

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 in C.M.R. Board Room, Franklin Street, Adelaide at 10 a.m. on 27th May, 1974

OPENING: Mrs. Smith welcomed members to the meeting.

PRESENT: Mrs. A. C. Smith (President) Mrs. D. J. Rowston
Mrs. W. F. Kain (Vice-President) Mrs. D. L. Gobbett
Deaconess N. Norris " Mrs. Capt. W. Golding
Mrs. E. A. Bache (Treasurer) Mrs. J. Whitehead
Mrs. K. D. Hall Mrs. J. B. Murchland (Secretary)
Mrs. T. R. Howie

APOLOGIES: Mrs. Fran. Bailey

DEVOTIONS: Mrs. Smith read a Japanese version of Psalm 23, followed by a prayer from William Barclay's "A Plain Man's Book of Prayers". Members then shared "A Prayer for Christian Unity" from the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" pamphlet.

MINUTES: Minutes as circulated were confirmed and signed as correct.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: President reported that a letter welcoming Miss Thelma Skiller back to Australia had been sent and Miss Skiller had been asked if she would assist with travel arrangements for future W.K. Scholars.

The letter which was to have been sent to State Units with regard to the conference entitled "The Family, To-day and Tomorrow" was not sent, as a request was received in the meantime from Miss Skuse for information for the N.S.W. Commission on Status of Women. As the information sought had to be in by 30th June at the latest it was felt that it must be given precedence. Four members of the Working Committee indicated that they hoped to attend the Conference being organised by the Commission in August.

No reply had been received to date in response to the request for a meeting with women of the Orthodox Church, nor had any replies been received from State Units regarding the Home Tutor Scheme.

Two members of the Working Committee plan to attend the UNAA meeting re International Women's Year. Upon enquiring whether A.C.W. should affiliate with UNAA it was found that if newsletters were to be received, affiliation with a State branch would be necessary as the national body only co-ordinates work of the State branches and issues no information of its own. Resolved that we should affiliate with S.A. Branch to be informed of plans for International Women's Year.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was received, action taken endorsed and direction given where necessary:-

From A.C.C. C.O.C.E.- Minutes
" Rev. F. Engel Ratifying alterations to Constitution and advising that clarification of relationship with C.O.C.E. will be advised later
To Miss Thelma Skiller re W.K.Scholar travel
" Rev. C. J. Wright advising new Secretary's address and outlining reasons for A.C.W.'s desire for rep. on Commn.
From " acknowledgment of above
" Prin.Pac.Theol.Col. thanks for donation
" Mrs. M. McKenzie re registration for A.C.W.C. and formation of N.P. Unit of A.C.W.
To Mrs. Ailsa Webber re registration for A.C.W.C.
" Mr. A. E. Gibson enclosing copy of above
" Mrs. N. F. Cocks re travel to A.C.W.C.
From Mrs. Ailsa Webber enclosing details for registration for ACWC
" Mrs. S. Bowen enclosing donation from P.W.A. towards Mrs. Webber's fare to Bangkok
To State Secretaries re fares for A.C.W.C.
From Rev. W.D.O'Reilly advising \$500 for A.C.W.C. fares from Methodist Church of A/asia
To " thanks for above

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From Rev. J. P. Brown advising \$1000 for A.C.W.C. fares from Gen. Assembly of Presbyterian Church

To " thanks for above

From Sec. S.A. Unit re Minutes, holding donation from S.A. P.W.A. Commission on Status of Women

To Sec. W.A. Unit re fares for A.C.W.C.

From " advising new secretary of W.A. Unit

" Sec. S.A. Unit re N.C.L. Minutes

" Sec. Tas. Unit re new office bearers, change of name and N.C.L. Minutes

" new Sec.Tas.Unit do.

" Miss D.M. Mitchell re March minutes, N.S.W. Annual service acknowledgement

To " re imprisonment of Chairwoman of Korean Church Women's Assn.

From Rev. F. Engel offering prayerful support of A.C.W. re N.S.W. Commission on Status of Women

To State Secs. do.

From International Cttee. for W.W.D.P. re 1975 celebrations and 1976 themes

" Miss G. Davies advising of meeting called for 24th June re formation of N.T. Unit

To Sec. Qld. Unit re W.C. Day offering 1972 and mailing list

" Rev. A.H.Nichols re completion of courses of Dewi and Endang

" Mrs. A.H.Atkinson acknowledging donation to Memorial Bursary Fund

From Mrs. E. Magee memorial minute for Mrs. Monica Rowlands

To Mrs. R. B. Lang requesting tribute to Deaconess Moyses for Memorial Bursary book

" Mrs. L. O. Ackland do. for Mrs. Elizabeth Ashton

" Mrs. C. Joannou arranging meeting with Pres. and Sec. of W.C. re Orthodox Church women

From Aust.Council of Cath. Women appreciation of invitation into full m/ship

" Mrs. P. Downes supplying address of Mrs. Sybil Cookson

To Mrs. Shanti Solomon do.

" Qld. Dept.Health re injections for Mrs. Webber

From Mrs. N. F. Cocks re A.C.W.C.

" C.W.U. copy of "The Church Woman"

" Mrs. E. Dingle re N.Z. Conference of F.L.W. and enclosing programme

" Mrs. W. Sharp Greetings from United Church in P.N.G. & S.I. to Working Cttee.

