

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - N.S.W. STATE UNIT

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday February 17, 1997 at 10.30 a.m.

OPENING: President Peg Blake welcomed members to first Council Meeting for 1997 and all joined in singing "The promises of God are sure". President then led devotions based on Deuteronomy 33:27 - "The eternal God is your refuge - underneath are the everlasting arms". She also quoted Jeremiah 29:12-14 and Psalm 139:7-10 and concluded with "I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year".

Congratulations were extended to Marie McCann on the Award of OAM in the Australia Day Honours and how pleasing it was to see mention of Australian Church Women in the citation. Wilma Morris and Beth Webb from the National Executive also received the OAM.

PRESENT: 50 as per Attendance Sheets.

APOLOGIES: 2 plus Marie Majoor (Treasurer) absent for two meetings (Beryl McLaughlin to receive any money due in Marie's absence).

A welcome was extended to Annette Wilson and Eileen Holley (National FLC Convener now based in Sydney) who are the new Salvation Army representatives. Trish Miller from Campbelltown Branch was also welcomed. Heather Badgery was welcomed as Membership Secretary. The Minutes of Meeting of Monday November 18 were read and confirmed on motion of Margaret Jessup and Edith Ridge. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. NCW THANKSGIVING SERVICE - December 3 - letter received from State President, Clare Cusick with thanks and appreciation for the Service format and assistance with refreshments.
2. EXECUTIVE POSITIONS - Secretary's position needs to be filled at Annual General Meeting. All positions are open for nomination with the exception of the President. Nominations forms available.
3. RACHEL McMANUS - will come to Council meeting of March 17 and speak for 15-20 minutes.
4. REPORT of Joan Tong's visit to Japan and Korea available. Joan visited as a member of the Executive of ACWC to consolidate their membership of ACWC. There are 17 member countries. Iluminada Domingo wants every country to be visited during her term of office.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED: President attended St Stephens luncheon with Heather Reid - very happy day.

President and several members attended the Australia Day Luncheon - very interesting gathering - 9 students received Australia Day Awards.

FROM EXECUTIVE: ANNUAL SERVICE OF DEDICATION: 2nd Monday MAY 12 - not 3rd. Chalmers Presbyterian Church. Beryl Burke - speaker - from Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship.

2. ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON - JULY 7 - Salvation Army Function Centre, 140 Elizabeth Street, Shelley Rae suggested as speaker.

3. ACWC SERVICE - NOVEMBER 17 - Lakemba Uniting Church - Rev. Norna Brown delighted to hold Service.

4. ICFLC - Joan Tong proposed that we write to our National Executive suggesting that we apply for membership to ICFLC - that Australia provide a delegate. Seconded Edith Ridge. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. National Minutes - 16 December and 20 January. Branch has been formed in Alice Springs. Joanne Harries, Salvation Army Officer and State President Tas Winifred Kiek Scholarship Awardee - mother of twins - a boy and girl. A suitable card of congratulation has been sent to her from our Unit. National Conference in Canberra - 22/27 September - Speaker Mrs. Janet Wood, wife of Rev. D'Arcy Wood. Members asked to attend. Eileen Holley and Beth Webb are able to continue as conveners of National (despite being moved from Canberra). Total of FLC contributions - \$39,000. Jan Abrahamffy has agreed to become National Minute Secretary - Letter from Dorothy Ferrier (WKS Trustee) reporting on Cambodia, the project supported by ACW in 1996. 2nd National Forum of NCCA established a Network on Women and Gender Relationships a twelve member committee based initially in Sydney. Edith Ridge (ACW National Archivist) has been appointed together with Esther Doyle (former National President of Catholic Women's League, Australia) - augers well for the future of the Network.
2. Hazel McIver re FLC donations.
3. Shirin Samuel - FLC news - sending greetings.
4. Shirley Wells - FLC matters.
5. WCTU - Christmas greetings.
6. Heather Reid - thanks for love gift.
7. Lynette Green - ACWC National Representative - Iluminado Domingo ACWC Secretary interested in forming Endowment Fund to back up the work of ACWC. Wishes to raise \$1,000,000 - asks for Pledge of Commitment - booklet - perhaps we could raise money in a different manner - bequests, etc.
8. Newsletters - NCWA  
Habitat for Humanity  
Shalom College  
Awakening  
Sharing
9. Tasmania - sympathy re Deaconess Mary Andrew's death.
10. Shirin Samuel - thanks for 40th FLC celebrations.
11. ACW News - February/March.
12. UCA - Mission Get Together at Turramurra Uniting Church: April 29. President and Beth Finlay will represent.
13. National Executive - letter regarding WCD project - Bimbadeen
14. NCW - re Jean Arnott Memorial Luncheon - April 7 - President will attend and represent us.
15. National Secretary Jean Thomson, - re WCD project - 50% of offering will go to Bimbadeen.
16. World Day of Prayer - letter to members of all Sydney Groups regarding change of date of Dedication Day.
17. NCW - special meeting to be called regarding volunteers required for Olympic Games involvement.- Marie McCann will attend in President's stead .

