

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES of Meeting of the Working Committee held at the A.C.C. Building, Sydney, on Tuesday, 1st August 1978 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Win Dougherty (President), Margaret Ralph (Acting Secretary) Mary Andrews, Olga Badger, Joan Curtin, Connie Groat, Marjorie Stanhope, Glad West.

APOLOGIES were received from Doris Mitchell, Edna Baker, Gwen Cork, Betty Davis and Heather Stevens.

OPENING: The President read from the calendar published by Church Women United in the U.S.A. - Who ARE Church Women United? - which sets out the ideals of that organisation so similar to our own. Mary Andrews led in prayer.

MINUTES: of the Meeting held on 4th July 1978, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING:

A.C.W. Brochure. A progress report was received.

A.C.C. ^{Structure} Constitution. This matter was raised with the A.C.C. and we are awaiting further advice from them.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Correspondence was received and dealt with as follows:-

Inward

1. ACW Victorian Unit, copy of Annual Report & revised Constitution.
2. ACW Tasmanian Unit, copy of Annual Report, revised Constitution, Minutes of Ann.Meeting (3/5/78) and Executives (20/3 and 26/6/78)
3. ACW Queensland Unit, copy of Annual Report.
4. Mrs. Lt.Col. Macintyre notifying change of address to:-
34 Aldinga Street, South Blackburn. Vic. 3130.
5. Mrs. Gloria Santos, Philippines, appreciation of happy time spent in Australia.
6. Mrs. Rachel Cocks, National Representative to Asian Church Women's Conference, enclosing copy of
 - a. letter from Mrs. Agnes Loyall re suggested appointment of an additional staff member as Secretary for Program Development and asking help in finding a suitable person,
 - b. letter from Mrs. Shanti Solomon to members of Committee of National Representatives re Sixth Assembly in Tokyo, inter alia a resolution stating that two persons from each country should have voting rights, chosen from delegates and national representatives. It was resolved that a letter, expressing the Working Committee's view that the national representative AND the two delegates A.C.W. has appointed should have voting rights, be sent to Mrs. Cocks with a copy to Mrs. Fran Bailey, Vice President of ACWC.
7. Mrs. Jean Bucknall, Alice Springs - appreciation of visit of Mrs. Shanti Solomon to "the Centre".
8. Mrs. Shanti Solomon, Delhi - acknowledging receipt of the two applications for 1979 FLC Grants, enclosing receipt for A\$8,000 for FLC sent to Geneva, and expressing pleasure at visiting Australia again.
9. Mrs. Fran Bailey, Adelaide, enclosing copy of a meditation she has written to be included in Vol.7 of "Circle of Prayer", also thanks for arrangements for meetings with ACWC Executive in Sydney.
10. Catholic Communications Centre (NSW), thanks for help and co-operation in recent programme presented on T.V.
11. Pacific Council of Churches, enquiring if we require them to take any action with regard to Winifred Kiek Scholarship applications.
12. ACW Queensland Unit -
 - a. enclosing itinerary for Barkat Dass which includes meeting with Queensland Unit and other church groups, visits to hospitals and institutions and some holiday time. Visit to take in Brisbane, Rockhampton, Mackay, Allora, Stanthorpe and Caloundra.
 - b. agreement to prepare 1979 World Community Day order of service.
 - c. Notice of Motion for next National Committee Meeting "that future National Committee Meetings be held in either Sydney or Melbourne to reduce travel costs". (Queensland Unit is still recovering financially from cost of 1977 N.C.M. and questions whether the benefits to the host state are worth the large expenditure on travel.

CORRESPONDENCE (cont)

13. A.C.W.C. News Bulletin
14. ACFOA "Third World News" June and July 1978
to Conveners
15. F.L.C. from Mrs. Shanti Solomon re visit to Australia
16. " Mrs. Meadows, Qld. Convener requesting labels.

Outward

1. Mrs. Lt. Col. Macintyre - reply to hers
2. International Conference of PPSEAWA - greetings.
3. Area Seminar of the World Federation of Methodist Women - greetings.

FINANCE: As the Treasurer, Gwen Cork, has been in hospital, it was not possible for her to prepare a financial statement. The President will convey best wishes to Gwen for a speedy recovery.

Accounts for payment: It was resolved that an account for \$38 from the NSW Christian Television Association for photographs taken at the ACWC Executive reception, be passed for payment.

Overseas Conferences Fund. As the fund stands at \$510.31 with an additional \$500 recently received, and our two delegates' fares will be about \$1,400 each, it was resolved that we seek Mrs. Fran Bailey's advice as to the possibility of obtaining \$2,000 from the ACWC Travel Fund, which we hope we will be able to reimburse in due course. In the meantime, efforts will be made to encourage ^{denominational} local women's groups to each contribute \$1 to the fund.

CONVENERS' REPORTS

Winifred Kiek Scholarship. Barkat Dass attended four Fellowship Day Services and was warmly received. She also attended the annual Dedication Service of Life Line, Parramatta.

Special Days. Many comments have been received in appreciation of the Fellowship Day order of service and it was resolved that these should be passed on to the group of women who prepared it from the Chester Street Epping Uniting Church.

Fellowship of the Least Coin. Marjorie Stanhope reported extracts from the ACWC News Bulletin. She would be pleased to hear of any plans groups within Australia might have to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. It was resolved that quotes be obtained for the printing of FLC labels (2,000, 5,000 and 10,000). It was resolved that a roneoed sheet, giving information and news of the F.L.C. and recent allocations, be issued to State Units for insertion in the World Community Day orders of service. Marjorie Stanhope and Joan Curtin to prepare the material for this.

"Women at Work" Joan Curtin reported that the theme for the August issue would be "Simpler Lifestyle".

CLOSE The meeting was closed with prayer, led by Marjorie Stanhope, at 12.15pm.

Confirmed: A. D. Dougherty

Date: 5th September, 1978

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 5th September 1978 at 9.30 a.m.