A.C.W.C.

Secretary reported that following notification that Mrs. Umbagai would be unable to attend A.C.W.C., Mrs. Webber had been contacted as she was next on list of voting at N.C.L. Mrs. Webber had now replied and registration of all delegates and observers had been completed.

Promises of donations from sources outside of State Units now totalled almost \$1600. Enquiries have revealed that fares, accommodation etc. will be covered by approx. \$2,200, leaving \$600 to be raised by State Units. Only one State has so far advised what donations they are holding.

RELATIONSHIP WITH A.C.C.

A letter from Mr. Engel says "...We are raising with our C.O.C.E. your request for relationship with them. On the other hand, we do not wish to finalise this matter until we receive the results of an enquiry being made by the Status of Women Commission of the N.S.W. State Council., so that we might have the benefit of any information coming from that enquiry before settling the patterns of relationship." Some were concerned that this Commission should have a say in our relationship. Resolved that Secretary advise Mr. Engel that some of Working Committee would be attending the Commission's Conference and seek to confer with him while in Sydney.

FORMATION OF N.T. UNIT.

Following a request for information on A.C.W. to be used at the meeting in Darwin in June, President and Secretary updated information booklet. Resolved that stencilled copies be made.

FINANCIAL
REPORT:

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM 18.4.74 to 18.5.74

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	\$	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	\$
Balance at 18.4.74	2187.47	<u>Admin. & General</u>	
<u>F.L.C.</u>		Stationery 9.59	
ACW - Qld - Postage on		Petty Cash-	
Prayer in Action	6.25	Secretary 20.00	29.59
<u>W.K.Scholarship</u>			
Matured Bond Series "N" + int. 103.00			
Redeemed Bonds Series			
"U" \$100; "V" \$100;			
"Y" \$500; "Z" \$500 + int. 1215.50			
Bond Interest	<u>54.73</u>		
<u>Memorial Bursary</u>	1373.23		
Mrs. A.H. Atkinson	10.00		
<u>Overseas Travel</u>			
P.W.A.A.	50.00		
Aust.Ch.W.F.	<u>25.00</u>		75.00
<u>Scribal Pens</u>			
ACW, WA	28.80		
<u>Admin. & General</u>			
ACW, WA - Notelets	<u>4.50</u>	Balance at 18.5.74	<u>3655.66</u>
	<u>\$3685.25</u>		<u>\$3685.25</u>

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

Fellowship of the Least Coin	50.76
W.Kiek Scholarship	2354.00
Fellowship Day	208.49
World Community Day	24.11
Overseas Travel	182.02
Scribal Pens	276.40
Administration & General	791.87
	<u>3887.65</u>
- Memorial Bursary	231.99
	<u>\$3555.66</u>

Note: Bonds held for the Bursary Account in Series 2B will be redeemed in October - amounting to \$300.

Treasurer advised that letters had been sent to all State Unit Treasurers with regard to resolutions concerning finance passed as the N.C.A. To date, replies have been received from Queensland, S.A and Tasmania.

REPORTS:

Winifred Kiek Scholarship

President welcomed Mrs. Ervyn Whitehead who will be new Convenor. Mrs. Gobbett reported that the Committee had met to deal with applications for the 1975 Scholarship and detailed application forms have been sent out, to be returned by 1.7.74. In the meantime, further consideration will need to be given to courses of study. The majority of applicants sought training in leadership in women's work.

Re Miss Rae Song - Advice has been received that the air ticket has been returned and money refunded. Convenor has written to Miss Song to enquire about her English progress, and a more detailed study course was being looked into to meet Immigration requirements, which have been

Special Days

tightened.

Convenor reported that the Congregational Women's Fellowship in S.A. had accepted invitation to prepare Fellowship Day service for 1975. Queensland had advised that they would prepare their own posters for World Community Day. Replies still awaited regarding numbers of copies of Orders of Service required by United Groups.

REPORTS
(CONT.):

Fellowship of Least Coin

Convenor reported that about 3000 copies of Prayer in Action were still available and that reports of appreciation had been received. Printing of P.L.C. leaflets had been completed but labels were still awaited.

Mrs. Hall reported that she would be attending Women's World Day of Prayer Conference in Mexico in late September and would go on to a C.W.U. Conference in Memphis, Tennessee in early October. Resolved that she be given a written greeting from A.C.W. to C.W.U.

United Groups

Convenor reported that practically no correspondence had been received from United Groups for the year. To advise Groups in places other than Darwin of the likelihood of a N.T. Unit being established.

Women at Work

Various items were given to Convenor for next issue, including correspondence on imprisonment of Korean Christians. More news from States would be appreciated.

Scribal Pens

Convenor reported that only outstanding amounts were for orders fulfilled at National Committee Meeting.

GENERIC
NOUWS:

A letter which had been received from Mrs. Rhodes some time ago was again discussed and it was resolved that it be brought before the N.S.W. Commission on the Status of Women. It was noted that the new National Anthem uses male terms and it was resolved that this fact be brought to the Commission's attention also.

NEXT
MEETING:

10 a.m. on 24th June.

CLOSING:

The meeting was closed with the benediction at 1.15 p.m.

Confirmed _____

Date _____

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