

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES of meeting of the Working Committee held at the A.C.C. Building, Sydney, on Tuesday, 6th March 1979 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Win Dougherty (President), Doris Mitchell (Secretary), Mary Andrews, Olga Badger, Gwen Cork, Joan Curtin, Connie Groat, Margaret Ralph, Marjorie Stanhope, Heather Stevens and Glad West.

APOLOGY: Edna Baker

OPENING: Using the familiar words of John 14 "In my Father's house are many rooms", the President drew attention to the plight of refugees and those who care for them either in their new homeland or in transit situations. She read excerpts from Circle of Prayer, Vol.7, viz. the contributions of Baut Ploy Paisal, a Cambodian refugee, and of Warunee Deetanna Swanson of Thailand.

MINUTES: of the previous meeting, held on 6th February 1979, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING:

World Community Day Project.

A report was received on enquiries so far made and these enquiries are continuing.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received.

Inward

1. Mrs. F. Cheater, N.T. Unit, advising change of office-bearers and enclosing contribution cheques.
2. Miss D. Fry, Vic. Unit, enquiring re Fellowship Day Service Orders.
3. Mrs. M. Knauerhase, S.A., advising that her biography of her mother, the late Revd. Winifred Kiek, had been published.
4. Mrs. Lt.Col. I. Macintyre, Vic., enclosing report on ACWC Assembly.
5. Mrs. J. Chen, Hong Kong, ack. payment for "Circle of Prayer" Vol. 7.
6. Mrs. P. Hilbig, Aust. Christian Women's Fellowship (Churches of Christ) advising of new office-bearers.
7. Senator Gordon Davidson, S.A. re Annual Church Service, marking commencement of the 1979 Parliamentary Year.
8. Mrs. Gloria Santos, Pres. A.C.W.C. and the F.L.C. Silver Jubilee Cttee. advising plans for the international celebration in Manila in 1980 and suggesting that national celebrations be held in 1981
9. Miss D. Fry, Vic. Unit, re Fellowship Day Service Orders.
10. W.A. Unit, minutes of meeting.
11. A.C.C. News and Information, February 1979
12. ACFOA "Third World News" February 1979

Outward

1. Mrs. J. Chen, Hon.Treas.ACWC, forwarding payment for "Circle of Prayer"
2. Mrs. R. Cocks, Hobart)
3. Miss R. Nebro, Perth)
4. Mrs.S. Solomon, ACWC) replying to theirs received at previous meeting.
5. Mrs. Y. Isshiki,ACWC)
6. Sr. B. Dass, Karachi)
7. Mrs. Gullick, Hon.Sec. N.T. Unit, extending congratulations and good wishes to newly appointed office-bearers and enclosing receipts.
8. Miss D. Fry, Vic.Unit, advising despatch of mastersheets F.D. Service
9. Mrs. M. Knauerhase, S.A., thanks for information re "Winifred", this would be passed on to the editor of "Women at Work".
10. Mrs. P. Hilbig, thanks for letter and information received.
11. Mrs. M. Baker, Beecroft NSW, congratulations and good wishes on appointment as President, Aust. C.W.F.

CONVENERS' REPORTS (cont.)

Winifred Kiek Scholarship (cont.)

It was resolved that board of \$30 per week in advance in respect of Mrs. Boiva be paid to The Salvation Army Training College from the date of her arrival. It was also resolved to pay her \$20 per week pocket money and the book allowance of \$100 from the Memorial Bursary Fund.

Fellowship of the Least Coin

In view of the fact that both applications forwarded by the Working Committee in 1978 were successful in attracting grants for 1979, the Committee gave serious consideration to whether any applications should be invited this year. Following discussion, it was agreed that applications would be considered only if the need is very urgent. Member bodies will be advised of this decision.

Special Days

The Fellowship Day Order of Service had been made available to the National Committee of Non-Government Organisations for the International Year of the Child and it has been widely used and distributed, with acknowledgment to A.C.W. As the photograph on the cover, depicting a baby's hand in the hand of an adult, did not reproduce well, we delayed despatch of the masters until we were able to include a clear drawing of the same subject. The mastersheets have now been despatched.

"Women at Work" and Promotion

Joan Curtin shared her plans for the March "Women at Work". A new leaflet on A.C.W. has been produced and distributed to State Units.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING AND CONSULTATION

Most members of the Working Committee attended a special meeting held on 26th February to plan for the meetings in September. A timetable was set and the Secretary will be sending out information in accordance with this timetable. The next such meeting will be held on 20th April.

CLOSE The meeting was closed with prayer, led by Heather Stevens, at 12.30 p.m.

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____

NEXT MEETING: 3rd April 1979 in A.C.C. Meeting Room at 9.30 a.m.