

A U S T R A L I A N      C H U R C H      W O M E N .

MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING,

Held at Christian Welfare Centre, Perth, at 12.00 noon on Friday, 7th May, 1976.

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OPENING WORSHIP: Rev. Dorothy Wacker opened the meeting with prayer and with a reading of the poem "Who Am I?" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, thinking of the words in relation to our Aboroginal people.

GREETINGS, APOLOGIES, FELLOWSHIP: Members present were greeted : Rev. Dorothy Wacker (Chairman), Vera Dean (Secretary), Jean Banyard (Treasurer), Isobel Macintyre, Jean Vincent, Carmel Downie, Jan Watts, Norma Ellis, Joy Holland, Vera Wilson.

APOLOGIES were received from Beryl Warr and Peg Eaton.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO A.C.W.: Dorothy Wacker reported that she and Peg Eaton attended a meeting of Dr. Margaret Sawin, who spoke about a method of Christian Education involving whole families for a given time, the family being the great educating unit.

A weekend conference was held in which members of different churches participated.

The P.W.A. of W.A. has organised a Study Day on the theme of "Enough is Enough".

"Enough is Enough" by Vincent Taylor, is to be reviewed by Vera Wilson for "Women at Work".

Marjorie Scurlock mentioned the book "My child's future depends on me", a Penguin publication.

Re Korea : a representative of the Churches of Christ is at present in Korea and could be asked to make any relevant enquiries for us.

Norma Ellis will spend several months travelling in England, Vienna, Greece, Turkey and Israel.

Carmel Downie met Mrs. McCormack, the President of the Women's Inter-church group in Devonport, Tasmania.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April, 1976, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING: 1) Members of the Working Committee met with Gwenda Murchland.

- 2) Korean Church Women United: Keith Dowding advised that Jean Skuse should be contacted, and as yet no reply has been received.
- 3) Ecumenical Calendar: Copies not available. Dates on A.C.W. copy will be noted for prayer and information.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Deaconess Simmons: leaving for 8 month holiday in Europe. Thanks for Dorothy Wacker's reports re Nairobi Conference. Information re Methodist Deaconess House in Fiji as contact for Sarrah Ah You.
2. N.S.W. Women's Inter-church Council - Miss Mitchell:
  - i) Query whether funds will be available for incoming committee for N.C.M.
  - ii) List of Office Bearers of the State Units required. It was decided that this be published in "Women at Work".  
N.B. : State Units to follow this up and to forward to the Secretary within the next month.
  - iii) Council happy to accept invitation to become Working Committee from N.C.M., 1977, and invitation to Annual Service and installation of incoming president, May 24th. Greetings to be sent from President of the Working Committee as no Committee Member will be in Sydney at that time.
3. Gwenda Murchland: thanks for meeting.  
Re programme on radio re F.L.C. - the A.B.C. has been contacted. Mrs. Murchland to be asked to keep us informed.
4. Ruth Grey, ex Working Committee, S.A.: enclosing review re Charles Birch's "Confronting the Future", and suggesting that "Women at Work" review this book. The review sent by Ruth Grey to be used.
5. A.C.C. News Sheets :
  - a) "Churches question South Korean ambassador over renewed repressions."
  - b) "Churches help Indo China Refugees to a new life."

CORRESPONDENCE (Cont'd):

## 5. A.C.C. News Sheets (cont'd):

- c) "Churches act on Lebanon Crisis."
- d) "Rhodesian Christian Leadership for majority rule."
- e) "Two noted South Africans brand foreign investment".
- f) "Rhodesia in Perspective"(information kit).
- g) "Australian Churches respond to needs in the Pacific."
- h) "Churches reaffirm opposition to Apartheid and informed government.
- i) "Churches support continuation of the Australian Assistance Plan."
- j) "A.C.C. report from Seminar in North West Africa."

Circular from A.C.C., Catholic Relief and Austcare: Petition re cut in overseas Aid.

Pamphlet re Overseas Trade.

All of the above may be obtained from the W.A.C.C. office.

FINANCE:

- 1) It was agreed that the following Financial Statement be received:

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE:RECEIPTS:

Balance at 31.3.76: \$14,607.43.

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EXPENDITURE:Fellowship of Least Coin:

Mrs.S.Solomon - Postage on Circle of Prayer booklets. \$ 49.66

Administration & General:

Petty Cash - Secretary. 30.00

Balance at 1.5.76. 14,527.77

\$14,607.43

Balance as per Bank Statement. 6,607.43.

In Commonwealth Bank Investment A/c. 8,000.00.

\$14,607.43.

58 cents Bank Charges has been transferred from Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund to Fellowship of Least Coin and \$21.29 received from Women's Inter-Church Council, Victoria, was intended for Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund not Memorial Bursary (see last statement). Balances have been adjusted.

