

Minutes of meeting of Australian Church Women N.S.W. Unit.  
held on 23rd June, 1980 at 139 Castlereagh St. Sydney.

The President welcomed those present numbering 33.  
Apologies received from Mrs. Jean, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Dougherty,  
Mrs. Richardson, Deaconess Andrews, Brig. Ward, Miss Blackwell,  
Mrs. Ridley, Mrs. Sparks, Brig. R. Smith, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Squire,  
Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Renshaw.  
The President led in the Devotional, and read from Acts 18 1-11.  
Thoughts and prayers were given with special reference to  
people in overseas troubled countries.

A welcome was extended to Mrs. Annette Marshall from Caringbah,  
The minutes were read and confirmed, and a report of the  
Installation Service was read.

In Business Arising. Thoughts were expressed for the overseas  
travellers from our organization, the 5 in U.S.A. and 2 in Europe.

Correspondence.

Inwards.

The Salvation Army new Rep.  
New Lambton.  
5000 leaflets, W.K.S.  
Minutes of Working Committee and Women at Work for April, May & June.  
'Threats to World Peace' ARTICLE from Working Committee from A.C.C.  
A.C.C. leaflets.  
Photocopy of paper from Suva.  
Master copy of World Community Day Service.  
Applications for F.I.C. by 1st June, for grants. Working Committee.  
Replies Installation Service.  
Request for leaflets by Working Committee if any surplus.  
Letters of appreciation Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Gragg, Brig. Cork.  
Letter from Working Committee re Dien calling at Armidale.  
Presbyterian Women's Association. re representatives.  
Mrs. Sparks, re information for Uniting Church Parramatta area.  
Trading Partners Newsletter.

Outwards.

Working Committee re new office bearers, and Dien's visit to Sydney. Molong and Narrandera, promotion material.

Mrs. Com. Ward.

Invitations to affiliated groups.

Leaflets returned to Hobart and some to Brisbane. W.K.S.

Mrs. Stanhope.

Letters to affiliated organizations re new reps following Annual Meeting. P.W.A. requesting 8 reps.

Mrs. Sparks.

The correspondence was received, and outwards correspondence endorse Financial Statement was read by the President in Mrs. Stevens absence.

The F.I.C. Segment was taken by Mrs. Bent, -from Malasian section.

The Secretary read the list of venues for Fellowship Day in Sydney. In Brig. Ward's absence phone calls had established where the services are, and request for placing in denominational press.

Promotions. Mrs. E. Baker gave the report, and that Caringbah had held the steering committee organized by Mrs. Bent, this was followed by a visit from Mrs. West and Mrs. Woodhouse, when the Audio Visual was shown and election of officers took place. Four ladies were present from Caringbah, at our meeting. Mrs. Baker reported writing to the western area where names had been given, and the Secretary reported Teura people had phoned and asked for orders of service, a new area. Mrs. McCann is to visit on 27th June with the audio visual and speak at the Outer Western Area Region Christian Unity Group at Penrith. Mrs. McCann and Major Venables it was agreed by Council should be added to the Promotion Committee, and Mrs. Erila Grant as the fifth representative to the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee.

Newsette report. It was not being sent out by Mrs. McCann in the wrappers under Category "A" 4 times a year, further applications could be taken.

The Annual Report had been printed for the Installation Service, available for everyone, and for promotion to interested people. To fill the extra two pages after reports had been collated the photos had been printed, but not at cost to the organization.

The Executive meeting suggests that a committee be formed to colate and to attempt to co-ordinate issues under social responsibility being dealt with the various denominations women's groups, and come up with thinking that all our denominations are in agreement with, - eventually. As a core group of three ladies to set this in motion the Secretary had suggested Mrs. Marie McCann, Mrs. Stevens, and Mrs. D. Hulme-Moir as the committee. After discussion this was resolved. Reports would come to Council after they had met and set it in motion.

Women at Work were distributed, the Fellowship Day Order of Service and other material was available on the table.

Reports were given of the Ecumenical Service in St. Andrews on Sunday 6th June, and the display of the Mission Boards of the churches, and 4 ladies had attended the Y.W.O.A. to meet the World President of the "Y" on her way to the Melbourne Conference.

Next meeting on Aug. 18th, and we hope to have reports from the ladies who were at the Conference in U.S.A.

The ladies who offered for the tea roster were Mrs. Pickering and Mrs. Whyborne.

Sister Barbara Hutchinson then addressed the meeting, a Franciscan Missionary of Mary, from the Retreat House at Point Piper. Her topic, as recommended by the National Committee Meeting, was "Women in the Bible" and she brought thinking of the legal status and social status of women from the Old Testament and the New Testament, to a very interested audience. She was thanked by Mrs. McCann and given a small gift. Much talking continued over the cup of tea on the subject. The Benediction was pronounced at 12:35p.m.

*Elizabeth*  
.....President. 18th August, 1980.