



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday, 15th February, 1999 at 10.30 a.m.

President Elizabeth Walker welcomed members, especially Major Eileen Holley who is now living in Newcastle, she will be able to continue as Functions Convener. Elizabeth moved from Newcastle to Roseville and is happily settling in.

Elizabeth read from the Gospel of St. Matthew Chapter 4, the Temptation of Jesus by Satan and how He had answered Satan with Scripture.

The meeting was then opened with prayer that God would guide and direct our meeting.

PRESENT: 44 as recorded
APOLOGIES: 8 " "

The MINUTES of Meeting of 16th November, 1998 were confirmed on the motion of Norma Harrop and Olive Beverley. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. 1999 COUNCIL MEETINGS & FUNCTIONS UPDATE:

March 15th	Guest speaker - Father Christopher Toohey - Biblical and practical aspects of 2000 - Jubilee Year
April 19th	Annual General Meeting & Council. Election of Office Bearers. Nomination Forms available today from Secretary to be in by March 15
May 17th	Annual Service of Dedication at The Uniting Church, Carrington Avenue, Strathfield. 10.30 a.m. National President has been invited as guest speaker
June 21st	Council Meeting
July 19th	Ecumenical Luncheon - Speaker Mrs. Marjorie Deasey, 11.00 a.m. Salvation Army Headquarters, Sydney. Cost to be advised.
	FELLOWSHIP DAY
August 16th	Guest speaker - Mrs. Julie Brackenreg - Girls' Brigade
September 20th	Council Meeting
October	WORLD COMMUNITY DAY
November 15th	Final Council Meeting for 1999
	ACWC Annual Service - Joan Tong advised that this would be a "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon" on <u>31st October</u> - 2.30 p.m. Salvation Army Citadel, Campsie. Possibility of Salvation Army Band, three choirs (Korean, Philippino, Chinese) Afternoon tea to follow.

2. ANNUAL REPORT: Reports from Branches, ACW reps. on other organisations & Executive to be handed in at March Council Meeting.
3. NSW CONSTITUTION - Peg Blake reported that progress is being made - half way through analysis. Would appreciate any input from members.
4. WORLD COMMUNITY DAY PROJECT - Any suggestions to be submitted by Executive Meeting on 8 March.
5. FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN - Shirley Wells asked that any denomination with a project which could benefit from Grant contact her for the relevant application and guide lines - to be submitted by the end of March.

6. OZINDO PROJECT - ACW has endorsed this bike ride around Australia, some 16,500 kms starting on Sunday 28 February at Circular Quay/Rocks Area. Individual donations can be made - forms available today. We were asked to pray for Fiona & Mia's safety in travel and good financial response.
7. ACWC HIGHLIGHTS from Chiang Mai Conference: Joan Tong said the Conference was very successful - a wonderful time of sharing, fellowship and fun. Lucelle King said it was a joyous experience - wonderful to meet women she had met at other Conferences - the Australians (11) wore pink tee shirts and navy floral skirts (organised by Lyn Green) very colourful. Shirley Wells was pleased to meet Esther Byu, Executive Secretary of ICFLC. We had not contributed to the "Circle of Prayer" for some years and we have been asked to submit a "Voice from Australia" for the next volume. An autobiography of the late Shanti Solomon's life was available and also a booklet "In remembrance of her". Shanti was remembered with sorrow but thanksgiving for her life and work in founding FLC. Heather Reid mentioned that the ACWC Asian ladies were very generous with the gifts they distributed, unique to individual countries. The Studies were very good - interesting to hear Asian women's point of view - so many problems. The theme of the Conference was "Rejoice, Reclaim Respond" and it was a very thoughtful programme. Helen Richardson also attended and enjoyed the experience very much. Marie McCann and Kayleen Manton were unable to attend Council meeting but they too had an enjoyable and challenging time.

