



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

***Minutes of Council Meeting Monday 15th April 2019,
At 10.00 am, 222 Pitt Street, Sydney***

OPENING: Welcome and Devotions included in the AGM.

PRESENT and APOLOGIES: There were 26 members present and 10 apologies.

MINUTES: *The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th March 2019 were confirmed on the Motion of Rae Goth and Seconded by Helen Hill. Carried.*

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. **Dedication Day 20th May:** President Peg McEntee encouraged everyone to come to the Dedication Day. Invitations giving the address and a map of the location of Marian Court, Strathfield, were available at the meeting. Moya Potts advised that hostesses will be in the foyer to welcome everyone.

2. **ACW NSW Unit President Elect:** This is still a work in progress.

3. **Honouring Australian Church Women – nominations:** Three members have been nominated: Yvonne Coorey, Pamela Freeman and Heather Reid. A page for each will be submitted to NE, to be included in the 'Honouring Australian Church Women' book, along with a donation from the NSW Unit to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trust. *The nominations were ratified by Council in a motion moved by Jennifer Peffer and Seconded by Judith Cayzer. Carried.*

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Pat Cory presented the Financial Report for March.

The total Income for March was \$784.25; the total Payments were \$685.00, giving a Credit Balance at Bank on 31st March of \$4305.09. Accounts to be paid: The Salvation Army – printing Fellowship Day Order of Service \$78.92; Reimburse E. McEwen – printing Annual Report \$229.65. *Pat moved that the Report be accepted, and the accounts be paid; Seconded by Tricia Graham. Carried*

Fellowship of the Least Coin: No Report

Special Days: Lyn Middleton will send out the Fellowship Day Orders of Service as soon as the WKS leaflets are received.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship: Judith asked that Rev. Geraldine Williame (Fiji) the 2019 Scholar, doing her research and studies, be remembered in prayer. Judith received an email from Leinamau (2007, Vanuatu, at Fiji Pacific College). She is progressing well, and very busy toward year end and Master's Degree Thesis on addressing domestic violence in her community. If all goes well she will continue on with a PhD. Leinamau shared that Verenaisi (2013, Fiji) Bachelor of Divinity, who is back as a Deaconess and teaching, and Geraldine, all know each other very well through colleges, churches and networking, and all often express thankfulness for their start because of being a Winifred Kiek Scholar with funding. Geraldine is lecturing part-time at College while doing PhD. They say not many opportunities for women in such equipping. It's amazing how our giving to WKS and Fellowship Day Services can help change a country so in need of God. Judith will send Easter greetings to those in contact.

Social Issues: Rae advised that Val Hazlewood has received a letter back regarding the Murray Darling Basin and Rae had a letter regarding the Food Bank funding. Rae also received a phone call from one of Andrew Wilkie MP's staff regarding gambling. Rae presented three issues, with sample letters for each.

1. Letter to Angus Taylor, Energy Minister, regarding the introduction of new labelling for portable air conditioners, enabling consumers to compare the energy efficiency of these products.

2. To Paul Fletcher, Federal Family Minister congratulating the government on the allocation of \$1.2 million to playgroups for children with autism to upgrade their services.

3. To Matt Kean, Energy and Environment Minister regarding the timing of the tabling and release of the NSW Statement of the Environment. This report by the Environment Protection Authority reveals a deal of unfinished work on projects associated with climate change. Many National Park projects also need to be concluded. Rae asks for the scheduled date of release of this document.

Membership: Twenty-six Council Members were present at the meeting, and 10 apologies were received.

Pastoral Care: Helen Hill advised that Marie Craddock is recovering well and has been overwhelmed with letters and prayers from well-wishers. Peg has spoken to Carmel who is being well looked after spiritually and socially. Prayers for Tex Quirk, who has broken her arm.

Newsette: Isabel gave an update on her search for photos of Life Members. She was able to trace the family of Jane Curtin, whose daughter Alexandra said that her mother was very happy with her time at ACW and was able to send some photos. Through clever detective work Isabel found that Elizabeth Pearson had a daughter in SA who had received an OAM. This daughter is now 89 years and was suspicious of people wanting photos of her mother. One of her grandsons rang Aileen Eldridge and offered photos.

ACWC: Tricia advised that no prayer requests had been received this month, however we should continue to pray for our Prayer Partner, who is Japan and for other ACWC members.