Summary of Balances:

Fellowship of Least Coin: \$ 4,972.93.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund: 4,148.57

Memorial Bursary: 454.55

Fellowship Day: 1,495.76

World Community Day: 1,447.80

Overseas Conference: 816.26

Administration & General: 1,191.90

\$14,527.77.

2. The Queensland Unit has sent \$100.00 for purchase of a bond for the W.K.S. Fund. It was agreed that this bond be purchased as requested by the Queensland Unit.
3. Copies of the C.W.U.'s magazine, "Church Women", have been received, - thought to be complimentary.
4. The temporary account with the Commonwealth Bank, used whilst Jean Banyard was away, is no longer needed and will be closed.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN:

Vera Wilson reported:

- 1) A parcel of leaflets was delivered to Dorothy Wacker whilst she was in Brisbane. Mrs. Meadows sent the greetings of Queensland to this Committee.

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FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN (Cont'd):

- 2) Recent contact with the W.A. World Day of Prayer Committee to be followed up re Fellowship of the Least Coin and Purpose of A.C.W. A letter to be written by the Secretary. It was agreed that the Western Australian State Unit be encouraged to invite members of World Day of Prayer Committee to share in one of its meetings.
- 3) A letter has been written to Fran Bailey seeking permission to duplicate and distribute "Small Beginnings".

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP:

Jean Vincent reported:

- 1) A letter re Sarrah Ah You has been received from Rev. John Garrett of the South Pacific Commission, advising the total cost of training is \$1,412.00 (Fijian). Jean Vincent to write to ascertain whether there is any need for further purchases of books.
- 2) A letter was received from the Queensland Unit expressing concern about the scholarship being taken up by Anne Kerepia in 1977. After much discussion it was agreed that a letter be written to Anne referring to the number of training opportunities given to her in 1975 and 1976, in addition to the proposed scholarship, and asking her to consult with the Y.W.C.A. re the possibility of their providing air fares to Fiji if she is to train there next year. The letter to be written by Jean Vincent and Vera Dean and an answer required by June 30th so that our plans for 1977 may be finalised when next year's scholarship applicants are received.
- 3) A letter has been received from Jean Skuse, enclosing a letter from Mrs. Parmar, from India, seeking help for her stay in Australia for one year. The letter had also been forwarded by Ms Skuse to others and Heather Stevens wrote from N.S.W. United Dept. of Christian Education, asking what action would be taken by A.C.W.  
A letter to be written to Heather Stevens stating that no decision can be made until further information is received and requesting her to pass on any news gained as a result of her enquiries.  
State Units may be able to help if Mrs. Parmar moves from State to State observing work done by the Churches. A copy of this letter to be sent to Jean Skuse. \*\*\*\* see 4) below.

ASSOCIATED BODIES:

- 1) A.C.C. : It was noted that Mrs. Haigh had been appointed by the Queensland Unit to act on our behalf at the A.C.C. Meetings in Brisbane.
- 2) A.C.W.C. : Fran Bailey and Rachael Cocks to attend the Zone I. consultation in Manila, on invitation from the A.C.W.C. planning body. Dorothy Wacker to help in preparation of leadership kit.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: (cont'd):

- \*\*\*\*4) Applications close on the 1st May. Five applications have been received and at the next meeting the three names on the short list should be known. This Committee will then choose the final winners. Applicants who do not receive the scholarship must be advised.

SPECIAL DAYS: COMMUNITY DAY:

- 1) Marjorie Scurlock reported that she had had a discussion preparation night concerning World Community Day. It was agreed that a small group of Working Committee members meet on Tuesday, 11th May, to make decisions about the format, theme, and person/s to be invited to prepare the programme.
- 2) Notices to be sent to the States indicating that there is a typographical error in the brochure re Sarrah Ah You.

N.C.M. - 1977:

The following suggestions were made re Travel to N.C.M. :

- a) Fares for the Fare Pool to be worked out on the basis of "off peak" fare rate, with States providing for one delegate from each State.
- b) The possibility of an N.C.M. Fund being established with targets set for :
  - 1) Members of the incoming Working Committee;
  - 2) Contribution towards a second delegate;

N.C.M. - 1977 (cont'd):

- a) 3) One of the Christian Education Delegates to be at the conference.
- 4) Accommodation fees for denominational representatives, Working Committee.

States to be contacted by sub-committee with information and possibilities.

The meetings are to be held from Tuesday 27th July to Friday, 30th July.

Discussion of the N.C.M. will be the first item on the agenda at the next meeting.

RESOURCES: "If I was a Lady" - next meeting, Agenda Item No.2.

"WOMEN AT WORK":

It was noted that Mrs. Jan Watts, of 128 Essex Street, Wembley, would be the editor of "Women at Work" during the next 3 months.

CLOSING PRAYER TIME: The meeting closed with prayer at 3.10 pm.

NEXT MEETING: N.B. AN "ALL DAY" PLANNING MEETING TIME:

TUESDAY 8TH JUNE AT 10.00 AM. N.B. N.B. N.B.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CONFIRMED: \_\_\_\_\_

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