CORRESPONDENCE: presented at Council:

1. A printed tribute to the late Shanti Solomon, founder of FLC.
2. Eileen Holley - (now in Newcastle, will be able to come to Council and will represent Churchwomen of the Hunter with Rhoda Gates.
3. Marjorie Deasey - speaker at Ecumenical Luncheon on July 19 - she had been a missionary in Papua New Guinea with her husband.
4. St. Mary's Cathedral Flower Festival - 3rd-6th September. It was proposed Judith Baker seconded Valmae Renn that we pay \$150 to the Committee and have the flowers professionally arranged. (\$150 had been collected over the year for the purchase of flowers - it was agreed that our contribution would be a witness for Australian Church Women.) Carried.
5. Barbara Lacy - ACWC representative - Country to Country Prayer Partner for Australia is Pakistan - and we are theirs.
6. Victorian State Unit - Sympathy Card on death of Mabel Ward.
7. Breakfast - International Women's Day - Monday 8th March 1999 - Cost \$40.
8. Colleen O'Sullivan sending bank draft for \$100 for FLC and informing us she was going to Canada for a retreat.
9. Letter to President Elizabeth from Archbishop Harry Goodhew appointing Mrs. Jan Harrison as the next Anglican President (to follow Elizabeth in the year - 2000). (Received with acclamation)
10. Mrs. Yvonne Sullivan, ACT Unit - sympathy re late Mabel Ward. (written by A.Wilson)

Correspondence received and sent by Secretary recorded on page 3.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED:

1. St. Stephens, Macquarie Street, Luncheon. Beryl McLaughlin and Dss Thora Thomas attended - 2nd December. (Pleasant time of fellowship enjoyed.)
2. Australia Day Luncheon - 22nd January, 1999. (Peg Blake, Marie Majoor, Marie McCann, Beryl McLaughlin and Mina Whybourne attended.)
3. "The Mental Health of Older Persons" - 29th January. Heather Badgery attended. ~~Very interesting Seminar~~ attended by a large number of health professionals. (Report available.)

CORRESPONDENCE - Inward

1. National Executive (2) World Com.Day Theme 2000,
Nat. Conf. 27th Sept - 1st Oct, 1999, Grace Coll. Brisbane Uni.
ACWC. Barbara Lacy elected to Executive Committee
Lynette Green elected to General Committee
FLC - death of Mrs Shanti Solomon - a written tribute enclosed
SA Unit notified death of Joy Smith a Past Nat Pres. 1974-75
Nat. Ex. Minutes for November and December.
2. Eileen Holley - transferred to Newcastle with Salvation Army in January encl. Item 3.
3. Salvation Army Functions Centre Caterer re lunch for function 19th July, 1999
4. Marjorie Deasey (Mrs.) accepting invitation to speak at Ex. Lunch
5. St. Mary's Cathedral Flower Festival Committee - Fri 3rd Sept to 6th
6. Barbara Lacy ACWC - Country to Country Prayer Partner for Australia is Pakistan
7. Vic.State Unit-Sympathy card on hearing of death of Brig. Mabel Ward.
8. Invitation Prayer Breakfast - Inter. Women's Day - Monday 8th March 1999 - \$40
9. Fr. Christophey Toohey - guest speaker in March Council Meeting
10. Congregational Federation of NSW - information re Council - consideration of Appointment
of representative to Council
11. MU Australia, Dio. of Sydney encl \$299.90 for FLC
12. Laurice Smith, SA Unit President - thank you on letter re death of Lois Harris
13. Jean Latham, Armidale - ack,refund re Bookmarks sent.
14. Marie Craddock RSJ - report on seminar attended 19th Nov. & re PPSEAWA Seminars on 12-14
15. Iluminada Domingo - ack. personal collection of Aus \$380 by Thora Thomas (May, 1999)
16. Evangelical Sisters of Mary, rec. encl. re ACWC Service Nov. Campsie
17. Christmas Cards from Woman's Christian Temperance Union and MU. Aust. Dio.of Sydney and
Rachel, Brian and Kenen
18. Tabled: ACW ACT Newsletter
Anglicare
Shalom
St. Vincent's de Paul - Record
Network Exchange of Women's Services
Footsteps - newsletter of Australians for Reconciliation
Women's Calendar (2) Dec-Jan and Feb-Mar.
N.C.W. of Aust. Quarterly Bulletin
Habitat for Humanity
Aust. Coalition '99 No. 4 Newsletter