Publicity: No Report

The Reports were received on the Motion of Roslyn Abbey, Seconded by Judy Hicks. Carried:

Correspondence – Inwards

NE – Minutes 12th March

NE – Visit of Dr Liza Lamis

NE – Update of ACT Address list

Lynette Green re visit Liza Lamis

L. Green – copy of letter to WKS Trustee

NE – ACT Office Bearers

L. Green re visit Liza Lamis

Correspondence – Outwards

NE – Re visit of Dr Lamis

Lynette Green – re visit of Dr Lamis

L. Green – re visit of Dr Lamis

NE – Delegates for conference

L. Green re visit Dr Lamis

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Elizabeth advised that Lynette Green had met Dr Liza Lamis at an ACWC meeting in Thailand. Dr Lamis will be able to visit Sydney from 1-4 September, then visit Victoria and travel to the National Conference with Lynette Green on 9th September.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/ TO ATTEND:

Elizabeth represented ACW at the MU Festival Service at St Andrews Cathedral on 12th April 2019.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

Bible Society: No Report

Girls Brigade: Elizabeth Neale gave apologies for not being at the February and March Meetings. Elizabeth advised that a new GB group will be starting in Narrabri on 30th April. The GB State Conference is being held in Goulburn on 5th May, where elections will be held for a new State Co-ordinator, and Constitution changes to pass. GB is supporting 'Days for Girls' which provides packs and booklets to help girls in third world countries go to school when they have their periods, when they would normally stay at home. Money is raised to provide the packs equipped with sanitary needs. Elizabeth reminded us about the girls who were abducted in Nigeria by Boko Haram. Some GB girls were part of that. Elizabeth shared the story of Sarah who was captured and eventually released after negotiations of the Red Cross. She asked us to continue to pray for those still in captivity.

National Council of Women: The Jean Arnot Luncheon will be held on Friday, 3rd May at Parliament House to honour women in their 90th year or older. This year there will be 15 ladies honoured. ACW doesn't have

anyone this year. Now is the time to look around for the ladies who will be in their 90th year in 2020 and nominate them. At the meeting on Thursday 27th March the Guest Speaker was Maxine Bachmayer who spoke about the 'Feldenkrais Method' of exercise. The Members and Friends Morning Tea will be held this Wednesday, 17th, next door in the Piccadilly Centre Food Court, Level 1 at 10.15 am, to which ACW members are invited. The Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 2nd May commencing at 4.30 pm, as Anzac Day is the last Thursday of the month. The Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Sonja Freeman on 'Back to Guiding'.

NSW Ecumenical Council: Sr Elizabeth Delaney has contacted Fr Shenouda Mansour, Secretary of NSW Ecumenical Council, who has written about the Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network (PIEN) whose goal is to support Christians living in Palestine and Israel. They are launching a new boycott campaign at St James Anglican Church on 30 April against Hewlett Packard who have a direct link with the Israeli occupation, by equipping Israel with surveillance and other technology.

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

World Day of Prayer: There has been no WDP meeting this month. The next WDP will be on Monday, 27th May. At that meeting an update will be given on this year's WDP Services and the monies received for the Suriname Children's project – 'Children at Risk'.

NEW BUSINESS

Spiritual Enrichment Day: This will be held on Monday, 23rd September 2019. A venue is yet to be decided on and Peg appealed to members to consider whether their church hall would be suitable for this day.

Illawarra Branch: Peg invited Lyn Middleton to come to the Illawarra meeting to speak about Special Days and also Judy O'Hara to speak about FLC. There were 10 ladies present, from five denominations. They had all been involved in FLC but had no idea what the money was used for and were very interested in Judy's talk.

Judy Hicks advised that Denise Secomb has been given Life Membership of Uniting Church Adult Fellowship.

Roslyn Abbey advised that the Presbyterian Church in Bathurst holds an Autumn Festival and this year the proceeds will go towards a project to provide emergency overnight secure bedding for homeless men. This is a joint project with the Uniting Church. Bathroom facilities are in the process of being built.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Monday 17th June, 2019

Morning Tea: Churches of Christ

Chairs: Baptist

Trading Table: Anglican

CLOSE OF MEETING: The meeting closed at 12.00 noon with Reflection and prayer.