

A U S T R A L I A N C H U R C H W O M E N

MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING

Held in C.M.M. Board Room, Franklin Street, Adelaide at 10 a.m. on 29th July, 1974

OPENING: In the absence of the President through sickness, Deaconess Norris welcomed members to the meeting.

PRESENT: Deaconess Norah Norris, Mesdames Nell Kain, Joan Bache, Alder Hall, Kath Howie, Beryl Golding, Sue Rowston, Eryvn Whitehead and Gwenda Murchland.

APOLOGIES: Joy Smith and Fran. Bailey.

DEVOTIONS: Mrs. Murchland read Gal. 5: 16-24 and then led in prayer.

WOMEN'S WAGE CLAIMS: A letter from the Secretary of the State Unit in Tasmania sought the advice of the Working Committee as to whether they should actively support the claims of the Royal Australian Nursing Federation for better wages and conditions for nurses. After some discussion, it was decided that a letter be sent recommending that if members could look into such areas as the historic perspective, aspects of discrimination and perhaps check throughout Tasmania to see if this, in fact, is a concern shared by most Church women, then the State Unit could make a real contribution to the issue as a group.

MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting of 24.6.74 were confirmed and signed as correct.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: Christians One: Letters had been sent to the Secretaries of the State Councils in N.S.W. and Victoria and the Inter-church Council in Canberra. Victorian Secretary reported that a Liaison Officer from the W.I.C.C. had been appointed and was working enthusiastically. Secretary from N.S.W. advised that this avenue would be followed up.

Family To-day and Tomorrow - Letters had been sent to all State Units and a reply from the Queensland Unit will be published in the next "Women at Work".

Home Tutor Scheme - Several State Units have looked into this scheme and reports of their enquiries will be included in the next issue of "Women at Work".

A.C.W.C. Travel Fund Donations - Donations and promises now totalled more than \$2500.

Formation of N.T. Unit - A letter from Mrs. McKenzie reported that there had been a good deal of enthusiasm for the idea at a meeting held on 24th June and delegates were to report back to their groups for a decision.

CORRESPONDENCE:

From Sec. Tas. Unit	re wage claims
" "	re Home Tutor scheme
" Sec. W.A. Unit	do.
To Sec. V.C.C.	re A.C.W. promoting "Christians One"
From "	do.
To Sec. A.C.C.(N.S.W.Council)	do.
From "	do.
To Sec. Canberra I/C C.	do.
To Miss Thelma Skillier	re International Christian Youth Exchange
To all State Secs.	re Family To-day and Tomorrow
From Sec. Qld. Unit	do. , brochure, Circle of Prayer No. 5
" Mrs. L. McKenzie	re formation of N.T. Unit
" Miss D. Mitchell	re Brochure and Mrs. Win McAlpin
" A.C.C.	re Christian persecution in Philippines
To Gen. Sec. Red Cross	do.
" Philippines Ambassador	do.
" Min. for Foreign Affairs	do.
" Senator G. Davidson	copy of above letter
From Y.W.C.A. Nat. Exec. Dir.	re above matter
" Rev. F. Engel (2)	re meeting with Mrs. Smith
To "	do.

CORRESPONDENCE:
(CONT.)

To A.C.W.C. Assembly Registrar - re arrival and departure of delegates to A.C.W.C.

" A.C.W.C. Chairman do.

" A.C.W.C. Exec. Sec. do.

" A.C.W.C. Sec. do.

" A.C.W.C. Treasurer do.

" Sec. A.C.T. Unit re meeting with Mrs. Smith

From Sec. Vic. Unit re Memorial Minute to Mrs. Ashton

To " do.

From " re N.C.M. Finance resolutions, new officers meeting dates

" Sec. Qld. Unit enclosing donation for A.C.W.C. fares, Home Tutor scheme

To " re F.L.C. Grant for Malmaluan training centre

From " do.

