

MINUTES of the WORKING COMMITTEE of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN held on Friday, 8th March, 1968 at 10:30 a.m. in the Board Room, 100 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

1. OPENING: The President, Deaconess C.I. Ritchie, opened the meeting with prayer.
2. PRESENT: Deaconess C.I. Ritchie (chair), Mesdames N. Anderson, T.H. Coates, H.W. Saunders, J. Strack, E.L. Williams, G.I. Duke.
3. APOLOGIES: Mesdames A.W. Burton, N. Faichney, H. Stephens.
4. MINUTES of Meeting held Friday, 19th January, 1968, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.
5. MINUTES of special meeting held Friday, 9th February were read and confirmed.
6. MINUTES of the National Committee Meeting held in Sydney 13th-16th February, 1968 were presented to the meeting and some time was spent in reading these. The President and Secretary were asked to collate the findings of the Wednesday, 14th February which had been spent in discussion. These would be appended to the Minutes of the National Committee Meeting together with other reports. The Committee passed a vote of thanks to the Secretary.
7. CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was read and received.
 1. Mrs Hartam - Tasmania re W.W.D.P.
 2. Darwin United Church Ladies' Guild - apology for National Committee Meeting.
 3. Lt. Com. Bramwell Cook advising of his retirement and the appointment of Com. H. Scotney as Territorial Commander.
 4. Mrs Holmes - re Vietnam.
 5. Mrs Buschmeyer - re Special Days.
8. BUSINESS ARISING:

The Secretary to write to Mrs Bramwell Cook conveying good wishes on her retirement.

Mrs Holmes - A.C.C. Pamphlet on Refugees in Vietnam to be sent. Indicate that A.C.W. is behind all that is being done by A.C.C.
9. FINANCE: In the absence of the Treasurer an Interim Statement was received and tabled.
10. REPORTS:

A.C.C. ANNUAL MEETING: The President outlined the points of interest arising out of the A.C.C. Annual Meeting. In particular she referred to the most moving appeal of the Rev. Harvey Perkins for aid for the refugees in Vietnam. Copies of the Inter-Church Aid Fact Sheet were circulated to members. The new President of A.C.C. is the Rev. N. Faichney. Bible Study had been presented by the Rev. Father Angelo O'Hagan and 3 Roman Catholic Observers had been present. Procedure followed at the Meeting was new. Discussion groups had examined the reports from associated Committees. Emphasis was placed on the Project Aust-Care which would be launched later in 1968. Six Youth representatives had been present.

Publicity: Mrs Coates reported that she had prepared paragraphs which would be forwarded to Mr Hinton and various Denominational papers.

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Publications: Mrs Anderson asked for a supply of the message which was prepared at the National Committee Meeting. These would be available to anyone who wanted them.

National Committee Meeting, 1969. As the A.C.C. Annual Meeting is planned for Melbourne on 10th-14th February it was decided to hold the National Committee Meeting of A.C.W. 4th - 7th February, 1969 in Melbourne. The Secretary was asked to contact St Hilda's College, University of Melbourne re costs etc.

11. SPECIAL DAYS, 1969. It was decided to defer these matters until the next meetings.
12. GENERAL BUSINESS:
Fellowship Day, 1968. The President and Secretary were asked to confer about this service and to obtain quotes etc. for 10,000 Orders of Service from Barr's Printers. The Printers to be asked to keep the type.
13. DATE of NEXT MEETING:
The next meeting would be held on Friday, 19th April, 1968 at 10:30 a.m. in the Board Room, 100 Flinders Street, Melbourne.
14. CLOSING: The President closed the meeting with the Benediction.

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