



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NSW STATE UNIT INC.

Minutes Council Meeting Monday 17th November 2014 at 10.00 am at 222 Pitt Street Sydney

WELCOME: President Natalie McLeod welcomed all to the meeting

DEVOTIONS: Natalie read from Gospel of Luke 1:26-38 as being appropriate for the coming season of Christmas. She referred to Mary asking a question of the Angel and the Angel replying. Mary accepted the answer and what was being asked of her. Are we able to do the same?

ATTENDANCE: 34 APOLOGIES 8

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 18th August were moved and adopted by Janice Willis and Jan Harrison

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. National Executive held the AGM in a Teleconference and Denise Secomb reported it had gone well as it was also the first time this method had been attempted. Any ideas for the National Conference would be welcome by end of December. ACW will be celebrating 50 years in 2015.
2. Archival Materials: Still progressing but it will be necessary to confirm rental for another 6 months -so moved by Isabel Hewitt, seconded Tricia Graham Agreed unanimously.
3. ACWC function: Pamela had supplied a leaflet with photos of the very successful concert.
4. Day Conference: 15th September A very comfortable venue at Strathfield and interesting speakers from Logosdor and Global Recording Network. Remarkable method of spreading the GOOD NEWS, especially to children.

REPORTS

Treasurer: Helen Richardson Bank Balance is \$12810.76. Helen requested that we should close our Term Deposit with Uniting Church and transfer to Commonwealth Bank where we have our Administration Funds as interest is the same. Agreed unanimously.

Fellowship of the Least Coin [FLC]: Lillian had spoken at U/C West Epping, Wollongong, and Sutherland and also at PPSEAWA Lunch. Congratulations to Lillian who has retired after 41 years service in Salvation Army. In December she moves to Blue Haven but we will not be losing her

Special Days: No report as Lyn Middleton recovers from surgery

Winifred Kiek Scholars [W.K.S]: Judith's report as in Newsette. No word yet on Scholars for 2015 News from Christy Ferguson (2009) now in Melbourne on leave from Mission in Mid-East and working on permanent staff in Nursing Home where she puts her language skills to good use. Recently visited Indonesia for a wedding and returned via New Zealand to visit family

Social Issues: Rae Goth brought to our attention 1. Asbestos in Hospitals. [Write to Minister of Health] 2. Refugee children Australia's reputation in danger over our nonconformance with our own Human Rights Laws. [Write to Minister for Immigration].

3. Australian Fuel Security: We now import 91% of our fuel requirements so any severe disruption to our supply leaves us with only 12 days supply. [Write to Minister for Industry] Note: Always ask a question in hope of getting a reply

Membership No change

Pastoral Care: Prayers for Lyn Middleton recovering from surgery; Beryl Duncan who is in respite care; Beryl Kirkwood who awaits surgery. Sympathy to Martha Noël's family on death of her mother-in-law and serious illness of Martha's brother. Sympathy to Roslyn Abbey on death of husband. Jennifer Peffer has a reoccurrence of leg injury.

Newsette: Articles for next edition by 6th January 2015 to Jennifer Peffer

Moved Rae Goth seconded Helen Hill adoption of reports. Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE [Inward]:

Notice of National AGM 14th November and relevant papers.

ACWC prayer request for Japan – volcanic eruption

ACWC report from Australia as prepared by Donna Bryan

SPAN – Presbyterian Women's Magazine.

Connexion – October 2014 – Quarterly Magazine from Uniting Church Adult Fellowship [UCAF]

ACWC Prayer request for Japan following the volcanic eruption

ACWC Prayer request for Sri Lanka following landslide with loss of lives.

Brigade Affect - E Newsletter for Girls' Brigade [August and October]

PPSEAWA invitation to Peace Day 21st September and Spring Luncheon 22nd October

CORRESPONDENCE [Outward]:

To State President Natalie McLeod papers as required for National AGM November 2014.

To Council members: Copy of Australian report for ACWC Assembly as prepared by Donna Bryan

To Council members: Prayer requests from ACWC forwarded as mentioned in incoming mail

To Council members: Forwarded electronically *Brigade Affect* from Girl's Brigade

To Council members: copy of invitation to PPSEAWA Spring Luncheon

Special Project 2015 application from NSW: State Executive recommended grant application for Cana enterprises. Carmel Keys spoke to this - Cana was formed 35 year ago and is based on the Gospels and Love of Jesus, offering support to homeless, ex-prisoners, addicts. The homes are shared with volunteers from Catholic, Uniting and Anglican Parish Group. No Gov. support. The newest work or Enterprise is at Orchard Hill where there is TAFE training to enable people to enter the work force Mover Judith Cayzer, seconded Denise Secomb that application be forwarded to National Unanimously agreed

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Girl's Brigade Elizabeth has been busy with travels to country areas and is finding it is interesting establishing new brigades with multi-cultural challenges. PRAYERS PLEASE FOR THE CELEBRATIONS FOR 75 YEARS

Ecumenical: Isabel reported on the program on "Women of Faith" Has attended a recent Ecumenical Service at Newcastle Anglican Cathedral and meeting up with Joan and David Tong at the Service

National Council of Women [N.C.W] Tricia Graham reported on celebration of 118 years in August. Nola Barkl has been reelected as President. Tricia is Individual Members Representative and forms a new venture of Morning Tea in Piccadilly Food Court on 3rd Wednesday of month for members and friends who can no longer get to evening meetings. Attended the farewell for Patron, Her Excellency Professor Dame Marie Bashir and joined the Guard of Honour for her departure from Government House Australia Day Lunch will be on 22 January 2015 at Parliament House

PPSEAWA Final meeting of year on 18 November. October meeting - guest spoke on Energy marketing in relation to food
World Day of Prayer Material for 2015 Service has been forwarded

OTHER BUSINESS

Roslyn Abbey reported that City of Bathurst will be 200 years old in 2015 and celebrations will be held on every day of the year.

Police Suicides a great worry

Congratulations to Pat Cory who has retired from active ministry in The Salvation Army this week

NEXT MEETING Monday 16th February 2015

PRESIDENT Natalie closed meeting with prayer and Christmas blessings to all.

Signed: N. McLeod

Date: 16/12/15

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
1 AUGUST - 31 OCTOBER 2014

CREDIT BALANCE AT BANK 1 August 2014 7091.85

INCOME 1 August - 31 October 2014

Newsette	80.00	
FLC	1489.10	
Travel Fund	206.40	
Fellowship Day	2452.55	
Fees	35.00	
World Community Day	649.00	
'Winifred'	45.00	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	50.00	
ACWC Concert	1149.40	
State Conference	41.00	
Bank Interest	<u>0.46</u>	<u>6197.91</u>
		13289.76

PAYMENTS 1 August - 31 October 2014

J. Peffer - Newsette August	170.00	
L. Middleton - World Community Day	93.00	
M. Noel - Postage	26.00	
National Council of Women - Fee	90.00	
Global Recording Network	50.00	
Logordor	50.00	
St. Andrews Strathfield	<u>50.00</u>	<u>529.00</u>
Cash Book		12760.76
Cheque not yet presented		50.00
Bank balance		12810.76

ACCOUNTS PAID OR TO BE PAID:

Jennifer Peffer - Newsletter Printing and Postage		170.00
ACW Inc. - Half share of rent for archives		250.00
M. Noel - Postage		21.00
End of year payments to National Committee		