



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NSW STATE UNIT INC.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held on 10th floor 222 Pitt Street, Monday 20 February 2006, 10.30a.m.

PRESENT: 47 as recorded.

APOLOGIES: 9 as recorded.

Major Lyn Middleton welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Mr Glyn Henman, guest speaker from "Young Life".

Lyn led a short devotional based on Psalm 16. She described David as being a student of nature. He heard the sound – the message – and described the wilderness as the cathedral of creation. The lesson for us is to recognise that God is near us in all that we do.

SPEAKER: Sandra Wise introduced our guest speaker, Mr Glyn Henman from "Young Life", who told us that to be successful their volunteers need to enter into the world of young people in their critical years. Young people need to know about Jesus Christ and it requires someone they know and trust to communicate "Him". We need to go out to them to share the wonder of God with them. Young people are interested and we encourage them by doing things with them.

Volunteers are necessary in school programs to teach scripture in schools. They have 200 volunteers in schools and sports on Saturday. They attend sports days and school presentations, as there are so many pressures on parents (sometimes 2 jobs) who cannot always attend these functions. There are also club programs which provide safe places to engage with adults, and camps where they talk about Jesus Christ. They start Bible study and invite them to ask their friends. Erina is employed to speak at seminars in schools. They also run parenting seminars, non-denominational work with local churches in 42 countries including Catholics in South Africa and Asia.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Council Meeting 21 November 2005 were confirmed after correction on page 3: Helen Stutchbury suffered a stroke and is at home, her daughter is attending to her correspondence. Passed on the motion of Thora Thomas and Julie Bryant.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. World Community Day Project: Members agreed that 3 submissions be to sent to National Executive for consideration for World Community Day to support "Young Life".
 - a) Schools Project
 - b) Parenting Project
 - c) Volunteers Training. Carried unanimously.
2. NCW Awardee Rev Melissa Baker sent a letter of thanks for nomination and updating ACW on her studies in chaplaincy in the police force. Lyn reported on the luncheon and meeting with the other awardees.
3. ACWC Assembly 8-13 October 2006, and tour 13-21 October 2006. Registration forms and draft program are available.
4. Norma Dumbrell reported on her ministry in Myanmar. She was to present 3 programs each day and arrived to find it was changed to 5 each day for three days. She felt sure members' prayers helped her through the extreme heat and lack of facilities.

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REPORTS:

TREASURER: Helen Richardson reported that the Audit has been completed. Bank balance \$1419.78. Moved Helen Richardson, seconded Jan Harrison that the report be received and payment of accounts be approved. Carried.

MEMBERSHIP & PASTORAL CARE: Heather Badgery reported on news of Jennifer Peffer and Judith Cayzer. There was an email from Isabel Hewitt reporting on the World Council of Churches Assembly in Brazil at which over 3000 were in attendance. She had caught up with Vala and Esther who sent best wishes. Cela Cooper had successful eye surgery on both eyes. Shirley Wells and Laura Wilkins are not well. Valma Pethybridge is to have an operation. Death of husband of Glad Bent who was her carer, also Heather Stevens and Olga Badger. Heather attended Olga's funeral. Margaret Watson, National Treasurer received AM honour. Helen Hill received Hornsby Citizen of the Year Award. Thora Thomas is off on another overseas trip.

Lyn expressed congratulations to Heather on her efforts in this portfolio. She will be stepping down at the AGM in April.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Sr Joan Bird was absent but asked that members think of issues which require our responses to bring to meetings.

ACWC: Magazine subscription due - \$12.

Winsome Penn reported that the Northside Baptist Church had been booked for September 2006.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Judith Cayzer was absent for family reasons. Her report is in Newsette. Rachel Otter had sent photos of her wedding. Gaye Inall, former student in Australia, is the first deaf person to be ordained a deacon, and has just received permission from her bishop to continue to ordination.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Janet Lang said *Circle of Prayer* no.17 is available. In response to the grant last year to Hope Street Women's Space a letter and photos of the facilities for women had been received. There was also a certificate of thanks for ACW support. Janet concluded with a meditation from FLC 40th Anniversary Book.

SPECIAL DAYS: Apology from Valma Pethybridge who is in hospital for an operation on her legs.

PUBLICITY: Nancy McLaren brought a set of photos from the National Conference. Photos will be available at 20 cents per copy and Council members were invited to submit orders.

Flyers for the Installation and Dedication Service in May were available.

NEWSETTE: Deadline for copy for the next issue 10 April 2006. Beryl urged members to read *Newsette* – 'it is always interesting'.

All reports received on the motion of Denise Secomb and Norma Dumbrell.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

ACW National: Minutes 7/12/2005; ACW ACT

Julianne Peterson, David Jones Elizabeth Street Store

Christmas greetings: CWLA NSW Inc, MU Executive, WCTU NSW

Glebe Trust – statements; NCW receipt

UC Adult Fellowship NSW Synod Committee – Service 8/2/2006

Sandra Wise re "Young Life"

Rev Melissa Baker – update sponsor's letter #1

Faye Crawley – Terrigal Branch closure

ACWC: Conference Registration, Conference Tour

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CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

David Jones – Christmas presentation

ACW National re WCD Special Projects

Fay Crawley

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

WCTU Christmas Luncheon, St Stephens Macquarie Street Christmas Luncheon

NCW Australia Day Luncheon

Uniting Church Adult Fellowship 8/2/2006

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

1. Nominations for 10 April 2006 Annual General Meeting are required by next Council meeting 20 March 2006. All positions are vacant, requiring renomination. Membership/Pastoral Care and Special Days Conveners have indicated they are not available for re-election, and Beryl McLaughlin urges someone new to take on the position of Editor for Newsette – "Listen to God's voice speaking to you".

Reports for inclusion in the Annual Report are required by 20 March 2006.

2. Service of Installation: All arrangements are in hand, and Carmel congratulated Nancy McLaren on the flyer. In response to questions on transport, 143 and 144 buses leave Chatswood every 15 minutes. It was agreed to have a clipboard at next meeting as numbers are needed for catering and printing of service book.

3. *Winifred*: A new edition of the book has been printed. Lyn urged members to take several copies at \$15, with the suggestion it could be used as a gift, or put in your church or retirement village library. Fellowship and World Community Day services would be opportunities for bringing the book to the attention of a wider group, and there will be some for sale at Installation Day.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: The service for 2006 is from South Africa and preparations are complete.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN: NCW News - celebrates 110 years next year.

BIBLE SOCIETY: Update on language prints. Bible for Women is now at the printers and launch is expected in June.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Joan Tong will put in writing for next meeting her request that as there is an absence of Christian influence in advent calendars we should prepare a message of what Christmas is about. There are 250,000 babies born each year and we need to reach their families.

Congratulations should also be sent to Westfield for their nativity displays.

NEXT MEETING: 20 March 2006

Chairs: Catholic

Morning Tea: Salvation Army

CLOSE & BENEDICTION: Lyn Middleton closed the meeting in prayer, remembering particularly those who are sick or in hospital.

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____