

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - N.S.W. STATE UNIT

MINUTES of the Council Meeting held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday
18 June 1995.

OPENING : The President Mrs. Lucelle King welcomed members and led the devotions based on Galations 5:16-18 - we must let the Spirit direct our lives - we will be known by the fruits of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self control. Prayer concluded the devotions.

PRESENT AND APOLOGIES: There were 42 in attendance with 21 apologies. Two new members were welcomed, Mrs. Lyn Sames, from the Field Ministry of the Bible Society and Mrs. ~~Thea~~ ^{Cela} Cooper from C.W.L. Wollongong.

It was reported that Mrs. Mabel Wylie, one of the original members of A.C.W. had died in Canberra last month and a Memorial Service was held at Wesley College

MINUTES of April 24 were confirmed as a correct record.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. ANNUAL DEDICATION SERVICE: Excellent Service - one of the best in-between Services. Speaker excellent. Singing by Evangelical Sisters very much enjoyed. Organ and piano music very much appreciated, Doris Haberfield and Beattie Williams played well together. Church of Christ ladies operated the stall very well. Ladies organising luncheon did an excellent job. Good fellowship enjoyed by all.

2. ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON MONDAY JULY 17 - Marie McCann had phoned to report that all details had been finalised. Required list of members attending with \$10 fee.

3. A.C.W.C. SERVICE - Monday November 20 - Campsie Salvation Army Citadel - (Council Meeting day). 3 minutes from Campsie Station. Parking available.

Suggested program: 10.00 morning tea
10.30 service
12.00 Council meeting and lunch (bring a sandwich
tea and coffee provided)

1.30 conclude.

4. NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Registered: Lucelle King, Marie McCann, Joan Tong
Peg Blake, Marie Majoor, Shirley Wells,
Edith Ridge, Mabel Ward, Mina Whybourne.

{ It was agreed that the President (Mrs. Lucelle King) and the Secretary (Major Joan Tong) be our Delegates and that all expenses, accommodation and travelling expenses be paid by the Unit. Our observers are to be Mrs. Peg Blake (President-Elect) and Mrs. Marie Majoor (Treasurer), their accommodation expenses to be paid by the Unit and their denominations to pay their travelling expenses.

5. FUNCTIONS ATTENDED: Day Away: Edith Ridge and Mina Whybourne attended - held at Uniting Church Centre, Parramatta - organised by Ecumenical Decade of Women in Solidarity - Elizabeth Cain led interesting morning session - possibly another such day in October.

Uniting Church Mission Day: Very good informative day - excellent speaker from Ethiopia - slides shown.

Governor's Prayer Breakfast: 1.000 attended - Phyl McKinnirey, Peg Blake and Mina Whybourne our representatives - Senior Sergeant Gary Raymond of Police Department gave a very challenging address of witness.

6. FLOWER FESTIVAL: Donations required to cover cost of flowers - St. Andrew's Cathedral - 8th September 1995.,

BUSINESS FROM EXECUTIVE: State Conference to be held on 2/3 May 1996 - details at next Council Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Shalom Christian College Newsletter .
2. NSW Churches of Christ Women's Fellowship - elected representatives 95/96.
3. National Secretary - re motion and subsequent motion - re change of name of Church Women United (Australia)
4. ACW News - April/May.
5. Presbyterian Women's Assn. Annual Assembly - Heather Reid to attend. July 3 1995.
6. Habitat for Humanity.
7. Joyce Bragg - change of address.
8. Living under the Southern Cross January 1996 - Melbourne Leaflets available.
9. National Executive Minutes May 12 plus preamble to Winifred Kiek Scholarship revision and Disaster Fund.
10. Constitution - National.
11. Women's Register.
12. Aust Care Appeal
13. NCW Seminar August .4th.
14. Foundation Day Luncheon NCW - Parliament House 25th August.
15. Sharing - NSW Ecumenical Council - details of recent Bathurst Conference.
16. Mothers' Union Inform
17. A.B.M. - appointment of office bearers.
18. B.C.A. - Annual Rally 17th August at 11 a.m. All welcome.
19. W.C.T.U. - Annual Report.

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT received.

PUBLICITY: H. McIver reported that Dedication Service would be reported in "War Cry" - report has also been sent to Baptist, Uniting Church, Presbyterian, Anglican, Catholic Church papers. General announcement of our Fellowship Day also sent. Margaret Jessup doing a wonderful job with photographs. Hazel would appreciate any cuttings from papers for Record book.

F.L.C. S. Wells had copies of Circle of Prayer available. She also has plenty of teaspoons and Collection boxes. Devotions read from "Voice of the United States" - Called to be servants.

WKS - Mrs. Lily Politini attended World WCTU Conference in Melbourne May 3rd to 10th. Following week, she was able to visit Catholic Alcoholic and Rehabilitation Centres, Salvation Army "Bridge Programs and Urban Mission Meeting of the Baptist Church.

PROMOTION: E. Ridge reported that Service sheets and announcement sheet sent Guidelines for conducting meetings also enclosed.

World Community Day service master copy to hand. Packing Day Monday 7 Aug.

