



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held on 10th floor at 222 Pitt Street on Monday 15 November, 2004 at 10.30 a.m.

WELCOME: Lyn Middleton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DEVOTIONS: Sandra Wise led devotions based on Romans 5 – *we have been justified through faith...* Sandra drew attention to contrasts in the passage: enemies/friends, war/peace. God reaches out to us and we can be at peace with God, reconciled through Christ's death. We are totally dependent on God's love. We can experience joy even though not everything is well with us because joy comes from God and it is independent of our circumstances. We are women who seek to serve our Lord. In prayer Sandra gave thanks for what Christ has done through the Cross. She asked for help as we listen to the Spirit and seek to spread the Gospel in Sydney.

PRESENT: 43 as recorded.

APOLOGIES: 6 as recorded.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of 16 August, 2004 were confirmed on the motion of Nancy McLaren and Lily Hanlon. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Day Conference *Word & Walk* to be held Monday 20 September in the Function Room Salvation Army Headquarters. Lyn Middleton thanked all who had given support – attendance was 65 plus – making special mention of Heather Badgery and Helen Richardson for preparations and work on the day; Joan Tong for leading the songs; Isabel Hewitt for the votes of thanks; Jean Porteous for leading prayers; Olive Edmondstone and Sandra Wise for introductions of speakers and Nancy McLaren for publicity. *Word & Walk* proved to be rich in inspiration and encouragement, and the food 'great'. Copies of brochures and report from Hopestreet were still available and people could sign up for ongoing information to be sent.

2. ACWC: Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at Punchbowl Baptist Church was a great occasion, Ramona Cowle and her committee to be congratulated. The choirs were excellent, Earlwood Salvation Army Band did well and Joan and David Tong made an enjoyable contribution. The program was seen to be a good mix and the good fellowship which followed was appreciated. As many Asian services are held on Sunday afternoon it was suggested that perhaps consideration needs to be given to another time – perhaps late Saturday – in order to attract a wider audience.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Helen Richardson reported that this is a busy time for the treasurer. Returns from World Community Day and FLC contributions are coming in. To date, WCD offerings amount to \$1268 and FLC \$3895. The current bank balance is \$8698.08. Moved Helen, seconded Thora Thomas that the statement be received and payments approved. Carried.

Helen had available ACWC Bulletins for NSW which had been sent in bulk to her.

MEMBERSHIP & PASTORAL CARE: Heather Badgery welcomed Heather Reid back after travel. Lucelle King has been ill, and Robin Phillis has been having chemotherapy. Joan Bird, Robyn Collins, Norma Dumbrell and Mary Melville have all been ill. Heather has been in contact.

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SPECIAL DAYS: Reports of World Community Day services had been forwarded along with payments and Helen Richardson read some of the reports from Branches. The need for continuing education about Fellowship of the Least Coin was mentioned, and suggestions were made as to how this could be done: someone to speak at WCD service about FLC and if possible, tell of a project that has benefited from FLC support; articles in denominational papers; have a speaker at denominational State camps; include an extra page in the WCD service. For the FLC 50th Anniversary in 2005 there is a need for something special, a matter to be discussed early next year.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Janet Lang has spoken to two groups about FLC, one which knew nothing about it and one which was familiar with the FLC story. The amount shown in *Newssette* for FLC project funding was incorrect and should read \$334,000.

Janet led a devotional – *A Voice from Taiwan* – on Ruth and Naomi. The devotional balances Ruth's persistence in looking after Naomi, with Naomi's strong faith which she passed on to Ruth. They helped each other, both gave and received. In the Fellowship of the Least Coin who gives and who receives?

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Judith Cayzer's written report was read. Mereani has arrived in Victoria and has started at 'Project Respect' in St Kilda. She has spoken to ACW Victorian Unit about her work so far. Judith has written to Mereani, assuring her of our continued prayers.

PUBLICITY: Nancy McLaren advised that she is happy to produce work if people ask.

NEWSSETTE: Copy for next issue is required by 18 January. Lyn thanked Beryl for her work.

Moved Edith Ridge, seconded Cela Cooper that the reports be received.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

ACW National: Minutes 16/8/2004; 11/10/2004; Circular Letter 5/2004; Mereani's arrival

Sr Marie Craddock – draft for 'Wrap with Love' letter

Angela Catterns – acknowledgement

Val Bowen – Chatswood/Willoughby Branch

Yvonne Ward, Churches of Christ – Elsie Cox no longer able to be rep.

Ros Dey – Photo of Keelah Dey for *Honouring Australian Church Women*

Pat Walker – ACWC leaflets; November 2004 report

Glebe Trust – statements

ABM Sydney Aux – Reception 27/10/04 10.30 am L5/51 Druitt Street RSVP 22/10

St Stephen's Uniting Church – Invitation for 1/12/04 11.00am – RSVP 10/11/04

Hazel Rolfe, Morriset UC; Frenchs Forest Ladies Day Fellowship – FLC payments

Baptist Women NSW/ACT – WCD Project 2005 submission

WCTU Christmas Luncheon noon 26/11/2004 Salvation Army Function Centre

Signature Campaign sheets

Judith Cayzer – apology, report to Council

Bible Society NSW – re affiliation with ACW NSW State Unit Inc

CWLA NSW Inc – re President Elect

Robyn Henry – thanks on her retirement

Salvation Army Women's Ministries Function 4/12/2004 Menzies Hotel

Women in Solidarity Ecumenically – Day Away 25/11/04 to Gallipoli Mosque, Auburn

PWA *Span* 9/2004; UCAF *Newsletter* 10/2004

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

Robin Phillis

Val Bowen

Angela Catterns ABC Radio – Wrap with Love

Pastor Punchbowl Baptist Church

State President CWLA NSW Inc – re President Elect

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FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND: Baptist Women 16/9/04; PPSEAWA luncheon 27/9/04; ABM reception 27/10/04; WCTU luncheon 26/11/04 (Cela Cooper); St Stephens 1/12/04; Salvation Army Women's Ministries 4/12/04

