

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 AT P.W.M.U. OFFICE, ANN STREET, BRISBANE
at 10.30 a.m. on MONDAY, 24th MAY, 1971

OPENING: The President invited Brigadier Geddes to open the meeting with a brief devotional period. Dipping into her experience as Chaplain to Women's Prisons, Brigadier Geddes recalled occasions when she had found that "loving a neighbour as one's self" demanded tremendous effort of will-power. The unattractiveness of the absolutely unlovable and unlovely in a degenerate human being so often repels: yet all who readily promise obedience to the 'love command' must take into account the unlimited application of the term "neighbour".

PRESENT:

Mrs. J. Dennis (President)	Mrs. Dingle
Mrs. C. Muschamp (Vice President)	Mrs. Pope
Mrs. C. Connell (Secretary)	Mrs. Haigh
Mrs. D. Eldershaw (Treasurer)	Mrs. B. Clarke
	Brigadier Geddes

APOLOGY: Mrs. C. Miller (Vice President).

GREETINGS: Mrs. Dingle brought greetings from the Australian President of the Methodist Women's Federation who was attending a Brisbane meeting of the Federation. Mrs. Pope, who had attended the Congregational Church Assembly in Hobart, brought greetings from the Congregational Women's Fellowship of Australia.

MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting held 27th April, having been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record.

BUSINESS ARISING:

The Secretary reported that - Replies to April correspondence had been written as directed and expression of appreciation and gift sent to auditor. Packaging and despatch of leaflets (W. K. Schip. & Violet Sampa) was completed after the April meeting. Newsletter, "Women at Work", No. 2, mailed with copies of minutes of April meeting. Posters for World Community Day promotion taken to Melbourne by Mrs. Pope. Circular Memo. re Calendar-Diary Project sent out with April Minutes requesting reply by 30th JUNE.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was received -

- Ø Replies as mailed were confirmed.
- * Replies as directed to be mailed.
- Special Note re 6. Further query to be written.
- " " " 11. Promotion leaflets to be sent to State Units: Working C'tee members to secure copies at own expense.

1. MRS. GRIEVE, Victoria	- Acknowledging letter and gift.
2. MRS. BOWEN (P.W.M.U.) Qld.	- Inviting Miss Sampa to Annual Meeting.
3. MRS. McILWRAITH, W.A.	- Notifying change of address.
Ø 4. MRS. SAUNDERS, Victoria	- Acknowledgment and Greetings.
Ø 5. MRS. BURTON, Victoria	- Advice re Examinations (Violet Sampa).
Ø 6. MRS. COATES, Victoria	- Advice re slides and script of A.C.W. " " preparation of Order of Service for World Community Day, 1972.
* 7. A.C.C. (REV. ENGEL)	- Advising date of A.C.C. General Meeting.
* 8. MRS. WELLS, N.S.W.	- Advice re O/S F'ship Day, 1972, also comment on Calendar-Diary Project.
* 9. MRS. CARPENTER, N.S.W.	- Acknowledging receipt of minutes, etc. and advice re Annual Rally, N.S.W. W.I.C.C.
* 10. MRS. STEPHENS, Victoria	- Advice on distribution of literature from C'tee on Co-operation also comment on Calendar-Diary.
* 11. WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, GENEVA	- Promotion material on special issue of "Risk" dealing with Women's Liberation.
* 12. MRS. WILSON, A.C.W. - W.A.	- Q. re Calendar-Diary.
* 13. DEACONESS ANDREWS	- Greeting from Hawaii.
* 14. MRS. ASHTON, Victoria	- Acknowledging greeting and advice re leaflet on Asian Christian Service.
* 15. REV. BRIAN WALSH, Victoria	- Re leaflet for World Community Day O/S.
* 16. MRS. W. JOHNS, South Australia	- Advice re applicant for W.K. Scholarship.
* 17. MRS. SELVARATNAM, Ceylon	- Application & References, W.K. Scholarship.
* 18. N.S.W. W.I.C.C.	- Re commitment to compile A.C.W. Policies.

FINANCE:

The Treasurer's Statement, as follows, was received and adopted -

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Statement of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for month ending 18th MAY, 1971.

RECEIPTS	\$	PAYMENTS	\$
Balance 18/4/71	4743.41	W. K. Schlp. - V. Sampa	
Circle of Prayer	9.00	Board to 18/5/71	24.00
Winifred Kiek Schlp. - donation		Pocket Money to 18/5/71	12.00
from Qld. Congregat.	10.00	Med. Ben. - extra month	2.69
Fellowship Day	17.75	Shoes and clothing	15.63
Scribal Pens	63.60	Air Fare Ret. Zambia Aus.	500.00
		do. Bne. C'berra S'ney	35.40
		Bus Fare S'ney Bne.	9.90
		V. Sampa Air Fare Bne. S'ney to be	
		reimbursed by N.S.W. W.I.C.C.	40.40
		F'ship Day - Kwikasair Pty.	18.06
		Poster Paper	16.66
		Postage	6.06
		W. Community Day - Poster Paper	16.66
		Roneo Vickers	13.40
		Gift Token - Victorian Auditor	5.00
		Balance at 18/5/71	4127.90
	<u>\$4843.76</u>		<u>\$4843.76</u>
Payment of the following accounts was endorsed -		Air Fare V. Sampa - May Vac.	\$35.40
		Bus Fare V. Sampa do.	9.90
		Secretary - Poster paper	33.32
		Secretary - Postage F'ship D.	
		Leaflets	6.06
		Air Fare V. Sampa - to be reim-	
		bursed by N.S.W. W.I.C.C.	40.40
Accounts passed for payment --		W. & J. Barr Pty. Ltd.	\$168.00
		Secretary - Duplicating Paper	12.21
		Stationery - Mrs. Haigh	2.00
		Petty Cash - Secretary	20.00