ECUMENICAL DECADE MEETING; E. Ridge reported two requests for assistance from this committee

1. Sewing classes for Somali women refugees at Auburn Uniting Church hall Helen Street, Auburn. Every Monday morning 10am to 1 pm
Goods required are a, scissors, b. folding tables for sewing machines
c. sewing machines, d. tables large enough for cutting out.
People are always needed to assist with the classes.

2. Toys are needed for the children at Villawood Refugee centre.

The churches are being invited to visit the mothers and children there and it is possible to take the children on outings. More information about these two projects is available from Mrs. Jenny Johnston, Ecumenical Council of NSW Ph. 299-2215.

Anne Pattel-Gray organising Forum in December probably in Sydney for 25-50 women from the Aboriginal and Islander Commission of the N.C.C.A.

ACW through the National Executive will be present at this Forum.

Lyndal from AIC Office in 379 Kent St. Sydney is available to speak at meetings about Women's Issues. Ph. 299 2215.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Heather Reid emphasised the importance of writing letters of complaint to relevant authorities about issues and events that offend us - many letters had been written regarding the Gay & Lesbian Mardi Gras and noted. Dr. Marlene Goldsmith is continuing her campaign against pornographic films and magazines and the data now available through Internet. Heather said that all Church women's organisations should be registered on the N.S.W. Women's Register - organisations are then available to be contacted by the Government for input into issues. Tel. No. Personnel 228 5559 for copy of Women's Register and requisite application form.

Situation in Burma is very grim for people living on border of Burma and Thailand - young girls sold as prostitutes - people classified as exiles, not refugees. We have been asked to write a letter asking what happens to the money sent to United Nations for people in such situations.

Constitutional Convention: Heather was invited to this Convention as representative of A.C.W. - given copy of Australian Constitution to study - very important that we be informed. W.E.A. has 9 x 2 hour sessions commencing July 12 for this purpose and Heather will attend and report in due course.

The President thanked Heather for her busyness and input on our behalf.

MEMBERSHIP: Bev Elliott was welcomed as new Membership Secretary.

NEWSLETTE: Next dead-line 10th July,

A.C.W.C. Joan Tong as member of A.C.W.C. Executive to visit Manilla on June 20 - new Executive secretary to prepare programme for next four years.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Trading table needs some new interesting items for sale, particularly jams, pickles, etc. Babies knitted garments sell readily.

BEIJING CONFERENCE: Deaconess Andrews asked that we pray for her friend Rev. Cao Sheng Jie from China Christian Council who is very involved in the Conference. The Christian women in China are eagerly looking forward to meeting the Christian women from Australia attending the Conference.

BIBLE SOCIETY: Mrs. Lyn Sames asked that we support the women of Burma with our prayers.

Thanks were extended for Morning Tea to the Salvation Army ladies and to the Uniting Church for placing chairs. At the meeting on 28 August Morning Tea will be the responsibility of the Anglican ladies, Salvation Army attending to the chairs.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.30 pm with prayer.

Confirmed



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Balance b/forward		1603.28	9720.89
ACW Nat. Conf. - Accommodation			
Pres. & Sec	480.00		
" " " - Registration J Tong	<u>50.00</u>	530.00	
National Ccl Women - Luncheon - P McKinnirey		35.00	
Luncheon expenses -			
Padstow Frozen Foods	310.00		
Sr Lynne Green	25.00		
Beth Finlay	60.60		
Mina Whybourne	18.00		
Scots Church	<u>50.00</u>	463.60	
Government Charges		<u>9.32</u>	<u>2641.20</u>
			7079.69

A/cs to be passed for payment (ratified)

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Hazel McIver - Publicity	17.45
Salvation Army Parramatta - "	10.00
Margaret Jessup - " /Photos	20.00
Kyrenia Travel - National Conference	596.00
M Majoor - Treasurer's Expenses	47.22
ACW Nat. Conf. - Accommodation	480.00
Nat. Ccl Women - Luncheon	35.00
J Tong - Refund Registration Nat. Conf.	50.00
L King - " " " "	50.00
Padstow Frozen Foods - Luncheon	310.00
Sr Lynne Green - "	25.00
Beth Finlay - "	60.60
Mina Whybourne - "	18.00
Scots Church - "	50.00
Central Baptist Church - Dedication Service	59.06
Bartel - Collectors World - Calendars	578.93
J Tong - Secretary's Expenses	51.75
O/Seas Projec5ts - Missionary F'ship - Photocopying	99.75
ACW Nat. Exec - Bursary Book - W Dougherty/V Thorpe	50.00
Ace Canvas - New container for name tags	30.00
Edith Ridge - Promotions Convenor Expenses	45.89
Bartel Collectors World - Calendars	512.43
Nat Ccl Women - Affiliation Membership	40.00
Marie McCann - Nat Ccl Women Luncheon	35.00
ACW Nat Exec - Promotional Items	277.00
M. Jessup - Photos	13.00
Board of Education Education - Promotions - Photocopying	7.65
Carmel Emmett - Newslette - Postage	66.98