



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday, 17th April, 2000 following the Annual General Meeting.

The Minutes of Council Meeting of 20th March, 2000 were read and after corrections "Millar" (not Miller), "Josephine" (not Josephone) and "Dss Thora Thomas will return from overseas on 13th June" - were confirmed on motion of Marjorie Baker seconded Beryl McLaughlin. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. STATE CONFERENCE - 11 & 12 MAY - application forms due in today.
Salvation Army management need to know numbers attending a week before.
Thursday - an interesting day - with speakers Mrs. Norma Dumbrell, Ms Juliana Nkrumah and Mr. Doug Hewitt.
Friday - Marie Craddock will prepare devotional/Bible Study for the beginning of the day; Marie McCann will guide us through planning for the future; Elizabeth Walker will give a report on how she sees ACW.
2. ANNUAL SERVICE OF DEDICATION & INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT - 15th MAY
Jan Harrison said all was in hand - replies for catering due 28 April, Advertising posters available today.
Morning tea would be available at St.Thomas' for those travelling from some distance.
Husbands invited.
3. SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY - 17th JULY: Marj Dredge possibly not able to attend as speaker. Glenys will contact Peter & Dorothy Millar.
4. CONSTITUTION - available today with proposed new amendments.
Council members asked to peruse new Constitution and submit any comments within two months.
President thanked Peg Blake for all the hard work she had put into preparing the Constitution and thanked Glenys for preparing copies of old and new Constitution for Council members to peruse.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: In the absence of Marie Majoor, Beryl McLaughlin moved and Shirley Wells seconded that the report be received and accounts passed for payment. Carried.

PUBLICITY: Peg Blake said that notices have gone to all denominations for the Installation. She thanked Joan Tong for the attractive poster she had produced for Jan Harrison's installation.

NEWSETTE: May edition in hand.

ACWC : Joan Tong had visited Padma and Naroosha - they are hoping to attend Installation. Naroosha is to have exploratory surgery on her left leg on 3rd May. They are both very grateful for the gifts received. Padma asks for our prayers.

SPECIAL DAYS: Irene Carder said that Packing Day was organised for 22nd May from 9 to 12, Room 1, for Fellowship Day Services.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells said that an application for a grant had been received from the Solomon Islands Womens Fellowship of the Uniting Church and the Girls' Brigade - to purchase a power driven canoe to visit the outer islands. Have applied for \$3000.
Two applications have been received from the Central Coast - for Chaplaincy and Suicide Prevention. Shirley read from Circle of Prayer 14 - Voice from Canada Gloria Delaney - "Born into a Living Hope" - 1 Peter 1:3-4. She prayed "that the spirit of hope and reconciliation may bring peace and justice throughout Your world".

MEMBERSHIP/PASTORAL CARE: Heather Badgery - members present 39 - apologies 11.
Heather had written to Robin Phillis and received reply - Robin making good progress.
Vi Minty - not very well - phoned.
Had written Bev Beaman on death of her husband.
Sent card - Rhoda Gates - in hospital after fall.

Heather had attended meeting of Platform for Action - for Aged Care - next meeting May 1st. Dementia Conference to be held 15/16 June.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Edith Ridge said there was no news re Sue Nitrai, this year's Scholar nor of Zin Zin Wah in Singapore (1999 scholar).
Catherine Min (1983 scholar) had been ordained into the Anglican Ministry in Korea She has expressed her appreciation to ACW.

FUNCTIONS: Secretary Glenys Holley has been attending to details of current functions - Installation and Conference.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Heather had attended Platform for Action for Older Persons in NSW when six points had been put forward and it was agreed that Safety was the most important.

"Showcase" for IYOP will be held on Wednesday 10th May from 12 to 4.30 in Chalmers Room, Department of Veteran Affairs, Level 2, 200 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills, Tel. 9299 4100.

Poster prepared by Peg Blake and Joan Tong of our activities to be exhibited.
Heather had written two letters to the Premier - one asking that an enquiry be held into the problem of poker machines and their effect on the gullible public and the other congratulating him on his action in placing an embargo on the installation of poker machines in clubs and hotels for the next 12 months.
Letter written to Mr. Face, Minister for Gambling objecting to the increasing number of poker machines being installed.
Letter to Mrs. Chikarovski, Leader of the Opposition, thanking her for supporting the Premier's embargo.

Heather suggested that each member write a personal letter to the Premier - congratulating him on his embargo but complaining that the ban should be placed indefinitely.

She had also written to the Ink Group complaining re the obscene Christmas Cards they had produced last Christmas.

