

Minutes of Meeting of W.D.C.C. held in the Royal Hall, Bible House, on Friday, 25th August, 1967, at 10.30 am

Opening: Mrs. Rowland, our President, led devotions with reading and prayer.

Apologies: Were received from Mesdames. Briggs, Verro, Gillel, Lilley, Mayne, Savage, O'Reilly, Montgomery, Palmer, Wyford, Gonnin, Lt. Col. Osborne and Cross, Mrs. Brig. Peterson and Mrs. Brig. Coleman and Mrs. Eastman.

Minutes of the last meeting <sup>(23/4/67)</sup> were read and confirmed.

Business (A.C.W. - National Committee) Group Discussions and Recommendations: After general discussion Council endorsed the suggestion from the Executive that one particular meeting be set aside each year when Branch delegates be invited to attend. On this occasion relevant discussion would be planned to follow a curtailed business meeting. August seemed to recommend itself as a very suitable month - falling between Fellowship and Community Days - and ~~the~~ February as it was normally a more relaxed meeting to begin the year's activities. Decision as to month was temporarily deferred. Copies of Q. from Minutes to be sent to each denomination for sug. discussion and comment

A.C.C. - Studies and Education Division;

Mrs. Dougherty reported on the meeting held on 4th August and notified that the next meeting had been postponed until 20th October, Correspondence; It was moved that correspondence be dealt with as read.

- 1) Mrs. Hulme Moss: expressing continued interest in W.D.C.C. and apologising for non attendance for medical reasons.
- 2) Congregational Women's Fellowship - advising this year's representatives to Council, including one new representative, Mrs. M. B. Savage.
- 3) A.C.W. Working Committee Minutes - 14th & 21st July 1967 containing reference to Shovel Fund and stating that comments received from A. A. and Mrs. indicated that they felt the proposed levy of 5¢ per member would be impractical.  
Dates were given for National Committee 1968 - 13th - 16th February - and stating that, as it was felt that previously there had not been enough time for business and for discussion of policy, a balanced programme to allow ample time for both had been planned.
- 4) W.C.A. - invitation to W.D.C.C. members

to a Reception to World YWCA Quadrennial  
Council Representatives - 5<sup>th</sup> September, 1967.

5.) Mrs Savage - Thanks for welcome to Council.

6.) Baptist Women's Federation - inviting a  
representative to their Annual Meeting, Wednesday,  
20<sup>th</sup> September. Secretary to advise  
Mrs. Badger will attend on our behalf.

### Reports: Repasts: Financial: (1)

Mrs. Peckham presented a comprehensive report of  
receipts and expenditure; indicating <sup>also</sup> that  
Fellowship Day collections were \$283.26 to date  
with monies still to be received.

It was then decided that for the year  
1967 we forward 70% of total Fellowship Day  
collections to A.C.W. and keep 30% to  
cover expenses.

An amount of \$3 was passed for payment  
to Mrs. Peckham for Treasurer's expenses (postages  
for Fellowship & Community Days).

Travel Fund: Mrs. Peckham had prepared a  
budget of Council's estimated needs, based on a  
series of relevant past and estimated future  
expenditure figures. After discussion Council

agreed to adopt Mrs. Peirson's recommendation that the Secretary write to A.C.W. stating that NSW. recognises the importance of the total representation of all States; and the need for the establishment of a Israel Fund.

NSW therefore suggests that a Israel Fund be formed from special day collections and that 10% of the total amounts would be our suggested tentative proportion. NSW feels that this would be a legitimate and understandable expenditure.

(2) FELLOWSHIP DAY: In Mrs. Nervo's absence Mrs. ~~Peirson~~<sup>Peirson</sup> reported that services had been held in 13 metropolitan & 20 country centres, making 33 in all; & that well over 2,000 copies of the Order of Service had been used. An interesting analysis of hostess denominations revealed 16 C.O.E. centres (14 in Canberra-Goulburn diocese, mainly as a result of the work & enthusiasm of Mrs. Warren); 6 Presbyterian, 1 Methodist, 2 Congregational, 3 Salvation Army, 2 Baptist & 2 Churches of Christ.

Evaluation generally revealed varied attendance & enthusiasm and some areas questioned the

suitability of Friday as a rally day for women.  
Mrs. Peckham reported that there was very encouraging development in several country areas where the Roman Catholics and in one instance, Seventh Day Adventist ladies participated in the services, while in the city the Armenian ladies participated and at one centre at least, were group leaders.

### 3. Wybalena:

- a) Mrs. Millar reported that the first interest payment had been received of \$360, and that it was estimated that an amount of \$1,873 would be paid on the \$9,600 investment.
- b) Mrs. Millar presented a proposal <sup>that inquiries be made</sup> as to the possible use of interest on Wybalena invested monies to provide scholarships for the further education of Aboriginal girls. This had been submitted by Mrs. Briggs and had been referred to the Wybalena Committee for consideration in conjunction with any other proposals put forward.
- c) Mrs. Millar then reported that Macquarie University has, at this stage, made no

provision for Chaplains to be accommodated on the campus. Because this is a matter of serious concern Rev. Ivan Loe, Presbyterian Minister in the local situation, had prepared a draft paper suggesting the establishment of an ecumenical Centre on the outskirts of the University in which all chaplains could act and students come. Mr Loe thought W.D.C.C. could perhaps finance this initially by the purchase of the necessary land the total scheme however to be administered by a local inter church committee.

d) Mrs. Millar asked that Mesdames Hall and Wyper be included on the Wykeham Committee and Council gladly endorsed this and also gave the Committee power to co-opt. as it considered appropriate.

e) Mrs. Millar advised that she would need to consult Mr Hunt and the Trustees as to what is possible legally as far as the use of monies is concerned under the terms of the trusteeship.

General Business

Place of Meeting: To be further discussed



in the light of inquiries being made  
re Pilgrims Hall by Mrs Badger, and  
the Baptist Board Room by Mrs Gilbert.

Inter Church Aid: As Mr Moran is to become  
President of the Congregational Union in NSW  
Mrs Moran asked that Council approve of  
Mrs Badger's appointment as our substitute representative  
to Inter Church Aid.

Women's World Day of Prayer Mtes. At the suggestion  
of Mrs Cowled, and so that the women in the  
local situation be better informed about Fellowship  
<sup>World</sup> Community Days, Council asked that a letter  
be sent to the World Day of Prayer Mtes. asking  
if it would be possible to include a brief  
~~that~~ pamphlet on <sup>these special days</sup> ~~Community Days~~ with the literature  
they distribute.

Mrs Pearson: It was reported by Mesdames  
Mullan & Atchey that Mrs Pearson is still  
far from well & Secretary was asked to  
send a further greeting from Council.

Closure:

The meeting closed at 12.15 pm with the  
Benediction  
W. Dougherty  
Secretary

CONFIRMED:

C. Badger  
President