

## Australian Church Women National Executive

**Minutes** of meeting held at Yarralumla Uniting Church Centre on Monday 25th September 1995 at 10.00am.

**Present:-** Evonne Sullivan, President; Betty Farrell, Vice President; Olga Scott, Vice President; Jean Thomson, Hon. Secretary; Helen Lloyd, Treasurer; Dorothy McMaster, Minute Secretary; Jenny Jarvis, WKS Convener; Betty Laurie, Special Days Convener; and Ruth Burmester, National Life Member.

**Apologies:-** Beth Webb, Publication Editor; Eileen Holley, FLC Convener;

**Welcome:** Evonne welcomed all Executive Members

**Announcements:** Jenny Jarvis told the meeting that at the recent Annual General Meeting of National Council of Women of ACT, the President Mrs Chris Lidgard named our National President as a Life Member of NCW/ACT in recognition of her many years of service to that organisation, including two terms as President. All joined in congratulations.

**Devotions** were led by Olga Scott.

**Minutes** of the previous meeting were read and, with a correction made to the spelling of **KIEK**, confirmed on the motion of Betty Farrell, seconded by Olga Scott.

**B/A**

1. It was reported that 550 copies of ACW News were insufficient, & 50 extra were printed later. It was decided that, after consolidation of the mailing list, more copies may need to be printed in the future.

2. It was not practical for the Secretary to open an account with Stationery Supermarket, other arrangements have been made.

3. Peak Women's Body: The meeting acknowledged receipt of a letter from Mrs Eunice Reidy to Evonne, including a report on her consultation with Ms Kay Setches. Eunice was to be congratulated on her succinct report, ACW was fortunate to have such a capable representative acting for us. Report attached

4. National Conference 1997: Enquiries are continuing, decisions will be finalised regarding date and venue as soon as possible.

5. Dedication Service: Held on Friday 8th September, a number of special invited guests were among the more than 70 who attended. Our thanks to the ACT Unit for organising the event, and to Rev Ken and Jenny Jarvis for the work they did on the Order of Service.

### **Reports:**

#### **1. National President**

a. Mrs Sullivan was the speaker at an Anglican Fellowship (OK's) meeting at Hawker. ACT Unit President has been asked to contact the group about joining ACW.

b. Shirley Birch of ACW SA, the Convener of the 60th Anniversary Celebrations Committee has invited Mrs Sullivan to attend in Adelaide from 3rd May to 6th May 1996. Evonne will speak and also launch the History of SA Unit's History Part 2. SA Unit has graciously offered hospitality to Evonne during her stay. It was therefore Moved by Jenny Jarvis, Seconded by Helen Lloyd: - That any shortfall in travelling expenses incurred by our National President would be met by ACW. Agreed Unanimously

#### **2. Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener Jenny Jarvis**

a. Mina Whybourne of NSW Unit had sent current addresses of a number of past WK Scholars and photos, cuttings to be included in the "Scholars' Album".

b. Information about Dorothy Wright had been received from Dorothy Clack of Vic Unit for inclusion in the 'Life Member Book'

c. Information is still required for the Bursary Book, and will be forwarded to the Unit Meetings.

**3. Special Days Convener - Betty Laurie** has been reading files during her illness. She is

expecting to receive the Draft Order of Service for Fellowship day 1996 from Vic. Unit.

**4. Fellowship of the Least Coin** In the absence of Eileen Holley, Dorothy McMaster reported that Eileen had recently addressed the Canberra Baptist Ladies Fellowship, which was informative and well received by those present.

**5. Treasurer Helen Lloyd** has not received all the books yet, as previous Treasurer has been away, neither have the Conference accounts come through. Helen moved the acceptance of her Report as attached, seconded by Betty Laurie. Passed.

**B/A**

a. The Special Days Float for Betty Laurie to be raised to \$50.00, moved Betty Farrell, Seconded Jenny Jarvis - Passed.

b. Moved by Jenny Jarvis, seconded by Jean Thomson:- That the ACW National Executive become an Ecumenical Friend of the National Council of Churches of Australia (group category) -. \$60.00 membership fee to be forwarded. Passed.

c. Accounts totalling \$69.28 for Stationery expenses and copying of minutes were passed for payment. Moved Olga Scott, seconded Betty Farrell .