CORRESPONDENCE - Outward

1. Campsie Sal. Army encl cheque for \$25 and thanking for use of facilities for ACWC Service
Acknowledged with receipt
2. Nola Dickson - thank you for making and icing our 60th birthday cake
3. Aileen Mortensen
4. Thank You Notes (3) re ACWC Service to Rev. Myung Hwa Park, Mrs R. Check & Mrs Baik.
5. Fr. C Toohey (2) re speaking at Council in March
6. Marjorie Deasey re speaking at Exumenical Lunch 19th July
7. Robyn Henry U.C. Office - confirmation of our use of Bible Society re payment.
8. Relatives of late Mabel Ward
9. National Sec. re Theme for 2000, NSW Ccl Mins for Sept. & Nov, invite to Nat. President
to attend Dedication Service and Christmas greetings from NSW unit
10. Barbara Lacy ACWC re prayer points for our link prayer Country - Pakistan
11. MU Aust. Dio. of Syd. receipt for FLC \$299.90
12. Val Torning - information on ACW
13. U.C. Carrington Avenue Strathfield re confirmation of booking by President for Ded. Servic
14. Congregational Federation of NSW - letter and information on ACW
15. Oz-Indo Project wishing Fiona & Mia blessings on bike ride. Said we would pray for them.
16. June Angus OAM - letter of congratulations - Im.Past State Pres. of PWA. Honour Award
Australia Day Awards.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Marie Majoor reported that the books had been audited. She requested approval to transfer \$1500 from FLC to the Uniting Church Fund. Moved Shirley Wells seconded Beryl McLaughlin that this be done. Carried.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells read from Circle of Prayer No.14 "Voice from the Philippines" written by Rev. Elizabeth Tapia based on John 10.10 - "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly".

SOCIAL ISSUES: Heather Reid reported that there is to be a "Grey Mardi Gras", a street parade and festival on Saturday 2 October 1999 as a celebration of ageing. Senior Weeks '99 will be for two weeks from Wednesday 17 March until Tuesday 30th March 1999.

Heather was able to give a copy of Newsette to the person who organised the "Mental Health of the Older Person" Seminar.

1999 is the ideal year to write letters to authorities re problems - transport, etc.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP - Scholar from Myanmar (Burma) Mai Zin Zin Wah is sponsored by the Mothers Union - will take a course to gain entry for her Masters Degree in Theology. (First scholarship allowed to be granted by Burmese authorities). She will study at Trinity College, Singapore.

SCHOLAR FOR 2000 - paper work to be completed by 31st May - scholarship will be given to a young woman 25-40, of Australian nationality.

PUBLICITY: No report. Because of Lucelle King's resignation, due to her move to Forster, a replacement convener is required.

MEMBERSHIP & PASTORAL CARE: 44 members present. 8 apologies... Heather Badgery had sent Get Well wishes to Cēla Cooper in hospital - making good progress. Also letter to Yvonne Davis who is very ill, remembering her with love and prayers. (Heather, Peg Blake and Mina Whybourne had visited Cēla at St. George and Yvonne Davis in her home was visited by Peg and Mina) Molly Gilchrist is visiting United Kingdom for several weeks and Val Renn away for three months.

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

PPSEAWA - Sr Marie Craddock reported that a 3 day Seminar/Workshop - 12-14 May 1999 to assist women in their preparation towards the next Millennium - "Women Accessing the Law" - "Women Accessing Information Technology". Application forms available from Marie.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 5 MARCH, 1999 - City Meeting: Wesley at 12 noon. Further Service at 5.30 p.m. Rev. Dr. Moyes will be the speaker. Ruth Smith will be interviewed by Dr. Moyes on 2GB on 28 February p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Change of address: Lucelle King, Villa 189 'Golden Ponds' Cape Hawke Dr., Forster Keys NSW 2428 Phone/Fax 6555 9409
Elizabeth Walker, 6 Findlay Ave., Roseville NSW 2069, 9415 2603

THANKS TO UNITING CHURCH & ROBYN HENRY:

Our gratitude is expressed to the Uniting Church and especially Robyn Henry for making it possible for us to hold our Council Meeting today in the new very attractive Conference Room. Robyn has been especially helpful and we are very thankful for her ready co-operation and thoughtfulness. Moved Jan Harrison seconded Peg Blake that we convey our appreciation to the Uniting Church and Robyn Henry. Carried.