REPORTS:

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

Although Miss Sampa had a most successful visit to Canberra and Sydney during the May Vacation, Mrs. Pope had been greatly distressed to discover that arrangements made for Violet's departure from Brisbane had not been carried out as planned. Nevertheless, the visit was a most memorable one: Violet was most appreciative of all the kindnesses shown her, the gifts received and the hospitality extended. Hostesses had found her a delight to care for in the home. Mrs. Pope took opportunity on her trip to Hobart to discuss with some interstate representatives plans for Violet's end-of-the-year visits and these tentative arrangements were made -
 11th November - Arrive Hobart (late Thursday); 18th, leave Tasmania and arrive Melbourne.
 Arrangements for further inter-state visits were yet to be made.
 Mrs. Pope had been advised that A.C.C. would supplement fares for the 1972 Scholarship holder to the extent of \$500.00.
 Some interest had been shown in the Calendar-Diary project as a means of increasing funds and providing wider publicity for the W. Kiek Scholarship.
 Mrs. Pope had called a meeting of the Scholarship Committee for 2 p.m. on 24th May, immediately following the Working Committee meeting.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Mrs. Haigh had received news of Mrs. Selvaratnam's visit to Melbourne en route to the Pacific Conference. She reported that amounts were due for "Circle of Prayer" Booklets received, 200 from America (\$50), and 2000 from Ceylon (\$400.00 account for which still to be received). The treasurer was instructed to pay the amount due to America.
 Mrs. Haigh would be writing to Deaconess McKechnie concerning the project being submitted from the 1971 National Meeting to receive monetary assistance from "Least Coin" contributions. She requested that member organisations of A.C.W. keep in mind the need to consider suggestions of
LIKELY PROJECTS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE 1972 NATIONAL MEETING.

PUBLICITY

Mrs. Dingle had material in process of preparation for the next newsletter. It was reported that Mrs. Muschamp had made arrangements for publicity to be given to the Winifred Kiek Scholarship and the current holder, Miss Violet Sampa, on the Channel 7 Session, "Anglican Magazine", conducted by Rev. Newell.

UNITED CHURCHES

Nine personal letters enclosing newsletters and Orders of Service for Fellowship Day had been written by Mrs. Muschamp to United Church groups in remote areas.

REPORTS (Contd.):

PENS & NOTELETS These were reported to be selling quite satisfactorily.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING, 1972 - Following receipt of advice from Rev. Engel that A.C.C. would meet in Sydney, 14th - 18th FEBRUARY, 1972, it was decided that the A.C.W. NATIONAL MEETING BE HELD 8th - 11th FEBRUARY, 1972.
The secretary was directed to confirm the booking at Deaconess House for this date with Deaconess Andrews.

National Denomination Conferences - It was suggested that advice forwarded to A.C.W. Secretary of dates of future National Conferences and Conventions would enable A.C.W. to send greetings on these occasions. Federal Secretaries of Denominational Women's Organisations could do this when Conference dates were fixed.

INVITATION TO ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - Following advice from A.C.W. Past President, Mrs. Ashton, that to-date the invitation to A.C.W.C. (as decided at 1971 National Meeting) had not been sent, the secretary was requested to write accordingly to the Secretary, Mrs. K. Davies (New Zealand) and to forward copies of the letter of invitation to Mrs. Shanti Solomon and Mrs. Frances Bailey for their information.

SPECIAL DAYS - FELLOWSHIP DAY, 1971: Orders of Service had all been kindly despatched by Mrs. Rogers from Melbourne, and the leaflets for insertion on the Winifred Kiek Scholarship and the current holder, were despatched from Brisbane on 27th April.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY, 1971: Mrs. Ashton had forwarded material for the Order of Service, based on the service prepared by the Commission on Race Relations of the Australian Council of Churches for the U.N. Year for Action to Combat Racism, 1971. This was to be completed and typed according to suggestions made, for final submission to Mrs. Ashton for amendment or correction as necessary before being given to Abell & Co., Brisbane, for printing.

LEAFLETS for insertion (Asian Christian Service) were being prepared and printed by Rev. Brian Walsh in Victoria and on completion would be forwarded in bulk to Brisbane for inter-state distribution.

The need to appoint a distribution officer to receive the printed material for special days and to accept responsibility for the oversight of its packaging and distribution was considered. Brigadier Geddes kindly offered to accept this responsibility, as her office is centrally situated in the city.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Working Committee to be held on Monday, 28th JUNE at 10.30 a.m.

CLOSE: At the President's invitation, Brigadier Geddes closed the meeting with prayer and benediction at 1.50 p.m.

CONFIRMED _____
DATE _____

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