

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. STATE UNIT

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street Sydney
on Monday, 15 November, 1993.

OPENING:- The President Miss Phyl McKinnirey in the Chair welcomed to the meeting new Salvation Army delegate, Hazel McIver and Beryl Viles from Bathurst who attended as a visitor. Everyone was very pleased to see former Treasurer Dorothy Lumb back to Council meeting after her long illness.

THOSE PRESENT:- 55 people attended this last meeting for 1993 and there were APOLOGIES from 10. News of some sick members told that Peg Blake is progressing well, she has been able to go back to church and is longing to be back with us, hopefully in February. Rae Aldridge is now feeling a lot better. She was able to attend the service in Newcastle Cathedral where Violet Sampa-Bredt was the speaker and took part in the service.

DEVOTIONS:- Using a precis of the A.C.W.C. annual service on the theme 'Christ the Way' we were able to feel close to our sisters in Asia. It is a beautiful service and we are thankful to Joan Tong for her sympathetic editing of the service for our use.

In November 1994 the whole service for that year will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Grosvenor Street, Sydney. The members of City Branch who will host and prepare this service will invite all ACW members to celebrate with them then.

MINUTES of the MEETING, September 20, 1993, were confirmed as a correct record.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:-

1. Reception for Violet Sampa-Bredt at 222 Pitt St. on Tuesday, 30 November. The meeting will commence at 10 am. with morning tea, provided by the Executive members, who would appreciate some help with the catering. Val Clements offered to be in charge of the morning tea. Mina Whybourne will bring a gift for Violet, using a kerring from stock and an Australian pictorial calendar for 1994. There will be a 'love-offering' for Violet at the reception.

CORRESPONDENCE:- The Outwards Correspondence was ratified and the Inwards Correspondence was received and dealt with.

BUSINESS FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE.

1. Invitations were received from C.M.S. 19 November. From St. Stephen's U.C.A. M. Majoer & H. Reid will attend. Ecumenical Decade Committee to meet Violet Sampa-Bredt, November 24.
2. National Committee Minutes. Attention was drawn to the invitation to Units to submit names of people who would perhaps like to attend the A.C.W.C. Assembly in 1994 as observers. Branch organisers for Fellowship and World Community Days are reminded that the 1993 ACW Conference passed the motion referring to holding these days on the last Fridays of July and October, respectively. The motion says that these are PREFERRED days and if it is not possible to hold the 'days' on these 'preferred' days, then it is understood that branches will hold them when it is suitable in their local situation. It was suggested that an article in Newsette might make this clear to people who are not Council members.

REPORTS:-

1. TREASURER. A financial statement for the two months ending 31-10-93 was received. Accounts for payment were ratified.
2. Ecumenical Council. Mrs Col. Florence Peterson made her Annual Report as our Fraternal Member to the Council. In thanking Mrs Peterson, it was suggested that she might report twice each year, thus keeping us up-to-date with the activities of this 'Parent' organisation.

FELLOWSHIP of the LEAST COIN. Convener S.Wells led the devotions with a portion from Circle of Prayer 'Way of Peace' written by the women the Carribean.

Miss Wells displayed small posters for use by groups wishing to give publicity to F.L.C. They had been reduced and then photocopied, using the large posters brought back from Conference in Tasmania.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP. Convener M.Whybourne reported still no news from Malai and no notification about the 1994 Scholar.

In a letter to Deaconess Shirley Harris, Barkat Das told that she has been able to set up a course for young women from the School and the near-by slums where they will learn sewing skills, cutting out etc. They hope to be able to make some sort of an income in due course. Rooms have been renovated recently at the school.

Christmas letters to some of the most recent of our Scholars have been written by members of Council.

Deaconess Andrews had also received a letter from Barkat in which she said that there have been some problems in her work. We are asked to pray for Barkat and for all our former scholars. Especially remember Kalpana Airan, there has been no news lately and she is in a part of the country where there is great danger.

A.C.W.C. People who want to subscribe to ACWC Bulletin are reminded to pay the Treasurer \$7.50 as soon as possible.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. There is a new printing of the pen 'We Being Many' , cost \$1 each.

Partners With ACWC pens are also available.

There are 6 calendars left. Cost \$8

People who have money for Promotional stock or items still to be sold, are asked to bring money or the goods to the February meeting, as a matter of urgency.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY. Heather Reid was pleased to announce that Hazel McIver is the new Salvation Army delegate.

NEWSLETTE. Subscriptions of \$5 are due for payment to Manager Carmel Emmett. Deadline for the February issue, 17 January.

PROMOTION & PUBLICITY. Attention is drawn to the CORRECT PHONE NUMBER for Publicity Convener Jeanne Sutherland. It is 550-6623

Most World Community Day reports are now in. It is apparent that some groups do not open their parcels of the order of service until close to the actual service. This is not the way to plan a successful service. It is essential that the contact person should OPEN THE PARCEL as soon as possible after its arrival. Please read through the service and the LETTERS THAT ACCOMPANY them. Make sure that the Host church has the orders in plenty of time. The day of the service is NOT satisfactory to anyone. PLAN AHEAD and the services will be times of great reward.

Groups are also asked to fill in the order forms so that we know how many services to print. It is costly to us to have to keep re-printing because groups have failed to give us correct numbers. For W.C.Day we had to do three reprints.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

1. Report from the President. P.McKinnirey reported on her recent visit to India and Pakistan. She mentioned her response to the conditions there. Phyl was able to cope better with the poverty of Pakistan than the dereliction of India. Her strongest impression was of the closeness of the extended family structure in these countries.

