

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.M. Board Room, Franklin Street, Adelaide at 12.30 p.m. on 22nd April, '74

OPENING: Mrs. Smith welcomed members to the meeting.

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

APOLOGIES: Mrs. Fran. Bailey, Mrs. Kath Howie.

DEVOTIONS: Mrs. Murchland read Psalm 24 and then a prayer by Leslie Brandt which was a paraphrase of that psalm.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Mrs. Gobbett reported that a reply regarding travel arrangements for W.K.Scholar being handled by A.C.C. had been received from Mr. Engel. He reported that the matter would be considered by the persons who would deal with the arrangements, but that he considered it a sensible suggestion.

President reported that she is still unable to find anyone prepared to act as W.K.Convenor but was still trying.

Mrs. Gobbett recommended very highly the report of the Conference held at Belgrave in November, 1973 entitled "The Family, To-day and Tomorrow. It is available from State Councils of Churches at a cost of \$1.50 and contains valuable resource material. She reported that three main aspects were considered - Sexuality, Marriage and Family - and commented on the frank and honest way in which members participated. This point was also mentioned by Dr. Cliff Wright in his "Twelve Clarifications Pointing to Further Action/Reflection" which were read.

In ensuing discussion it was resolved that a letter be sent to all State Secretaries expressing our concern at the issues raised, listing literature available on the subject through State Councils of Churches and other sources and urging States to initiate any action they can to encourage local groups to study the report.

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

From Mrs. Shirley Bowen, enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Neil McGarvie telling of Mrs. Umbagai's inability to represent A.C.W. at A.C.W.C.
To Mr. Neil McGarvie re above
" Mrs. M. McKenzie advising her of above
From " re A.C.W.C.
" Mr. Neil McGarvie re Mrs. Umbagai
" Mrs. M. McKenzie " "
To " re A.C.W.C.
" Mrs. Ailsa Webber re appointment as observer to A.C.W.C.
" Mr. A.M. Gibson re appointment of Mrs. Webber as observer to A.C.W.C.
" Mrs. Elkin Umbagai re registration forms for A.C.W.C.
" Mr. Neil McGarvie copy of above and thanks for assistance
" Mrs. S. Bowen re above matters
From Very Rev.K.Psalios giving address of President of Ladies Auxiliary to Greek Orthodox community in S.A.
" Mrs. L.O.Ackland re W.K.Scholarship, N.C.M.Minutes and seeking addresses of State Secretaries
To " reply do.
From C.W.U. re Celebrations package
To " acknowledgment of receipt of package
From Mrs. Olga Badger in appreciation of minute at N.C.M.
" Mrs. J. Housden re change of address
" Mrs. Shanti Solomon seeking address of Mrs. Cookson
To Mrs. Downes do.
From " re above
To Rev. F. Engel enclosing report on N.C.M. and Constitution for ratification

CORRESPONDENCE:
(CONT.)

To S.A.C.C. enclosing copy of report to A.C.C.
 " Deaconess Andrews do.
 " Miss Jean Skuse do.
 " Mrs. Jean Yule do.
 " Miss Eleanor Turvey do.
 " Miss Jean Skuse re Commission on Status of Women
 " Mrs. M.P. Mitchell re invitation to Aust. Council of Catholic Women
 " Sec. C.W.L. Darwin re formation of N.T. Unit of A.C.W.
 " Rt. Rev. K.B. Mason do.
 " Mrs. Lloyd Kent do.
 " Mrs. D.G. McKenzie do.
 " Miss G.K. Davies do.
 From Mrs. D. Martin re invoice from Kwikasair
 To " reply
 From Mrs. L. McGrath re Fellowship Day posters
 To Mrs. V. Wilson expressing pleasure that W.A. has agreed to
 have working cttee. from Aug. '75
 " Mrs. W. Smith Thanks re help at Brougham Place Church during
 N.C.M.
 " Nunyara Payment for meal and donation for chapel used
 during N.C.M.
 From Rev. J.G. Denton re women for W.C.C. and donation to fares
 " A.C.C. Agenda for Executive meeting of A.C.C.
 " Kalpana Airan re her work in India
 " Sec. Qld. Unit re '72 W.C. Day project, minutes and enclosing
 " Mrs. D.L. Gobbett resigning from Working Committee (newsletter)

ORTHODOX
CHURCHES:

