \$25., alternates being possible for some of the time. The dates 8th and 9th March, - Macquarie University, 9a.m. - 5p.m. Discussion took place, and it was moved and seconded that A.C.W. send a delegate, 3 speakers spoke against the motion, and at the vote it was lost. It was recommended that as individuals we should attend if possible and participate, - forms available. The 'Family Celebration' on Mar 7th at the Assembly Hall would precede the Conference on the Fri evening, and leaflets are available about this.

Women's Weekly questionnaire. Everyone was encouraged to fill in the pages in Feb. 13th issue "The Voice of the Australian Woman." This is one way everyone can have a say, in what she believes. It is recommended as an important survey.

The Denominational Segment was taken by the Roman Catholic representative this meeting, Dame Monica Gallagher, who told an appreciative meeting of the various areas of women's work in her church, and the Catholic Women's League.

Then followed the special section for the day, - a paper prepared by Mr. Roger Climpson on the Media. It had been presented at the Mother's Union World Conference in Brisbane to which Mrs. Jean and Deaconess Andrews were delegates. Mrs. Jean had agreed to read the half hour paper with Mr. Climpson's permission, as he couldn't come in person. This held some challenging thoughts, and made us think how Television could be used more to proclaim the Christian message.

Deaconess Andrews then spoke, amplifying some points, and recommending that we form a committee to be vigilant. Mrs. Savage and Mrs. Perriam to be tea hostess next meeting, on 17th March. The meeting was closed with the Benediction. Mrs. Woodhouse then showed the Audio Visual of A.C.W. State Unit while the tea was served to all who could stay.

President. *H. M. C. ...*

17th March 1980.