

Minutes of meeting of A.C.W.N.S.W. Unit 25th June, 1979.

~~The President welcomed those present numbering 29.30.~~

Apologies were received from Mesdames Green, Udy, Davis, Armstrong, Renn, and Jessup, Lean, Bell.

The President led in devotions.

The Minutes were read and confirmed.

A visitor from South India, Miss Chandra Yesu Ratnam was welcomed to Church of

the meeting and spoke about the church and other aspects of her country. A welcome was extended to new members, Mrs. N.O'Reilly and A Tully from the Uniting Church, Mrs Capt. Byles from The Salvation Army, and Mrs. June Maxwell, and Mrs. Doreen Moore, and Mrs. Peg, Cameron. from the Churches of Christ.

The President reported on the Nat. C of Women Seminar at Westmead, and our own Prayer Rally.

The President announced word had been received from the Baptist Church of their appointment of Mrs. Glad West as the President-Elect for our organization. This information was received with acclamation.

Correspondence. Inwards.

Working Committee Minutes and 'Women at Work' for May. A.C.C. leaflets. Uniting Church new reps.

Baptist Church re nomination Mrs. West Pres. Elect.

W.W.C.A. re President.

Mrs. Tytherleigh.

Outwards.

Letters to organizations re reps. Many letters of invitations.

Major Venables was congratulated on being appointed Home League Sec. Territorial.

It was moved and seconded that it be placed in the minutes thanks to the President and Secretary for the work done to make the Prayer Rally and Forum a success. It was felt it was a time of Unity and friendship, with prayer, and study together. The Sec. had tapes available.

It was reported representatives had attended various functions at the A.C.C. for visiting people, and several other functions.

New names printed on the Promotion Leaflets, the Newsletter had been printed, and new list of membership of State Unit.

The Secretary reported after much planning the two delegates to Nat. Committee Meetings are Mrs. McCann and Mrs. Woodhouse, and the two observers Promotions Officer Mrs. O. Lean, and Publicity Officer Brig. M. Ward.

The Report required by the end of June has been presented to Exec. The Executive had agreed that a Newsletter go out in Nov. with Sept. reports in it, branches and affiliated organizations etc.

Two recommendations were passed by the meeting to go to the Working Committee for the consideration of the National Meeting.

1. That interested individual women may become 'associate' members, with without voting rights, for a small affiliation fee.

2. Recommendation that A.C.W. consider adopting a new emblem, for use on stationery and/or a badge. Designs submitted for consideration. A congratulatory letter received from Nat. a Council of Women Pres. on our Service and Forum. The Mothers Union report had been received.

Winifred Kiek Scholar Report. Deraconess indicated Mrs. Boive was getting on well, and reported on previous scholars.

Fellowship of the Least Coin. Mrs. Bent conducted the devotional.

Publicity. Brig. Ward indicated she had sent reports to denominational papers about Prayer Rally, and radio stations, and would be interviewed on 2CBA.F.M. about A.C.W. soon.

Promotions. About 60 orders of service left, and guidelines being prepared.

Children's Films and T.V. invitations, and dodgers re film festival. List of Fellowship Day Services available, and people to bring greetings at various centres, from State Unit.

Financial Report. Miss Mitchell presented the Statement.  
A/c for payment printing orders of service \$21:38 Passed.  
It was reported we need to give to the National Travel Pool for delegates from other states, of \$174.58. It was moved by Miss Mitchell and seconded Mrs. Stanhope that a gift of \$500 be sent to Tasmanian Unit to assist them to send members to N.C.M., as they are the incoming Working Committee. This was carried.  
Moved that this amount plus \$200 for printing for World Community Day Services, be notified to Bank for withdrawal from Sav. Inv. A/c  
Affiliation fees are due!

Report regarding 9th Sept. meeting in Scots Church Margaret St.  
leaflets available today and to be handed out at Fellowship Day Services, all; invited to attend, Mrs. Thelma Adair, Vice Pres Church Women United, and past-moderator of Pres. Church in U.S.A. N.S.W. Unit to provide and serve afternoon tea. Accommodation-- Olga Badger arranging, needed for Sat. and Sun nights. 8th and 9th. Gifts such as book marks will need to be given to guests. Small plate of fruit in each room at Conference Centre, north shore branches to organize, baskets from Parramatta. Possibility of vacant seats on bus to Canberra Thurs. and Fri. preceeding.

Mrs. Millar, Life Member, had passed away and a tribute was being arranged, for next meeting.

The President; suggested for Aug. meeting we have set of slides and commentary, on 'God's Word in Flowers.' and/or denominational reports. It was agreed to apply for the slides, for Aug. 20th.

The Exec. meeting in Sept. has been altered to 3rd.

Mrs. McCann asked Mrs. Marjorie Baker to tell us about the Churches of Christ, as she is National President. This proved most interesting, ~~Christian Women's Fellowship~~ <sup>Federally</sup>

The Secretary had written a paper on 'Tourism;' which was one of the topics suggested by the last Nat Com Meeting. As time was running out, this was agreed to be sent to the Working Committee, and read at the next meeting.

The Secretary, showed the slides brought to the meeting by various members, of church activities, and church conferences etc. Activities of the Presbyterian Church and The Salvation Army, Baptist World Conference, Asian Church Women's Conference, Tongan Seminar, and other World activities, were shown, which proved informative. Thanks were extended to those who contributed.

The Benediction was pronounced at 1:15p.m.

*Lead Kester Mrs Stanhope Mrs Hunter next meeting*

*President. M M' Carr*

*30th August 1979.*

THE LATE MRS. MARY MILLAR.

We record in these minutes the death of Mrs. Mary Millar. The N.S.W. Unit of Australian Church Women pay warm tribute to her life and work as a member. Though unable to attend meetings in latter years, she was always keenly interested in news of the people and work of this Unit.

Mary Millar was an honoured Life Member, President of the then N.S.W. Women's Inter Church Council 1949/50.

President of the Wybalena Hostel Committee of the N.S.W. WICC. from that committee's inception, working tirelessly to raise funds to establish the hostel as a home for students and/or business girls from the country.

Wybalena Hostel was opened in March, 1952, and Mary Millar and her Committee had then the further responsibility of administering and maintaining the hostel.

As changing conditions and more residential accommodation in universities etc. were established there were fewer enrolments at Wybalena. The hostel, provided and maintained by the women of the churches was closed in December, 1966.

A woman of great spirit and humanity, of keen mind and much wisdom Mary Millar continued to make what is a lasting contribution to the ongoing life of this Unit.

At her funeral service in Willoughby Presbyterian Church on 18th May, 1979, Right Rev. Fred Mackay, past Moderator General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, paid personal and official tribute to the life and ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Norman Millar.

During the war years, 1939-45, in Brisbane Mary Millar initiated what was to become a vital service to men and women of the services on leave. She and her team of women began daily 'Open House' in the hall of their city church and for this received considerable community recognition.

We honour in these minutes a woman of great ability and natural leadership, who worked until her life's end for her Lord, her family and others.

Win Dougherty.

Assisted by Margaret Ralph.