2. Report from the Executive. A letter of support for any action taken by the National Committee during the Year of the Family will be written. The NSW Unit will not write a submission about the 'Year' and members are encouraged to support their denominations in their activities for the Year of the Family. We will also support National Council of Women.

3. STATE CONFERENCE. The committee arranging Conference has met and some brochures are ready for distribution at this meeting. A general outline of the Conference and speakers were discussed. Members are urged to register interest in attending Conference as soon as possible. Registration forms will be distributed in the new year. Day visitors will be very welcome; \$6 will cover a charge for lunch and \$8 for the evening meal.
4. TRADING TABLE. Members were reminded of the Trading table where many attractive goods were for sale. Proceeds to the International Travel Fund.
5. TURRAMURRA branch. M. Jessup reported that the women of the Korean Baptist church in Turramurra have expressed interest in ACW.
6. MESSAGE STICK. In this paper we read an up-date on the work at Shalom Christian College. Also a letter of thanks from Dorothy Harris to all who expressed sympathy on the death of her husband Rev. Charles Harris. Members remember that Dorothy was a delegate to our Unit from the U.C.A. until she and Charles retired out of N.S.W. The beautiful profile and tribute to Rev. Charles Harris as printed in Message Stick will be reproduced in Newsette.
- Yvonne Davis reported on her visit to Shalom College. Neville and Yvonne were taken on a tour of inspection of the school, the Central Office, which was the original home of the doctor who gave the land for the College. The eighteen year old girl in the office has been chosen to be a representative at a conference for Australian young people and will have twelve months overseas.
- Funds for the College are desperately needed right now. Yvonne asked for financial help from the Presbyterian people in that area. It is a very exciting project, with which we are proud to be associated.
7. Articles written after the visit to this Council by Maisie Cavanaugh (Kuri-ngai Partners) have been used internationally. ACWC Bulletin has printed them as has an international Catholic paper.
8. REPORT from Heather Reid on the National Council of Women Seminar on Violence in the Community. Heather was thanked for an excellent report on her attendance for ACW at this seminar, as reported below. It was, she said, a very worthwhile seminar and we will hear more about its follow-up next year.
- MEN AND WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE.**
1. 78 affiliated organisations of N.C.W. supported this seminar. There will be future plans to reduce violence in city & country areas.
2. Dr. Marlene Goldsmith M.L.A. spoke about a proposal to put a tax on R rated movies and videos. M rated films are also targetted. A Foundation is to be formed to determine the use of money received from such taxes.
- There should be Villification laws for Women.
- Heather reported on her submission to the Seminar.
1. Gun owners should be licenced. Heather lives at Strathfield & knows at first hand the trauma that the people in her area suffered because of the 'Massacre' there. Members are encouraged to write to their local members of Parliament about this issue.
2. Education in schools. The media needs to know our views about violence in the community. The production of violent films etc. should be restricted.
9. WORKSHOP, 17 January. This meeting to discuss how delegates can be more effective, working through their denominational groups, will commence at 10 am. with morning tea, provided by the Executive.
- NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.** February 21, 1994. Presbyterians to do Morning Tea.
- CLOSING:-** The meeting closed with the Benediction.

CONFIRMED

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P. M. Ministry

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (NSW STATE UNIT)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
for two months ending 31-10-1993

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1-09-1993 7981-80

ADD RECEIPTS FOR TWO MONTHS

Affiliation fees	25-00	
A.C.W.C. Bulletin	7-50	
"Newsette" Subs	5-00	
F.L.C.	2070-86	
Associate Members	10-00	
Sale of Souvenirs	1436-06	
Overseas travel - Trading Table	11-00	
Tea Money	5-75	
Fellowship Day Services	30-00	
World Community Day	1431-50	
Interest R'cd - Glebe Board	98-06	
Collection - Gift for Rachael	14-60	5145-33

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Cheque in f/o Nat.Ccl.Women stopped

40-00

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DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS

Imprest A/c - FLC Convenor	50-00	
Printing	38-50	
Y.W.C.A. - Annual lunch	15-00	
Newsette - Printing	97-50	
Purchase of souvenirs/Promotion	814-75	
Government Charges	14-81	
A.C.W.National Conference - Final Sale of Stock	292-30	
" " " - Tapes of Conference	22-00	
Kyrenia Travel - Air Fare (J Sutherland)	289-00	
Flowers - St Andrews Cathedral Flower Festival	80-00	
" - St Marys " " "	80-00	1793-86

CR. BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD - 31st OCTOBER 1993

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A/cs to be passed for payment (ratified,

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Kyrenia Travel - Air Fare - J Sutherland	289-00
Collectors World - Calendars	163-36
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Flowers for Peg Blake	20-00
Imprest A/c - Treasurer	50-00
" " - Publicity	50-00
Christian Broadcasting - World Community Day	50-00
Uniting Church - Printing - Newsette	47-82
" " - World Community Day	22-78
John Davies - Pen Man	98-00
A.C.W. Nat. Exec - Proceeds Fellowship Day	
" " World Community Day	
" " F.L.C.	
- A.C.W.C. Partners	500-00
- " Bulletins	
- Overseas Travel Fund	150-00

Beth Ridge - Reimbursement for phone calls

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