**Correspondence** as per list attached was dealt with, as Secretary read list out. Secretary, who has been unwell, still to write some letters. Moved Betty Farrell, seconded Betty Laurie that Inwards correspondence be accepted & Outwards endorsed. Passed.

**General Business:**

a. The meeting resolved that secretary should contact Units to ascertain stock held, (or needed) of various items, including ACW & FLC Leaflets, Spoons, Badges, Tea Towels, Pens, etc.

b. Betty Farrell had reported to the St James Uniting Church Fellowship about the Conference, ladies very supportive, and willing to help with Conference 1997.

c. Jenny Jarvis and Jean Thomson reported on the Fourth National Feminist Theology Conference they attended as individuals, held last weekend at the Australian National University. The two keynote speakers, Sara Maitland from the UK and Veronica Brady were inspiring, with Sara Maitland opening up new visions of parts of the Old Testament just as Jill Manton had shown us new ways of looking at the New Testament! Workshops were interesting and informative, on many topics, including the Christian presence in the UN Women's Conference at Beijing, and 'Visions' of God.

Concern was expressed at the way in which the Aboriginal / Non -Aboriginal Conference being organised by Anne Pattel- Grey was being promoted during the conference. An appeal for funds was launched in a 'low key' manner, and included a 'bucket' appeal during the Conference dinner .

d. Evonne Sullivan will send greetings to the forthcoming Catholic Women's League of Australia National Conference in Perth.

**The next meetings will be on Monday 23rd October 1995,  
& Monday 27th November, at the same venue, at 10.00am.**

For October Meeting Devotions will be led by Ruth Burmester and hostess will be Jenny Jarvis.

*Evonne B. Sullivan*  
25. 11. 95



Correspondence for ACW National Executive 25. 9. 95

**Inwards**

4. 9. 95 CCA News June / July 1995 (for Information)  
OSW brochure on 'Beijing in own backyard' (for Information)  
ACW SA Unit Minutes of meeting 11. 8. 95 (filed)  
enc. flier on World Court Project (for Information)
- 4.9.95 Phone call from Marion Dodds re correct address ?
7. 9. 95 Receipt from Highland Press - to treasurer.  
from Marion Dodds, previous secretary enc. (for action )  
- Copy of motion re Landmines -  
- letter from Qld re 1997/ 1999 acceptance )  
- Archivist re matters for Conference etc ) all above dealt with at  
- SA Unit re 2 nominatons for WKS Trust ) Conference
11. 9. 95 Qld Unit, Minutes of meeting on 28.8.95, (Filed)  
Annual report from Rockhampton branch (To ACW News)  
Greetings from SA Unit (acknowledged)  
Unit 'Update' form returned from Tasmania (data base)
13. 9. 95 Reply to Evonne from SA Darwin, re addresses for newsletters  
(Sec added to list, and B. Webb)
14. 9. 95 NSW Unit Secretary - greetings , enc. (acknowledged)
19. 9. 95 ACW Victoria, Greetings and 'update' - (to data base)  
Church Women United Aotearoa/ New Zealand - greetings (ack)  
Girls' Brigade Australia Inc. thanks for ACW News & re address. (B.Webb)
21. 9. 95 YWCA Canberra - to Evonne re 1996 IWD Breakfast & arrangemnets  
for organising comittee (to ACW ACT Unit)  
B. Grealy WDP Liaison Officer - to Evonne - greetings  
ACW WA, Greetings & request for spoons etc. (fwd to ACT Treasurer)  
enc Photo of UC at Conference  
ACW WA re FLC to E. Holley some questions (fwd)
23. 9. 95 National Australia Council re Aust of the Year Awards (for Information)  
NSW Ecumenical Council Invitation to Lunch to hear Anne Patel-Gray  
(fwd to NSW with covering letter)
25. 9. 95 To Beth Webb re article for ACW News (Fwd)  
NSW Unit Update (to data base)  
WA Unit Minutes (filed)  
To Evonne Sullivan from Eunice Reidy inc report on OSW Consultation.  
(see Minutes and attached report)

**Outwards**

4. 9. 95 ACW News to all on list (as Publications Editor was in South Africa)  
Payment of \$129.13 fwd to Highland Press, 22 John Bull St Qbn 2620  
ACW News to others sent out by Evonne
8. 9. 95 'Feedback' returned to OSW re 'Beijing in your own backyard'
19. 9. 95 Minutes to all State Units etc, see Mailing List