

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

MINUTES OF MEETING 13-8-2007

PRESENT: E. Johnson, E. Reidy, B. Lacy, A. Murray, I. Bray, U. Birtchmell, B. Skilbeck, M. Welford, L. Adam, D. Bryan, J. Morley.

APOLOGIES: J. Maher.

WELCOME: E. Johnson welcomed everyone to the second last meeting of the National Executive.

DEVOTIONS: In the absence of J. Maher, E. Johnson read the devotions prepared by Joan, on the theme of "Being messengers of hope and joy". Elaine then opened the meeting with prayer, especially remembering Joan and others who are not well.

MINUTES of 9-7-2007 were confirmed on the motion of B. Lacy, sec. L. Adam. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: 1. **WCD Service 2008.** B. Skilbeck reported that she had written to G. Watson, NT Unit, regarding the preparation of the Service. Gail replied that as there is no group in Darwin she would contact K. Viney in Alice Springs to see if they can work together.

CORRESPONDENCE: IN 1. Ms Shu-Wen – thanks

2. Directory of Australian Assocs – to Incoming National Executive

3. Mrs B. Dickinson – re accounts. Website will cost \$220 per annum.

4. M. Clark, WKT

5. Reports – all State units – thanks very much.

6. ACW SA Unit – minutes 13/7/07

7. J. Thomson, ACT Unit – donation request from India. B. Lacy will reply.

OUT 1. Unit Secretaries – Constitutional Change NSW Unit; HACW

2. ACW SA Unit – re National Executive 2009

3. K. Viney, NT – re Conference Devotions

4. ACW QLD Unit – re Conference Devotions

5. ACW NSW Unit – re invitation Federal Conference of Presbyterian Women's Asscn of Australia

6. Major Joan Tong – thanks and happy retirement wishes

7. G. Watson, NT – re WCD Service 2008

8. M. Clark, WKT

9. Ms Shu-Wen Chiang – Conference arrangements

10. ACW Tas unit – Conference details

11. Dr J. Tabart – Ecumenical Service

12. M. Clark, WKT

13. Mrs B. Dickinson – thanks Website reports

14. Qantas/Travel World (2)

15. Mrs B. Dickinson – re payments

16. Sr Joan Bird – invitation, Presbyterian Women's Conference

17. Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia – advice re attendance of Sr. Joan Bird.

B. Lacy moved, sec. I. Bray, that the correspondence be received. Carried.

REPORTS: 1. **President.** Elaine Johnson reported that she met with E. Reidy and A. Murray to work further on the Conference programme. She also met with B. Lacy to go through registrations and other matters relating to the Working Papers. On 28 July she attended B. Skilbeck's 80th Birthday celebration. There were many phone calls and emails to arrange for the denominational reports. Peg Sanders wrote to say she is unable to attend Conference and Elaine replied to Peg with a card. Funds from the Collier Trust will be used to help M. Kerr to attend Conference as there is a problem about a refund on Peg's airline ticket. Elaine contacted those who had requested single rooms and notified them of the extra cost.

2. **Treasurer.** Iris Bray presented the Financial Statement from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007. This is still to be audited. \$52-40 for Conference expenses was passed for payment.

3. **Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener.** Una Birtchnell reported that she received letters from B. Lacy, M. Clark, and L. Loughnan and minutes from the WKS Trustees. Student, Leinamau is back from Vanuatu. Her second field placement is at Springwood Uniting Church 16 July to 12 August. Then she is full time back at Alan Walker College. She has been to a farm for a 3 day stay and loved all the animals. She met the lady who does the Bible studies for Christian Women Communicating Internationally and also people from Know Your Bible and Fusion. Scripture Union people went to Vanuatu and went around the schools with Leinamau. C. Aronsen phoned regarding the Constitution and M. Clark asked Una not to send out information on the 2008 scholar as she has not had her medical check yet. Cathy Paraka's report is in the post.

4. **Fellowship of the Least Coin Convener.** Lola Adam reported that she sent a letter to Esther with thanks and a request for an Anniversary Book for J. Lang. Five "Legend and a Legacy" were provided for E. Morison. 20 Circle of Prayer were posted to J. Lang as well as an Anniversary Book. A letter was sent to Esther requesting 500 FLC leaflets.

5. **Social Justice Issues Convener.** Marian Welford reported that she had received replies from several State Units and had compiled her report for the Working Papers.

6. **ACWC.** Donna Bryan reported that the 6 successful applicants for scholarships are:- Anny Bose of Bangladesh, Khwanudee Kongpang of Thailand, Attapattu Mudiyanselage Dimusha Gayathri of Sri Lanka, Sous Navy of Cambodia, Gantumur Ariunzaya of Mongolia and Bat-Ulzii Yondonjants of Mongolia. The 3 projects eligible for a grant from the ACWC Assistance Fund are:- Grass Root Level Women's Development Project in Myanmar, Empowerment of poor women group for those who are under the poverty level in Bangladesh and Assisting the Visually Handicapped in Sri Lanka.

