



ACW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Friday 20 June 2008 at 10.00 am

1. **Welcome** President Jean welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked Vonnie for hosting the meeting at her home.
2. **Devotions** Helen Raymond read from "Circle of Prayer" vol. 17 – voice from Lebanon with a 'salt and light' theme and 'pray and witness'.
3. **Present** Jean Thomson (in chair), Jan Abrahamffy, Angela Devlin, Jacqueline Hipwell, Eileen Holley Margaret Lawton, Helen Lloyd, Helen Raymond, Judith-Ann Sjostedt, Evonne Sullivan (NLM).
4. **Apologies** Constance Aronsen, Donna Bryan, Brenda Dickinson, Fran Moss, Ruth Burmester(NLM).
5. **Minutes** of meeting held on 9 May 2008, were accepted on **motion** of Helen R, seconded Judith-Ann.

5 a) **Business arising.** There was no business arising.
6. **Treasurer's report** as attached.
Moved Helen L, seconded Judith-Ann that report be received.

6 a) **Business arising.** Accounts to be paid
1) Petty cash reimbursements (Fran – \$54.50; and Judith-Ann – \$65.90)
2) \$75 to Helen Richardson for her attendance at the Business and Professional Women's (BPW) dinner.
All agreed that these be paid.
7. **Correspondence IN June 08**
 1. Email from Brenda D asking for info re Conference for her to put on Web.
 2. Letter from The Venerable Kay Goldsworthy – thanks for congratulatory letter.
 3. SA Minutes of meeting 9/5/08.
 4. SA (Aileen Eldridge) agree to prepare F/Day Service 2009.
 5. CWL Newsletter No 183 Jun/Jul 08.
 6. Aust Domestic & Family violence Clearing House Newsletter No 32.
 7. NSW Unit - 45th Annual report – celebrating 70 years (April 2008).
 8. Nungalinya College News.
 9. Citizenship Test Review Committee – Survey on Citizenship Test.
 10. SA Unit Minutes of meeting 13/6/08.
 11. SA Unit. Note from Pres Anne Parnis advising on death on 14 June of Patrick Grealy, husband of Barbara Grealy, who was formerly very active in State and National ACW. (*Jean will send a note to Barbara expressing sympathy.*)
 12. Various letters from WA Unit re representation at Guides AGM, and letter from Leeola Loughnan (WA) who had attended Girl Guides AGM on behalf of National President.
 13. Various correspondence with Helen Richardson (NSW) who will represent Jean T at a Business and Professional Women's dinner in Sydney on 3/06/08 (Nat will pay \$75 ticket).
 14. Letter and report from Helen Richardson re her attendance at BPW dinner.

15. Recipe Book "*Platter for Peace*" (produced by Soroptomists Australia for the International Conference in May) at a cost of \$20 per copy – order form available.

Correspondence OUT June 08

1. Minutes of Nat Exec meeting 9 May 08 to all Units and Life Members.
2. Letters to State Units inviting them to respond to Citizenship Test Survey.
3. Jean T to Leeola (WA) with thanks for attending Guides AGM.
4. Jean T to Helen Richardson – thanks.

Moved Judith-Ann, seconded Helen R, that inwards correspondence be received, and outwards correspondence be ratified. Agreed.

8. Reports

- 1) **FLC** Jan had no particular news to report.
- 2) **WKS** In Constance's absence Jean read her report. There had been an email from Imelda Aquino with news of her recent activities and her plans to go back to Jordan for Arabic language study. Also there had been various emails and a letter from WA Unit expressing concern about being asked to cover cost of printing the brochures for WKS scholarship.
- 3) **Special Days** Jean read a report in Fran's absence, with confirmation that the SA Unit has agreed to prepare the 2009 Fellowship Day Service.
- 4) **Social Justice** Judith-Ann read the response to her letter from the Federal Minister Nicola Roxon re lack of services for children with BE syndrome. She also advised that the NSW Premier recently announced the abolition of its "Violence Against Women" Specialist Unit of 6 staff and 18 regional violence prevention worker positions. Given community concerns in this area, this turn of events is most distressing. Judith-Ann was congratulated on the amount of effort she puts in as Social Justice Convener.
- 5) **Newsletter** Eileen is presently putting together the July–September Newsletter and would appreciate copy by Friday 4 July 2008.
- 6) **ACWC** Donna has been overseas attending ACWC Conference in Taiwan and so was unable to present a report..
- 7) **Website** Brenda has requested information that she can put on the website re the Conference next year. *Jean, Margaret and Eileen to attend to this.*
- 8) **AWC** Jean reported on the Broken Hill Meeting of the Australian Women's Coalition (AWC) over 2 days in June.

AWC major project for this year is entitled "Preparing for Ageing – health, financial security and social inclusion" The final report is due by the end of October. Already the work on 'social inclusion' is almost complete, after responses to the survey in which you took part are collated.

There was a meeting of women from all 4 secretariats and some women from the Federal Government Office for Women as well. We listened to guest speakers - Senator Claire Moore who represented the Minister Tanya Plibersek and we also heard an update from the secretariats:– AWC; National Rural Women's Coalition (who have produced a booklet and are studying/ reporting on maternal and child health in rural and remote Australia), Security 4 Women (reporting on financial security for working women, single mums, superannuants etc, trying to cover all age groups), and Womenspeak (who have been holding gatherings in all States and Territories with both Aboriginal and white women talking together about their problems and, hopefully, solutions).

9. General Business

1. The Commonwealth Department of Health has produced booklets on *Preventing falls* and *Medicine management* which are available at health clinics and pharmacies.
2. The Parliamentary Prayer Network has advised it will hold a service in the Great Hall at Parliament House on Sunday 22 June 2008, with a breakfast at 7am on Monday 23 June. *Jean to check if this service is to replace the Parliamentary Prayer Group breakfast.*
3. Jean will draft a letter to State Units regarding a Survey to find out which organisations are affiliated with ACW.

10. Next Meeting – at 10am on Friday 11 July, at the same venue, with an apology in advance from Helen R.

11. Meeting closed at 12.30pm

Signed: Jean Thomson Date: 11.7.08
(Jean Thomson, President)

National Treasurer's Report, 20 June 2008

CHEQUE A/C

Balance at 9.5.08 \$7049.98

RECEIPTS

ACW Alice Springs Branch – "Winifred" books	125.00	
ACW Queensland Unit –		
National Conference Fund	100.00	
National Travel Fund	100.00	
Asian Church Women's Conference	100.00	<u>425.00</u>
		7474.98

PAYMENTS

Petty Cash – ACW News – Postage	70.40	
Postage WKS Leaflets	74.60	
ACQ News – April to June	<u>425.88</u>	<u>570.88</u>
		\$6904.10

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Balance at 9.5.08 & 20.6.08 \$22327.45

Balance of Funds at 20.6.08

National Travel Fund	3485.95
National Conference Fund	12567.86
Overseas Conference Fund	2435.00
"Winifred" Book sales	465.00
FLC badges	54.00
Postage reimbursed	18.70
A Legend & a Legacy	56.00
Honouring Aust Church Women	60.00
FLC	104.46
Asian Church Women's Conference	100.00
Administration	9684.58
Total Funds	<u>\$29231.55</u>

Helen Lloyd, National Treasurer, 20.6.08