Heather has the current list of Members of Parliament.

The Girls' Brigade had celebrated its 60th Anniversary recently at the Whitlam Centre, Liverpool - a wonderful occasion.

Heather tabled various pamphlets and leaflets for members to peruse.
(Listed at end of Minutes.)

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

Anglican Board of Missions Annual Meeting - 22nd March - Peg Blake attended.
WCTU President's Luncheon, 29th March - President attended
NCW Annual Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon, 7th April - President attended.
NSW Churches of Christ Christian Women's Fellowship Annual Conference, 5th May -
Heather Badgery
PPSEAWA Autumn Luncheon, 24th May - President to attend.
Sydney Day Mission Support Group Annual Mission Get Together, 29th May -
President and Mina Whybourne to attend.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

President Elizabeth mentioned that at the NCW Luncheon on 7th April, respect was paid to the late Dame Roma Mitchell and also to the late Rev. Fred Mackay whose Thanksgiving Service was being held at St. Stephens Church opposite on that day.

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: Joan Tong on behalf of Marie McCann.
Some interesting functions planned - Pilgrimage to Uluru commencing about 8th June from ACT -
Week of Christian Unity - 4-11 June
Invitation to Book Launch - 27 April - Peter Millar - "Iona".
Halifax-Portal Lectures - sponsored by Catholic & Anglican Bishops of NSW.
9,16,23,30 May - 4 lectures - 7.30 p.m. Theatre at Parliament House.

PPSEAWA : Sr Marie Craddock said that Sister Josephine had spoken about Timor in graphic terms -
28 May Conference 2000 - 9.30 to 1 p.m.
Walk across Harbour Bridge.
Ecumenical Service at St. Mary's.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Noeline Roose said she had recently visited S.A. and Victorian Branches and had positive discussion with both.
2001 Service has been written by Western Samoa women - meeting on 1 May with Service Committee to revise and re-write Service.

CHIL DREN'S FILM & TELEVISION: Dorothy Kenning thanked Alison Todd for her contribution on the Committee and welcomed Helen Hill in Alison's place.
Following the issue of the first Newsheet, she had had an interview with Gareth Grainger, Deputy Chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Authority.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

1. National Executive Circular 2000/2 - 25th March
2. Minutes of National Executive - 21st March
3. ACW ACT Unit Newsletter, April-June and Constitution.
4. Department for Women - Women's Calendar April-May
5. Thank you card from Elizabeth Walker
6. NCW Quarterly Bulletin, March 2000
7. NSW Ombudsman

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

1. National Secretary - Council Minutes 21st February
2. Mrs. Carmel Emmett - thanks for assistance with printing of Newsheet envelopes
3. Hon. Richard Face, Minister for Gaming and Racing re poker machines in hotels and Westfield Shopping complexes.
4. The Ink Group re Christmas cards
5. The Hon. Robert Carr - congratulations on embargo placed on allocation of poker machines.

Correspondence inwards received and outwards endorsed on motion of Peg Blake seconded Margaret Jessup. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S RULING RE CONSTITUTION:

President Elizabeth said that copies of old and new Constitutions be posted to those Council members not present today.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

As this was Rev. Elizabeth Walker's last chairing of a Council meeting as President, Peg Blake on behalf of members thanked Elizabeth for her very special leadership. Elizabeth responded and said how much she had enjoyed the position and thanked members for their support and affection over the years.

She thanked the Baptist ladies for providing the morning tea and the Salvation Army ladies for preparing the meeting room. Next month the Churches of Christ members are rostered for morning tea and the Baptist ladies for preparing the room.

President Elizabeth closed the meeting at 1 p.m. with prayer - praying for Robin Phillis, Vi Minty, Bev Beaman, Rhoda Gates - for the people of East Timor and Sister Josephine, for the Premier of NSW in his difficult decisions, for the World Day of Prayer Committee, for our State Conference, and for Jan Harrison, our new President - and asking for God's blessing.

Confirmed: J. R. Harrison

Date: 19th June 2000

BULLETINS TABLED:

Fair Wear Campaign - leaflets
N.E.W.S.
Network Exchange of Women's Services
NSW Govt. Carers Statement October 1999
National Women's Media Control
CAPS - Child Abuse Prevention Service
NALAG - from Grief to Growth
AARP International Activities
Ageing - Exploding the Myths - WHO
Women's News
Australian Coalition 1999
NSW Ombudsman
Dementia Care
Australian Women Working Together
Directory of Organisations for Women in NSW
Older People in NSW
Age Discrimination Complaints