" N.S.W. W.I.C.C.(2) re donations to A.C.W.C. travel, inviting W.C. members in Sydney to attend their meeting 19.8.74, missing parcel from Kwikasair, Travel pool

To " (2) do.

From Sec. A.C.Cath.Wmn. re constitution of A.C.W.

" Mrs. McKenzie re A.C.W.C.

To " "

From Mrs. Webber "

To " "

From Mrs. S. Bowen enclosing donation from P.W.A. Qld. Unit

" Y.W.C. of Aust. Invitation to reception for Mrs. Keen

To " reply

" Sec. Vic. W.I.C.C. re above

U.N. Newsletter

In Unity

A.C.C. News Releases re Christians One Membership Drive Women in Aust. less free than in other countries

Leading American Activist and writer on Women's Liberation in Church visits Aust. African Drought Appeal

C.W.U. "The Church Woman" May 1974

The above correspondence was received, action taken endorsed and direction given where necessary.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

<u>Receipts</u>	\$	<u>Payments</u>	\$
Balance at 18.6.74	5615.74	<u>Administration & General:</u>	
<u>F.L.C.</u>		Petty Cash - Secretary	20.00
Sundry sales			
Prayer in Action 3.15			
Circle of Prayer 90	4.05		
<u>Overseas Travel</u>			
P.W.A.A.	120.00		
NSW WICC	140.00		
ACW Qld.	120.00		
<u>Scribal Pens</u>			
Vic. WICC	72.00	Balance at 18.7.74	6051.79
	<u>6071.79</u>		<u>6071.79</u>

SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

Fellowship of the Least Coin	79.96
W. Kiek Scholarship	3689.78
Fellowship Day	172.49
World Community Day	24.11
Overseas Travel	932.62
Scribal Pens	533.20
Administration & general	<u>851.62</u>
	6283.78
Less Memorial Bursary Debit	<u>231.99</u>
	6051.79

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Printing - Union Church	\$12.35
C.M.M.	59.00
Stencils and Ink (Sec.)	9.50

REPORTS:

Fellowship of Least Coin

A list of accepted projects will be included in next issue of Women at Work. Convenor reported that she had written to all States advising that Circle of Prayer No. 5 is available and had sent copies with labels to each State.

Special Days

Posters for World Community Day ready from the printers first week in August.

Inserts, re project, for World Community Day Orders of Service should be in the hands of all State representatives now.

The Y.W.C.A. had agreed to prepare World Community Day Service for 1975 but had requested extra time in which to prepare this.

The Fellowship Day service for 1975 is almost ready.

United Groups

Darwin reported having a good Fellowship Day Service. Katherine is holding a Fellowship Day service this year.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship

Convenor sought an extension of time before making the final choice of 1975 Scholar as due to postal difficulties all the information regarding applicants on the short list had not arrived.

A report has been received that Miss Rae Song seems to be making good progress with her English and will take the Colombo Plan test in August.

Scribal Pens

Nearly all the outstanding money has been received.

Scribal Pty. Ltd. have advised that there is a new local agent in South Australia. Would State Unit Secretaries check whether similar arrangements exist in other States. This should simplify ordering etc.

R.C. FULL MEMBERS IN QLD.

Mrs. Kain reported that she had received advice that the Roman Catholic women are now full members in Queensland. Committee expressed pleasure at this news.

MRS. ELSPETH PARKIN:

Following the death in Adelaide earlier this month of Mrs. Elspeth Parkin, a former member of the Working Committee, members of the Working Committee decided to make donations to the Memorial Bursary Fund as a tribute to the contribution she had made to the life of the Church. It may be that there are others who knew Elspeth who would like to pay tribute in this way. Resolved that a letter be sent to Rev. Paul Parkin advising him of this.

NEXT MEETING:

2nd September at 10 a.m. sharp. (please note change of date)

CLOSING:

The meeting was closed with the benediction at 12.15 p.m.

- Confirmed _____
Date _____
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