

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES of meeting of the Working Committee held at the A.C.C. Building, Sydney, on Tuesday, 6th February 1979 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Win Dougherty (President), Doris Mitchell (Secretary), Mary Andrews, Edna Baker, Gwen Cork, Joan Curtin, Connie Groat, Margaret Ralph, Marjorie Stanhope and Glad West.

APOLOGIES: Olga Badger and Heather Stevens.

OPENING: The President took as her theme for the devotions "The Beginning of Another Year", this year the International Year of the Child, and she shared with us part of the order of service for May Fellowship Day prepared by Church Women United.

MINUTES: of the previous meeting, held on 5th December 1978, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Miss Dorothy Wagner's Visit. The planned meetings were held and were very worthwhile. The discussions between the Working Committee and Miss Wagner will be most helpful when the detailed plans are made for the Consultation and for the orientation and sightseeing which will precede it.

The reception on the Thursday brought together a very representative group. As a result of Miss Wagner's address and the discussion which followed, there is a much wider interest in and understanding of the work of Church Women United and also of A.C.W.

Miss Wagner was appreciative for the meetings and the opportunities to share with Australian women. The Working Committee was most grateful for the discussions and for the inspiration Miss Wagner gave us.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was received.

Inward

1. Mrs. Gloria Santos - reply to our letter of congratulation & good wishes.
2. Mrs. Rachel Cocks " " " "
3. Mrs. R. Cocks, enclosing her Report on the 6th Assembly of the A.C.W.C.
4. Mrs. D. Hartam, Sec. Tas. Unit - report re Launceston branch "Multi-cultural Exchange" afternoon in assoc. with Good Neighbour Council.
5. Mrs. J. Middleton, Sec. S.A. Unit - re visit of Sr. B. Dass
6. Mrs. I. Macintyre, enc. cheque \$50, reimbursement ACWC travel expenses.
7. Miss R. Nebro, Perth, enc. Report on the ACWC Assembly
8. Sr. B. Dass, thanks to ACW for opportunities given through W.K.S'ship.
9. Sr. B. Dass, following her return home.
10. Deaconess S. Harris, ack. cheque \$120, reimbursing her for expenses on account of Sr. B. Dass.
11. Miss D. Wagner, thanks and appreciation for arrangements made for her visit to Sydney.
12. Mrs. Y. Isshiki, Tokyo, enc. bank draft, reimbursement for expenditure incurred by Qld. Unit on account of Mrs. S. Solomon.
13. Mrs. S.R. Solomon, Delhi, account for "Circle of Prayer" vol.7.
14. Rev. K.V. Coombes, Uniting Church Commission for World Mission, seeking information re our orientation for overseas visitors.
15. Narmada Education Academy, Satara, India - printed matter.
16. ACFOA - "Third World News" Jan. 1979
17. Church Women United "The Church Woman" November & December 1978.
18. A.C.C. Minutes of Exec. Meeting 13.12.78, "News & Information" Jan.'79
19. Asian Church Women's Conference - News Bulletin, 4th Qtr. 1978
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener
20. Miss Tapati Das, Bangladesh)
21. Miss Sarrah Ah You, Western Samoa) in reply to Christmas greeting
22. Mrs. Violet (Sampa) Bredt, Germany) letters

CONVENERS' REPORTS (cont.)

W.K.S. (cont.)

Moore College has advised that Barkat Dass' marks are:

1st Term - New Testament 1 61 pass, OT 1 77 distinction

2nd Term - Doctrine 1 66 credit, Prayer Book 55 pass

3rd Term - Romans 68 credit, Doctrine 2 75 distinction

In response to the Christmas letters which Betty Davis sent to previous W.K. Scholars, cards were received from Tapati Das and Sarrah Ah You and a letter from Violet (Sampa) Bredt. Violet, her husband and baby son (b. May 1978) will be in Germany for another two years. She sent 40 DM A\$18.62 for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship fund.

Mrs. Capt. Boiva will be arriving in Sydney to commence at the Salvation Army Training College on 6th March. The Salvation Army is arranging her travel, accommodation and courses of study. It was agreed that time be allowed at the next meeting for Mrs. Boiva to meet the Working Committee and to get to know the members over lunch.

Special Days

Before making suggestions to State Units regarding the project to be supported by the offerings on World Community Day 1979, enquiries will be made concerning projects involved with children.

Fellowship of the Least Coin

Marjorie Stanhope reported that the latest A.C.W.C. News Bulletin contained a list of projects to receive F.L.C. Grants in 1979.

It was agreed that State Units, denominational and special interest groups be advised that in future the A.C.W.C. News Bulletin will be on a subscription basis, \$2 p.a., and that they should send a list of subscribers' names and addresses with a cheque for the appropriate amount to the Working Committee to be sent to the Asian Church Women's Conference.

"Women at Work"

Joan Curtin sought the Committee's comments on the proposed content of the February issue.

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The meeting was closed with prayer at 1.40 p.m.

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 6, 1979 at 9.30 a.m.