Beryl Kirkwood gave a moving tribute of Lucelle King's many years of service on Council and Executive, and thanked her for being part of the Baptist representation. President Elizabeth on behalf of Council members then thanked Lucelle for her very valuable contribution to ACW over many years - as President, Publicity Convener, National WKS Convener and especially for composing our Theme Song, and her talent for producing beautiful cards and craft work. Lucelle will be greatly missed and we wish her and Bruce much happiness in their new home, and she presented Lucelle with a card signed by members and given Associate Membership (pd. to June 2000)

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 15th MARCH 1999 - Morning Tea: Sal. Army. Chairs: Uniting Church
The President closed the meeting
with the Benediction at 12.40pm.

Confirmed *Elizabeth Walker* Date 15-3-99.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
for two months ended 31.12.98

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.11.98			
ADD RECEIPTS FOR TWO MONTHS			17390.75
Associate Members		50.00	
Affiliation fees		7.00	
5% Commission for managing special funds		1120.59	
Sale of promotional items		2741.00	
Newsette		350.00	
O/seas Travel Fund - Morning Tea		5.20	
F.L.C.		7833.38	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship		195.65	
World Community Day		2271.30	
ACWC - Partners - Offering ACWC Service		332.15	
Bulletins		120.00	
Endowment Fund		16.50	
			<u>15042.77</u>
			32433.52
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS			
J Tong - ACWC Service - Expenses	11.00		
Rev Park " " Speaker	25.00		
Evang.Srs Mary " " Guests	50.00		
Campsie SA " " Use of hall	<u>25.00</u>	111.00	
M Jessup - Photos		14.79	
MMajoor - Postage	18.00		
Stationery	5.60		
FLC Postage	<u>27.00</u>	50.60	
J Harrison - Printing/Stationery	30.61		
Postage/Phone	<u>46.10</u>	76.71	
Newsette - Postage		71.32	
60th Anniversary Cake		10.00	
J Tong - Printing/Stationery	36.95		
Postage	<u>7.65</u>	44.60	
B Elliott - Postage		7.15	
ACW Nat. Exec. - FLC	12085.44		
F'Ship Day Service	4574.06		
Winifred Kiek S'ship	427.27		
World Community Day Service	4205.00		
ACWC - Partners	500.00		
" Bulletins	150.00		
" Endowment Fund	500.00		
Overseas Travel Fund	150.00		
National Conference Fund	<u>150.00</u>	22741.77	
Board Finance & Property - Printing - Newsette	54.40		
" F'ship Day Service	<u>148.00</u>	202.40	
ACW NSW State Unit - 5% commission - FLC	636.07		
WKS	22.48		
F'ship Day Service	240.74		
World Com.Day	<u>221.30</u>	1120.59	
J Tong - Travel expenses for K Manton		73.50	
Government Charges		<u>20.43</u>	<u>24544.86</u>
			\$7888.66
CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT			
Board Finance & Property - Printing - Newsette	54.40		
F'ship Day Service	<u>148.00</u>	202.40	
J Tong - Airport taxes & travel expenses - K Manton		73.50	

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
for one month ended 31.01.99

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.01.99		
ADD RECEIPTS FOR ONE MONTH		7888.66
Glebe Board - Interest on Term Deposits	87.37	
Newsette	30.00	
FLC	1225.15	1342.52
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DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR ONE MONTH		
Special Days Convener - Expenses	77.43	
Secretary - Postage & Phone	47.02	
Hospitality for Melise	120.00	
Government Charges	8.11	252.56
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		8978.52
CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT		
Edith Ridge - Special Days Convener	77.43	
" " Hospitality for Melise	120.00	
Jan Harrison - Secretarial Expenses	47.02	
Carmel Emmett - Postage Newsette	68.62	
Board of Finance & Property - Use of rooms in 1998	200.00	
Jan Harrison - Phone	16.31	
- Postage		
- Stationery + Photocopying	12.35	
	<u>53.62</u>	
		65.97