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

MEETING DATES: Sheets were available with the 2005 program. Council meeting dates are set for 21 February, 21 March, 18 April (AGM), 20 June, 15 August, 21 November. Service of Dedication will be 16 May, Spiritual Enrichment Day 18 July, National Conference at Collaroy 10-14 October.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY PROJECT: On the motion of Judith Baker and Bev Elliott Council endorsed the recommendation from Executive that the after school program for Aboriginal children in Broken Hill be forwarded to National for consideration.

SERVICE OF DEDICATION 2005: Lyn Middleton reported that she had been looking at a possible location for the May service. Chatswood seemed to be favoured as it is fairly easily reached by public transport.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY: The format Lyn is considering is for a Bible study, followed by some personal stories, and then a prayer focus. Location would be 222 Pitt Street and we self-cater.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER COMMITTEE: Judith Baker reported that packing day at the Bible Society's new premises at North Ryde had gone well. A total of \$60,000 had been given to the Bible Society from WDP. There will be a familiarisation session for next year's service which has been prepared by people in Poland.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN: At the Annual General Meeting Major Margaret Sands was appointed at the new chairperson. Shirley Wells reported that NCW still needs a secretary and a treasurer.

NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: The recent meeting was held at The Block, Redfern and Nola Dickson found it a very emotional day. She referred to the Redfern Research Project undertaken by Leigh Bowden on behalf of the Council and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission (NATSIEC) of the NCCA. Recommendations for action on the part of the churches in meeting needs of the Aboriginal community in Redfern/Waterloo are being considered by the Council. The Decade to Overcome Violence has produced a leaflet in conjunction with NATSIEC for prayers during the period 25 November to 10 December on Overcoming Violence against Women & Children. Churches Community Housing held its Annual Meeting and reported to member churches on its program for providing low cost housing.

PAN PACIFIC & SOUTH EAST ASIA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Edith Ridge reported that Mary Cabrera, a PPSEAWA Past National President, is an International PPSEAWA Ambassador for Peace. Dr Eileen Pittaway spoke on Beijing + 10, and reported on gatherings around the world – Caravans – where women brought their concerns and discussed them. There were 36 Caravans in Australia, one held by National Council of Women, with a large number of young women expressing their views. Edith recommends that any opportunity to hear Dr Pittaway speak on her work with refugee women or the Beijing Conferences should be taken.

As reported in *Newsette*, Fiona Collins has Cowbank as her latest project.

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WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION: A luncheon on 26 November will support their social service effort, and Cela Cooper will represent ACW.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT ELECT: The Catholic Women's League has informed us that Carmel Keys has been nominated, and has accepted the nomination as President Elect, prior to taking on the presidency in 2006.

BIBLE SOCIETY NSW: A premature announcement had been published in *Newslette* stating that the Bible Society had become affiliated with ACW NSW Unit Inc. A letter has been received from the Bible Society expressing interest in becoming affiliated, and it was moved Bev Elliott, seconded Mina Whybourne, and agreed that this matter be pursued. A correction is to appear in the next *Newslette*.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mina Whybourne reported that her daughter Anne who was working in Sierra Leone with Medicins sans Frontiers has returned to Australia and is back working in Darwin. Prayers are still needed for Sierra Leone.

Peg Blake is recovering well.

The retirement of David and Joan Tong will be marked at the 9.30 am service on 16 January 2005 at Dulwich Hill Salvation Army. A morning tea will follow.

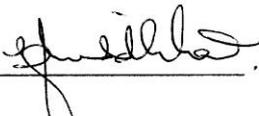
CLOSE & BLESSING: Lyn Middleton closed the meeting wishing everyone a happy, holy Christmas, and happy family reunions.

Lyn prayed, offering thanks for God's presence, for each person present and their contributions, asking for healing for those who have been ill and giving thanks for answers to prayer, and for Heather Reid's safe return. Love, peace and joy till we meet again.

NEXT MEETING: 21 February 2005

CHAIRS: Catholic
MORNING TEA: Salvation Army

Confirmed: _____



Date: 21.02.05

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR 3 MONTHS 1 AUGUST to 31 OCTOBER 2004**

CREDIT BALANCE AT 31 July 2004 5379.37

Receipts -	Membership Fees	155.00	
	Morning Teas	11.85	
	Donations	20.00	
	Trading Table	30.00	
	Investment Interest	48.08	
	Newsette	35.00	
	Winifred Kiek Scholarship	50.00	
	World Community Day	1268.20	
	ACWC	400.30	
	Fellowship Day Offerings	3253.85	
	State Conference	1492.07	
	Fellowship of the Least Coin	<u>3895.05</u>	<u>10659.40</u>

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Debits -	Administration expenses	140.00	
	Newsette	152.00	
	World Community Day	619.05	
	Presidents Expenses	62.07	
	Investment Fund	5000.00	
	State Conference	<u>1997.57</u>	<u>7970.69</u>

8,698.08

Amounts for Ratification/Payment

UCA Printing Newsette	54.50
<i>Janet Lang - expenses Feb</i>	<i>60.00</i>
<i>Mila Dickson "</i>	<i>30.00</i>