



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC.
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*Minutes of the ACW National Executive Meeting
Held on Monday 17 August 2015
222 Pitt Street, Sydney*

WELCOME: Lyn welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting which began at 12.30 pm.

DEVOTIONS: Lyn passed around a pamphlet on Intercessory Prayer, listing prayer needs for those on the National Executive with health concerns for themselves or family members, and other needs to be supported in prayer. As the conference draws near anxiety and stress levels may rise. Lyn reminded us that we need to put our faith in the power of prayer.

PRESENT: Lyn Middleton (Chair), Brenda Dickinson, Pamela Freeman, Tricia Graham, Isabel Hewitt, Lillian Hodges, Joy Inglis, Elizabeth McEwen, Shirley Mitchell, Jennifer Pepper, Denise Secomb

APOLOGIES: Nancy McLaren

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting of 20 July 2015 were accepted and signed as correct.

CONFERENCE PLANNING:

- The Ecumenical Service has been printed.
- The Opening Devotions were given out and duties identified.
- The Installation Ceremony and Remembrance Service were discussed.

Airport Transport: Lillian outlined the arrangements made and questioned whether there needs to be a charge for this. When Jennifer has calculated the total amounts payable for the Conference she will know whether extra is needed to pay for the airport transport.

Jennifer moved that 'approval in principle' be given that if a charge is necessary to cover the costs of travel then it will be charged. Seconded by Tricia. Carried.

Bus Trip to Northern Beaches: Wednesday afternoon, depart 1.30 pm, return 3.45 pm. Lyn will confirm arrangements with bus company.

BUSINESS

Nomination of Auditor: The auditor nominated by the Incoming Executive does not meet the requirements of the current ACW constitution. The Incoming National Executive will be advised that it was the unanimous decision of the National Executive that this nomination cannot be accepted according to the credentials supplied. **Action Isabel**

REPORTS

President's Report

"This is the last scheduled meeting for our National Executive. It's hard to believe we've come to the end when we still have so much going on in preparation for conference. I want to sincerely thank each one of you for all you have done in your respective roles throughout the two years in office. This had to be a team effort and we have worked together as a team. I can't say more than thank you, thank you, thank you, for your support, encouragement and friendship along the way.

Last Tuesday I attended the Annual Mass for CWL Sydney. I have no other scheduled engagements.

Let us remember in our prayers our ACWC Sisters in India, Pakistan and Myanmar affected by monsoons.

Sadly we have been advised of the death of two more ACW members. Ruth Burmester a NLM from the ACT Unit and Joan Joyce from the WA Unit. Messages of condolence have been sent to both Units.

Forward Group – 72 applications for the essay competition have been received from WA, SA, QLD. There has been difficulty in contacting the schools in NSW, TAS and VIC so they have extended the cut-off date. ” Discussion Notes were tabled.

Correspondence Outwards

Donna Bryan re interview with Devika
Marion Rowe INE re information about auditor
Helen Raymond re decision about ACWC Nepal funding Campaign
To All Units re ACWC Nepal Fundraising Campaign
To all Units – *e-NEWS*
Lt Col Lynette Green re conference designations
Cynthia Gifford re our acceptance of 2016 WKS Scholar Esline Toa
Rev Lee Edwards, Juanita Miller, Marie McCann, Major Elaine Johnson, Jean Thomson, re participation in Ecumenical Service
Jean Thomson ACT Unit condolences re death of NLM Ruth Burmester
Major Laurel Pearce WA Unit condolences re death of Joan Joyce
Kerry Dunne On Course Tours re confirmation of bus trip for conference

Correspondence – Inwards

Helen Raymond ACWC – response to decision about Nepal Offering
Marion Rowe Vic Unit re proposed auditor
Donna Bryan confirming she will do interview with Devika and assurance of prayers
Eileen Holley re devotions at conference
Lt Col Lynette Green INE re designation of voting delegates
Aileen Eldridge SA Unit re *e-NEWS*
Lt Col Lynette Green – Forward Group Discussion Notes
Rev Lee Edwards WA Unit, Juanita Miller TAS Unit, Jean Thomson ACT Unit, Marie McCann NSW Unit, Major Elaine Johnson VIC Unit, re participation in Ecumenical Service
Rev Canon Libbie Crossman re *e-NEWS* and appreciation of the tributes to Natalie and Elizabeth Alfred
Commissioner Jan Condon re *e-NEWS*
Cynthia Gifford re our acceptance of 2016 WKS scholar
Major Laurel Pearce re cheque for Nepal appeal
Jean Thomson ACT Unit re death of NLM Ruth Burmester
Commissioner Jan Condon re printing of Working Papers
Kerry Dunne On Course Tours re confirmation of bus trip for conference

Treasurer – Jennifer Peffer

The Treasurer’s Report for July 2015 was circulated prior to the meeting.

Bank Account Balance at 31.7.15	\$33,400.54
Investment Account Balance 31.7.15	\$31,332.75

Jennifer requested approval to transfer from the investment account if necessary. All agreed that approval be given.

It was agreed that a \$200 donation be made to the Bible Society in thanks to the Auditor, Mr Malcolm North CPA, and a personal gift be given to the value of \$50.

Social Justice Convener – Shirley Mitchell

Shirley commented that the Conference is almost upon us and roles will change, but our Social Justice needs do not, and that we need to be continually vigilant. The following items were listed for consideration, prayer and possible action: Treatment of asylum seekers in offshore detention, transparency needed in child sex abuse cases; rights of marginalized and oppressed in our communities; closure of Aboriginal Medical Service at Mt Druitt, NSW), Domestic violence, Recognition of indigenous Australians in Constitution, More equitable distribution of water resources.

Website Manager

Brenda reported that Ewan has updated requests.

It has been noted in the minutes of the Incoming National Executive that they are happy to continue with Ewan Arnolda as the website Administrator so Isabel will write to Mr Arnolda with the request that he continue in this position. **Action:** Isabel

OTHER BUSINESS

First Aid: Tricia emphasized that everyone has to be responsible for their own medication; the First Aid Officer can't give medication. Isabel will send a letter to State Units.

Isabel thanked Lyn, on behalf of the committee, for leading us so ably over the term of the NSW National Executive.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.05 pm, with a prayer from Shirley.

Signed Date