Resolved that President and Secretary contact Mrs. Joannou of Greek Orthodox community in Adelaide with a view to finding out about women's groups in S.A. at least, nationally if possible. Mrs. Hall reported that a scheme administered by the Commonwealth Government entitled "Home Tutor Scheme" is being taken up by C.W.A., Good Neighbour Council, and Y.W.C.A. in South Australia and training given to 21 women who, on a one-to-one basis, will teach 21 migrant women to speak English. Resolved that State Units be asked to ascertain if this scheme is being taken up in their States and report to Wkg. Cttee.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT:

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Statement of Receipts and Payments as at 18.4.74

| <u>RECEIPTS</u> | | <u>PAYMENTS</u> | |
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| Balance at 18.3.74 | \$ 2891.55 | <u>F.L.C.</u> | |
| <u>F.L.C.</u> - WICC Tas. for | | Petty Cash | 10.00 |
| "Prayer in | | Circle of Prayer | 150.00 |
| "Action" | 5.00 | | |
| <u>W.KiekScholarship</u> - Re- | | <u>W.KiekScholarship</u> | 160.00 |
| fund of Med. Benefits | | Printing | 123.00 |
| K. Airan | 1.55 | <u>Fellowship Day</u> | |
| <u>Scribal Pens</u> - WICC Tas. | 30.00 | Printing O/Service | 135.00 |
| <u>Notelets</u> - F. Bailey | 45 | <u>World Community Day</u> | |
| | | Printing O/Service | 212.00 |
| | | Stationery | 2.00 |
| | | <u>Administration & General</u> | 214.00 |
| | | Stationery | 14.08 |
| | | Petty Cash Untd. Gps. | 10.00 |
| | | NCL Meal & Use of | |
| | | "Nunyara" Chapel | 60.00 |
| | | NCL Transport of | |
| | | Organ | 20.00 |
| | | NCL Caretaking | |
| | | B. Place Church | 5.00 |
| | | | 109.08 |
| | | <u>Balance at 18.4.74</u> | 2187.47 |
| | <u>\$2928.55</u> | | <u>\$2928.55</u> |

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22.4.74

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT BALANCES

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| Fellowship of the Least Coin | 44.51 |
| W.Kiek Scholarship | 980.77 |
| Fellowship Day | 208.49 |
| World Community Day | 24.11 |
| Overseas Travel | 107.02 |
| Scribal Pens | 247.60 |
| Administration & General | 816.96 |

2429.46

Less Debit in Memorial Bursary 241.99

\$2187.47

Note: As there are five Mondays in April, our meeting is earlier in the month than usual, and, owing to lack of Saturday postal deliveries, the Bank Statement has not been delivered as yet. Therefore, I cannot report on redemption of bonds, and this affects the balances in the Scholarship and Bursary Accounts.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

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| Gestetner | \$9.59 |
| Petty Cash (Sec.) | 20.00 |

Treasurer presented a statement of N.C.M. receipts and expenditure:-

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| Registration and | |
| Accommodation | \$1238.50 |
| Expenses totalled | 1199.50 |

leaving \$39.00. As stationery was difficult to assess and not included in expenses, this meant only a small balance remained.

Treasurer moved that in view of difficulties experienced in the months in which there are five Mondays, meetings in July and September be changed to the fifth Monday. Seconded. Carried.

REPORTS:

Winifred Kiek Scholarship

Convenor reported no further news of Miss Rae Song. Applications coming in well for 1975 Scholarship. Mrs. Sue Rowston was appointed as other Working Committee member of the Scholarship Committee which will meet in May.

Special Days

Convenor reported that posters had been sent to all States and A.C.T. and Deaconess Norris has posters for United Groups. Letters have been sent to all State Units and A.C.T. suggesting more publicity at local and denominational level for Special Days; suggesting to begin to work with State Council of Churches re World Community Day and asking for requests for posters or if Units want to do them themselves also asked for report on '74 Special Days by end of October with requests for next year's Orders of Service and Posters. Resolved that Secretary write to C.W.U. asking if more help available to those preparing Orders of Service.

Fellowship of Least Coin

Convenor reported that quotes had been received as follows:-

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| 5000 Folders | \$60.00 |
| 2000 Labels | \$15.00 |

The Aboriginal Medical Centre, Redfern project has been accepted for inclusion in the list of projects to be considered for 1975.

UNITED
NATIONS
ASSN. OF
AUST.

Deaconess Norris presented the "United Nations Newsletter" to the meeting. This advises it will be International Women's Year in 1975 and that the theme of the S.A. Annual General Meeting will be "The Status of Women". Resolved that A.C.W. affiliate with U.N.A.A. with a view to obtaining their literature.

NEXT MEETING: 10.00 a.m. on 27th May.

CLOSING: The meeting closed with the benediction at 3.25 p.m.

CONFIRMED _____

Date _____