Correspondence received on motion of Cela Cooper and Helen Stutchbury.  
Carried.

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S: Report circulated - cheques require ratification:

S. Wells \$34.50, Newsette Printing \$57.60, Postage Newsette  
H. Reid \$161.00, B. Finlay \$84.00, L. King \$56.00. M. Jessup \$83.30.  
Subscriptions for ACWC magazine due - \$15.  
Partners \$1.

Proposed Beryl McLaughlin that Report be received and cheques ratified,  
seconded E.Cox. Carried.

Proposed Ruth Smith seconded Margaret Jessup that members contribute \$1  
to Partners at meeting. Carried. Collection box circulated forthwith.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Elsie Cox (for Shirley Wells, Convener) read the Prayer for FLC and circulated FLC box.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Letter received from Rachel Kanley, Nagercoil she is now Director of Nursing and needs our prayers. Brian is very active.

SPECIAL DAYS Edith Ridge mentioned that the Network on Women and Gender Relationships had been set up by NCCA - have met twice.

World Community Day NSW - number of people attending - 1690.  
Order forms for Fellowship Day available next month. Edith stressed importance of ordering accurately - thus saving paper and expensive postage.

Subject: "Jesus Christ - the Way Ahead".  
WCD Service has been written by the Alice Springs Branch - "One people embracing and encircled by God's love".

SOCIAL ISSUES: Continue to write letters regarding objectionable TV, radio and newspaper articles - and commend where applicable.

NEWSETTE: Beryl McLaughlin thanked for interesting edition - deadline for new issue - April Executive meeting - April 14.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

TRADING TABLE: Small items required - jam (small jars), cookery. Cards supplied by Lucelle King - 20% commission. Funds required for the Travel Fund.

INFORMATION KITS available

NEXT MEETING: Monday March 17 - 10.00 a.m.  
Morning Tea - Catholic  
Chairs - Presbyterian.

President Peg thanked the Presbyterian ladies for morning tea and closed the meeting with the Benediction at 12 noon.

Confirmed  . . . . .

March 17, 1997.

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS  
for two months ended 31-12-1996**

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.11.1996			17767.22
ADD RECEIPTS FOR TWO MONTHS			
Affiliation fees		10.00	
Associate Member		10.00	
Sale of souvenirs		267.00	
Newsette		335.20	
O/seas travel - T/Table-M/Tea		9.75	
State Conference - Sale Tapes/Papers		8.50	
F.L.C.		9606.07	
W.K.S.		20.00	
World Community Day Services		2608.40	
A.C. C. Partners		267.00	
- Bulletins		135.00	
Donations towards 1,000,000 Million		10.00	
Nat. Ccl Women - Luncheon - Conta		105.00	
Sale of Photos		11.50	
Love Offering - To replace stolen monies - Contra		301.00	
5% Entitlement - Special Funds		1170.89	
Chq No 000423 in f/o St Stephens - Returned & cancelled		<u>10.00</u>	<u>14885.11</u>
			32652.33
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS			
Newsette - Printing	60.40		
Postage	<u>69.89</u>	130.29	
Administration - Postage		17.00	
Special Days Functions - Refund o/pay by P Blake		10.00	
M McCann - Expenses		390.00	
Nat Ccl Women - End of Year Function - P Blake		5.00	
"    "    "    - Luncheon - P Blake	35.00		
"    "    "    - "    - Contra	<u>105.00</u>	140.00	
Aust.Ch Women Darwin - Donation towards setting		100.00	
up		<del>34.40</del>	
H Reid )	161.00		
B Finlay ) Reimbursement 70% Stolen monies	84.00		
L King )	<u>56.00</u>	301.00	
M Jessup - Expenses for photos		83.30	
Aust.Ch Wom. Nat.Exec			
O/Seas Travel Fund			
F'ship Least Coin	150.00		
Win.Kiek S'ship	13606.03		
F'ship Day Service	145.45		
World Com "	4123.05		
A.C.W.C. Partners	4372.76		
"    Bulletins	500.00	23122.29	
ACW NSW Unit - 5% Entitlement - Special Funds	<u>225.00</u>	1170.89	
Government Charges		<u>19.97</u>	<u>25489.74</u>
			7162.59

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - STATEMENT CONTINUED

CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAY

H Reid )	161.00
B Finlay ) 70% of stolen monies from Love Offering	84.00
L King )	56.00
M Jessup - Photos - Expenses	83.30

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for one month ended 31.01.97**

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.01.97		7162.59
ADD RECEIPTS FOR ONE MONTH		
Associate Member	10.00	
Newsette	45.00	
F.L.C.	794.80	
W.C.D.	200.00	
Glebe Board - Interest on Term Deposits	103.80	1153.60
		<u>8316.19</u>
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR ONE MONTH		
Government Charges	8.71	8.71
		<u>\$8307.48</u>

CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT		
Shirley Wells - Postage/Stationery - FLC Convenor	34.50	
Board of Finance & Property - Newsette - Printing	57.60	
Carmel Emmett " Postage		