

Minutes of the Executive Meeting of the N.S.W. Women's
Inter-Church Council held at 139 Castlereagh Street,
on 16th. July, 1962.

The President, Mrs. Verco, was in the chair and opened the meeting with bible reading and prayer.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Walker.

Minutes of the previous executive meeting were read and signed as a correct record.

Business arising from the minutes:

Revision of the constitution: Mrs. Lew proposed and Mrs. Farr seconded a motion that a recommendation be made to the Council that a small committee be appointed to make this revision. Mrs. Farr suggested that it would be advisable to have some suitable names in mind for this committee, The President and Secretary ex officio, together with Mrs. Maynard Davies and Mrs. Miller, were suggested. Mrs. Miller asked that consideration be given to merging the Hostel and the Appeals committees, with an executive to raise money. Mrs. Miller was asked to bring this up at the next Council meeting. Mrs. Miller also asked that legal advice should be obtained as to who should hold the deeds of Wybalena. Mrs. Miller was asked to obtain an opinion on this matter.

President-elect. Mrs. Verco announced that Commissioner Coutts had written nominating Mrs. Baker as President-elect. This announcement was received with much pleasure, tempered only with the thought that it will involve losing a very good secretary. It was suggested that steps should be taken to find another secretary and coopt her to the Council.

Community Day. As the date originally chosen for Community Day clashed with other fixtures it was decided to ask the Council to change the date to Friday 21st. September. It was decided to suggest "New Guinea" as subject, and ask Commissioner Coutts to lead the devotional period in the morning. This would be followed by a brief (7min.) report from each of the churches working in New Guinea on their activities. In the afternoon an attempt would be made to get Michael Charlton as speaker, but arrangements were left to President and Secretary. Congress Hall was first choice for place, then R.S.L. Hall and then the Bible House Social Hall; it was suggested that morning tea should be at 10.15 and the meeting begin at 10.45 a.m. Volunteers would be asked for to look after the organization.

Introduction cards: The President showed the introduction cards that had been obtained for the use of members representing the Council.

Names of office bearers it was suggested that the names of office bearers be sent each year to the heads of the churches, to Australian Council of World Council of Churches, Y.W.C.A., national Council of Women and other organizations.

It was suggested that an annual message, or very short newsletter be sent to the women's guilds of the affiliated churches to convey greetings and give some idea of the things that the Council considers. Mrs. Briggs was asked to prepare a rough draft of such a message for submission to the next Council meeting.

The President reported that she and Mrs. Baker had attended a meeting of the newly formed N.S.W. Association for Immigration Reform. It was decided to suggest to the Council that we should seek affiliation with this association.

Formation of branches: The formation of branches, as provided for in the constitution, should be discussed ; the initiative should be taken by the local women with the advice and encouragement of the Council.

Future meetings: August - Mrs. Cox on Aborigines. It was suggested that Mrs. Wyllie be invited to speak at the November meeting.

The next executive meeting will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday August 20th. in the Methodist rooms.

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