



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC

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Minutes of ACW National Executive
held Friday 27 November 2015 at VCC Rooms

Welcome: Lynette Green read and reflected on Galatians 2:20-21.

Present: Lynette Green, Lola Adam, Anne Kennedy, Joy Morley, Loyola O'Donohue

Apologies: Fran Moss, Lorraine Davies, Donna Bryan, Elaine Johnson, and Marion Rowe.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Confirmed that Donna had a new job, but the same email. Moved Lynette, Seconded Lola.

Business Arising:

1. Essay Competition

Booklets have been published, and two presentations have been made in Queensland and South Australia, and another is planned for Western Australia in December.

Letters have been received from participating schools with positive comments regarding future involvement in the Competition.

Correspondence:

1. As per attached list.
2. Letters, as per the pro-forma prepared by Lynette for State Units to be sent to the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition. Action: Anne
3. Letters, as above, to be sent to Victorian Parliament as well. Action: Anne
4. Letter from Tricia Graham, Australian Women's Coalition – Tricia should be noted as a member of ACW National Executive because she represents ACW on AWC.

Action: Anne

Her report included data indicating 6388 incidents of sexual assault in SA in one year, with the National Research Association noting that sexual assaults are under-reported because of stigmatization.

5. Fellowship Day service – final copy from Fran Moss to read before authorizing.

Moved Anne, Seconded Lola.

Treasurer's Report:

Report for period 1 October to 31 October – see attached.

1. Joy received the Financial Books via courier.
2. Ratification of cheques for \$150 to Amy Pedler and \$50 to Isabel Sargon, winners of the Essay Competition
3. Circle of Prayer booklets – no invoice received from last year thus far, so it was suggested that we send \$735 as part of general FLC donation.
4. ACWC letter of thanks for donation to Nepal appeal.
5. Signatories for ING account being finalized.
6. Distribution of monies collected:

It was moved that the percentage of money received to be withheld to cover administration costs remain the same as last year, i.e. FLC 5%, ACWC 5% and WKS 10%.

Moved Joy, Seconded Loyola.

Comments from Conveners

1. WKS

One candidate had been nominated this year – Esline Toamavute from Vanuatu. It was announced at National Conference that she had been accepted. To date there have been some communication problems, but the profile should be available for Donna on her return. Loyola to check if Esline plans to study, as this was not clear in her application. Action: Loyola

2. FLC

Lola reported that she's been in contact with Unit reps and has sent emails (see Correspondence) to Cora re the availability of the children's book "Shanti means Peace" to be published next year, and re the Singapore representative on FLC.

3. Publicity

No report;

Newsletter: Lynette has completed the Newsletter which she will forward to Units and National Executive.

Facebook: No report.

4. Special Days

No Report.

5. ACWC

Lynette referred to the letter from ACWC regarding our donation to the Nepal Appeal.

6. Social Justice

No report.

Any Other Business:

- a. Uganda Enquiry – passed on by previous National Executive. It was decided that we would contact Marion Nanganga of "Rural Christian Women Links" and put her in touch with ACWC in Uganda. Lynette to talk to Donna for contact details for ACWC representative there. Action: Lynette
- b. No meeting in January, 2016 – the first meeting will be in February, on the fourth Friday, after the Victorian Unit meeting. If the Vic Unit Council is meeting the NE meeting will begin at 12.30, if the Vic Unit Executive is meeting, the NE meeting will begin at 11.30. A roster will be prepared for opening devotions.
Advance notice that Lynette will be away in September, and Lorraine in May.
- c. An invitation to the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship at Geelong, 13-17 April, 2016 was received. Joy and Lynette to discuss ACW representation. \$792 shared accommodation, plus \$50 for celebration dinner, plus \$40 for outing, travel at own cost. Day visitors - \$73 per day covers morning/afternoon tea and lunch. Action: Lynette and Joy.
- d. Joy and Lynette would negotiate with VCC about the cost of the additional use of the Chellew Room. Action: Lynette and Joy.

Next Meeting

February 26 after the conclusion of the Vic Council meeting. BYO lunch.

An early apology from received from Lorraine.

The meeting closed with prayer.