

INTERIM COMMITTEE
of
AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, August 7 at 10am in the Meeting Room, 511 Kent Street, Sydney.

OPENING: The chairman, the Rev. J. R. Neal in the absence of Mrs. B.R. Wyllie and Mrs. F. McKay, led the meeting in prayer.

PRESENT: Mrs. L. Lilley, Mrs. J.F. Dey, Deaconess M. Andrews and the Rev. J.R. Neal.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mrs. B.R. Wyllie, Mrs. F. McKay and Mrs. S. McPhee, the Revs. B.R. Wyllie and H.L. Perkins.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting having been duly circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING:

STUDY MATERIAL - It was reported that the study material had not been received from the committee in Melbourne and it was resolved that the committee be contacted urgently with the request that the material be forwarded as soon as possible.

CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS: It was reported that the statement had been sent to State Women's inter-church councils (or appropriate organization) and was still to be forwarded to the denominational women's groups and heads of churches.

STATE COUNCILS OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN: Following the decision of the last meeting invitations had been sent to all state women's inter-church organizations inviting them to consider becoming the State Council of ACW in that particular State.

N.S.W. - The NSW Women's Inter-Church Council had replied accepting the invitation to become the body through which ACW would operate in NSW and had forwarded a copy of their constitution.

Q'land - Mrs. Lilley reported that she and Mrs. McKay had attended a special meeting of the committee in Brisbane. The meeting had expressed interest and enthusiasm but as it was a special meeting had no power to pass any resolutions. The next meeting of the committee would be held in September at which the invitation would be discussed.

REPORTS: July 10 Meeting: The meeting expressed the view that the function had been very worthwhile. Representative from all the major churches were present and many had expressed the feeling that the whole concept of ACW had been widened for them as a result of the function. The opening worship service and outline of addresses given had been obtained by the committee and would be available for further use.

Resolved that the committee express its appreciation to the officers and staff of the YWCA for their generous hospitality during the day.

World Community Day: Reported that details of World Community Day had been forwarded to the States with the invitation to promote it in their own State. Supplies of the Order of Service and Study are on hand and will be forwarded as requests are received.

Mrs. Lilley reported that in Sydney, World Community Day would be observed on Friday, September 27 in the CENE Auditorium commencing at 10.30am.

Queensland - had said they felt they could not undertake it this year but a small order had been received from Brisbane.

Tasmania - Mrs. Christie Johnston had replied to the invitation and indicated that the next meeting of her committee would not be until September and therefore it was extremely unlikely that anything on a large scale would be done this year but she intends organizing something in the region where she resides.

VISIT OF MADELAINE BAROT:

The meeting discussed the visit of Dr. Barot to Australia during October and made suggestions for her visit to Sydney from October 16 - 19.

- October 16 - arrive from Melbourne
2pm Attend Executive Committee of the ACC (already arranged)
Evening - meet with the ACW Committee and presidents of the denominational women's organizations in Sydney (at Wesley College).
- 17 - lunch - National Council of Women
2pm Meet women theological students at Deaconess House - Deaconess Andrews to arrange to which the staff and students of the Presbyterian and Methodist Deaconess Training colleges would be invited.
- 18 - 10.30pm Meet a group similar to the July 10 meeting. YWCA
- Eastern Regional Committee to be also invited.
2.30pm Suggested venue YWCA, Liverpool Street.
Evening Meet theological students. Approach the Rev. John Garrett to arrange at Camden College to which students from the other colleges be invited.

Resolved that the above suggestions be pursued in cooperation with the Rev. C. H. Norton, NSW State Secretary of the ACC.

Biographical Details: The Rev. J. Neal reported that he had received a considerable amount of biographical material which he would prepare for use in the various States where Dr. Barot would be visiting.

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 4 at 10am in the Meeting Room, 511 Kent Street, Sydney.

CLOSING: The meeting closed with prayer led by the Rev. J. Neal.

CONFIRMED: *Margaret J. McKay*
DATE: *Sept. 4th. 1963.*