Preparations have begun on the Executive Committee and much larger General Committee meetings for 2008. Your prayers are needed for those who have suffered during this year's monsoon season in India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan. Our prayer partner, South Korea, waits daily for news on the fate of the 21 remaining Christian hostages who were kidnapped by the Taliban in Afghanistan. Sri Lanka continues to be embroiled in an escalating war between the state military and the rebel Tamil Tigers. Indonesia's Christians suffer life-threatening persecution daily for their faith. Pray for all these situations.

7. **Publication Editor.** Donna Bryan reported that the ACW News will be distributed soon.

8. **Special Days.** Beth Skilbeck reported that 6 Units replied to her request for reports and she has included them in her report for the Working Papers. Master copies and discs for WCD Services have been sent to all Units. Thanks to D. Bryan for preparing the Master Copies.

9. **Australian Women's Coalition.** Anne Murray reported that Jean Thomson has agreed to be the next delegate to AWC.

10. **Publicity.** In the absence of Joan Maher, B. Lacy read the Press Release for National Conference prepared by Joan.

GENERAL BUSINESS: 1. **Financial Review.** Joy Morley presented a draft of the revised Annual Returns form that is sent to State Treasurers at the end of each year. A final draft of the form will be available at National Conference.

2. **National Conference 2007.** Time was spent planning for Conference.

CLOSING PRAYER: Elaine Johnson closed the meeting with prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 10 September 2007 at 10am at VCC rooms.
Devotions - J. Morley Morning tea - I. Bray

President.....

Date.....

| Financial | ACW Statement | NATIONAL 1st July | EXECUTIVE 2006 to 30th June 2007 |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Income</u> | | | |
| Opening Balance | | | |
| State Contributions | 30.6.06 | | \$23,804.61 |
| Alice Springs | | \$466.30 | |
| W.A. | | \$5,378.45 | |
| ACT | | \$3,936.61 | |
| Tasmania | | \$3,258.53 | |
| N.S.W. | | \$22,596.17 | |
| Queensland | | \$7,447.43 | |
| Victoria | | \$10,041.75 | |
| S.A. | | <u>\$8,608.00</u> | |
| Circle of Prayer | | | \$61,733.24 |
| <u>SALE WINIFRED BOOK</u> | | | \$60.00 |
| SA | | \$300.00 | |
| Tasmania | | \$30.00 | |
| Victoria | | <u>\$112.50</u> | \$442.50 |
| <u>HON. AUST. WOMEN.</u> | | | |
| Tasmania | | \$120.00 | |
| ACT | | \$50.00 | |
| Victoria | | <u>\$182.50</u> | \$352.50 |
| Unifem | | | \$24.00 |
| Fundraising | | | \$1,902.35 |
| GST Refund | | | \$97.00 |
| National Conference | | | \$27,880.00 |
| National Travel Donation | | | \$200.00 |
| Colliers Charitable Fund | | | \$5,000.00 |
| Lucindale Guild (For W.K.S.) | | | \$100.00 |
| <u>FLC ANI. BOOK</u> | | | |
| Victoria | | \$30.00 | |
| WA | | \$15.00 | |
| Tasmania | | \$15.00 | |
| L.Adam | | \$30.00 | |
| Queensland | | <u>\$60.00</u> | \$150.00 |
| Bank Interest | | | \$972.20 |
| Contra | | | <u>\$335.00</u> |
| | | | \$123,053.40 |

| | ACW | NATIONAL | EXECUTIVE |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Financial | Statement | 1st July | 2006 to 30th June 2007 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Presidents Travel | | | \$1,316.95 |
| Petty Cash | | | \$736.55 |
| UNIFEM | | | \$24.00 |
| F.L.C. | | | \$42,514.00 |
| Bank Fee | | | \$28.00 |
| <u>A.C.W.C.</u> | | | |
| Project | | \$5,973.60 | |
| Aff. Fee | | \$500.00 | |
| Bulletins | | \$756.00 | |
| Bank Fee | | <u>\$56.00</u> | \$7,285.60 |
| <u>W.K.Trust</u> | | | |
| Hon.Aust. Women | | \$355.50 | |
| W.K. Scholarship | | \$3,309.85 | |
| WK Fellowship Day | | <u>\$9,000.00</u> | \$12,665.35 |
| "Merrijig" Project | | | \$4,088.95 |
| Endowment | | | \$750.00 |
| Donation "P.McCallum" | | | \$50.00 |
| National Con Expenses | | | \$274.50 |
| Contra | | | <u>\$335.00</u> |
| | | | \$70,068.90 |
| Balance in Bank | 30.6.07 | | <u>\$52,984.50</u> |
| | | | \$123,053.40 |

Iris Bray Hon Treasurer