

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

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street Sydney on Monday August 28 1995.

OPENING; President Lucelle King welcomed members and asked that all pray for the U.N. Women's Conference at Beijing to commence on 30th August. Devotions were presented by Executive Members using those prepared by Lucelle for National Conference based on 'Jesus, Women and the World'. Matthew 25:31-46, Matthew 28:18-20.

PRESENT: 37 members as per attendance sheets.

APOLOGIES: 27 (including E. Cox, P. Blake, H. Reid, M. Ward, J. Harrison).

MINUTES of meeting of June 18 were confirmed after correction of Mrs. "Cela" Cooper's name and under Business Arising - 4. National Conference - "observers accommodation to be paid by relevant denominations and travelling expenses be paid by the Unit."

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON JULY 17 - very successful occasion - 95 attending. Many favourable reports. Thanks to Marie McCann for her excellent organisation of the day and to Beth Finlay for organising Scots Church facilities and transport of food, etc.

Thanks to Hazel McIver, Heather Reid, Shirley Wells, Beryl McLachlan, and Joan Oeding for their efficient handling of food preparation - heating etc. Programme well received. Sister Lynne Green's ecumenically encouraging address very thought provoking. "Women are natural ecumenists and have a special role to play in making visible the search for Christian unity".

2. NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Thirteen members attended from N.S.W. Unit. Conference very well organised by Victorian National Committee. Rev. Jill Manton gave splendid Bible Studies on the "Woman at the well", "Martha" and "Mary Magdalene" - how special they were to Jesus in His Ministry. Our motion re possibility of change of name to "Church Women United" (because of conflict with other organisations using the acronym 'ACW' - Australian Council of Women, Australian Civilian Widows, etc.) was defeated. Our Motion re the possibility of having two forms of Service available for Fellowship Day and World Community Day - one traditional and another to appeal to younger women - was passed - to be considered. Regarding the Winifred Kiek Scholarship 1996, two projects in Cambodia will be supported through the Cambodian Christian women's Association - a weaving and tailoring course and literary and English language classes - more details later. It was interesting to meet Mrs. Athalie ~~Close~~, Rev. Winifred Kiek's grand- *Ford* daughter; she is the Winifred Kiek Convener in South Australia.

3. FUNCTIONS ATTENDED: PWA luncheon - Heather Reid attended, July 3. UCA Mission Support August 11 - Lucelle King attended, with Margaret Jessup. Mothers' Union Forum on 'Euthanasia' Aug 11, Mina Whybourne attended, BCA - August 17 -

National Council of Women Foundation Day - Marie McCann had been nominated as 'Woman of the Year' with several others. Mrs. Sarie Brown received the title, with Marie receiving a special certificate. Mrs. Brown is the first woman elected to the Board of the Great Synagogue and is very involved in community work.

4. FLOWER FESTIVAL - ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL - 8/9/10TH SEPTEMBER - Peg Blake will attend to arrangement. Donations required for cost of flowers.

5. STATE CONFERENCE - May 16/17 1996 - at Salvation Army Conference Centre Stanmore - 30 bed-rooms - \$50 per day/night accommodation. Possibility of country members attending Conference, staying over weekend and attending Peg Blake's installation as President on 20th May 1996.

6. Living under the Southern Cross, January 1996 - Melbourne. Pamphlets available.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. National Executive Minutes June 30.
2. " " " July 21.
3. World Court Project Petition regarding nuclear weapons.
- *4. Proposal from Dr. Ann Pattell-Gray regarding 1st National Ecumenical Aboriginal Christian Women's Conference 2-10 December 1995 - requiring financial assistance for aboriginal women to attend (\$10,000 has been contributed by Australian Church Women - passed at National Conference) . It was proposed Edith Ridge seconded Marie McCann that we pay the registration fee of an aboriginal or Torres Strait person to attend the Conference. Registration fee \$150.00. Carried.
5. National Council of Women - Programme for Centenary Year 1996.
A special service project which will take the form of the presentation of Centenary Awards to young women in various courses of study in their 3rd or 4th year of study at a University or TAFE College. These awards are to the value of \$1000.00. Sponsors are being sought - NCW will sponsor two such Awards. Mrs. Shirley Sinclair has graciously agreed that one of these may be named the Shirley Sinclair Centenary Award.
It was moved Dorothy Woodhouse seconded Helen Stutchbury that we contribute \$500 to form half of one of these sponsorships. Carried.
6. YWCA - information and notice of Seminars being held.
7. Bartel - 1996 calendars available - \$8.00 - (we make \$2 per calendar.) Orders to be taken.
8. 'Beijing in our Backyard' - from Australian Council for Women.
9. National Council of Women - re Annual General Meeting - 28th September
End of Year function - 30th November, 6.30 p.m.
Speaker - Nancy Bird Walton.

REPORTS:

TREASURER : Finances satisfactory. ACWC Partners contributions required to raise our \$500.00 - members asked to contribute \$1 per year. Report accepted.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells said it was good to meet other State Conveners at National Conference. No.12 'Circle of Prayer' available \$2. F.L.C. brooches \$2. F.L.C. teaspoons available at \$4.50 for Centenary next year In 1994. \$408,000 US received.

PROMOTION - Edith Ridge reported that 2,000 had been printed for Fellowship Day - 32 out of 36 reports received.

World Community Day: 2520 printed - 43 parcels sent.

Full list of locations, speakers, etc. available at September Council.

SPECIAL FUNCTIONS: Marie McCann had invitations available for Spiritual Enrichment Day Monday October 9th. Function commences at 9.30 a.m.
Speakers: Joy Jarman and Sheila Spencer. B.Y.O. Lunch, tea/coffee provided - \$5.

NEWSETTE - Beryl McLaughlan complimented on the August issue.
Beryl seeks contributions for next issue - by 9th October.

A.C.W.C. Joan Tong reported that Ms Iluminada Domingo will be attending the Beijing Conference representing A.C.W.C. (and as we are affiliated with A.C.W.C. thus representing Australian Church Women also) .
Joan Stott will represent an ecumenical group of women.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Full report regarding 1995 Scholar, Mrs. Captain Lily Politini and her attendance at the World Women's Christian Temperance 33rd Triennial Convention - May 3rd to 10th - in Melbourne is written in the June-July edition of A.C.W. National News, distributed to members.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

FELLOWSHIP DAY COMMENTS: Attendances over all very good. Lucelle King reported that at her first Fellowship Day in Camden, attendance had been 40. This year the attendance had grown to 100.

SISTER LENORE SHARRY- had died in Melbourne in June. She was very involved with the Council for Christians and Jews. (She had been a member of Australian Church Women Council as a Catholic representative - N.S.W. Unit). A special fig tree has been planted in her memory, in Phillip Park, opposite St Marys Cathedral - 100 people present including Marie Majoor and Beth Finlay - a tree has also been planted in Israel in her honour.

MRS. MABEL WYLIE - Deaconess Mary Andrews had attended a Memorial Service for Mrs. Mabel Wylie, the first President of Australian Church Women. Deaconess Andrews was asked to write an appropriate Minute to be recorded in the Memorial Bursary Book when a donation would be sent to the National Executive.

President Lucelle thanked Anglican members for providing the morning tea and Salvation Army for the room set-up.
September meeting: morning tea - Churches of Christ - Anglicans would set up room.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: September 18, 1995.

President Lucelle closed the meeting with the Grace, at 12.30 p.m.

Confirmed: 

18 September 1995.