

Minutes of Meeting of N.S.W. State Unit of Australian Church Women held at 139 Castlereagh St. Sydney March 19th 1979.

The President welcomed the 34 members present, including Mrs. Joy Hunter new representative from Lane/Cove/Longueville Branch, and thanked Mrs. Bev. Griffiths for her representation over several years.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Dougherty, Mrs. Jessup, Sister Hutchinson.

The President spoke of Miss Mitchell's involvement in the Pan Pacific and South East Asian Ass. as National President over the last week-end, and of the very interesting occasion on which she was present.

Minutes of the meeting 19th Feb. were read and confirmed.

Business Arising. Mrs. Stanhope had indicated she would write a minute regarding the passing of Life Member Mrs. Knight.

Women's World Day of Prayer Services held successfully in many places. Mrs. Leann spoke of the city service and the large attendance at these services was mentioned.

Mrs. Jessop was attending a 4 day Seminar, and Mrs. Green had attended a P.W.A. Conference which proved very beneficial, - these are felt to be one way of gaining training which we are encouraged to do. Mrs. Lt. Col. Baker also indicated many Salvation Army women had also attended 10 days training camp.

Mrs. Baker also indicated Brig. Smith would be retiring and the official function would be held on 5th April, at Congress Hall. Prayer Rally. Planned for May 28th meeting rooms booked from 10a.m. Rally at 11a.m. luncheon at 12 noon, followed by, about 12:45 to finish at 2p.m., a Forum. A list was circulated for members to indicate food and flowers they could assist with for the occasion.

A list was also circulated for extra people to indicate if they could help on the tea roster.

The Forum which had been followed^{up} by the Executive included letters to 3 organizations requesting a speaker. Invitations would be available next meeting. It was suggested "Care for Children" be topic of day. The luncheon arrangements to include paper cups etc. to be arranged.

Correspondence Inwards

WCTU

Catholic Women's League Reps.

Salvation Army Rally

A.C.C. report for Annual Meeting

Working Committee minutes and Women at Work and A.C.C. Leaflets

Working Committee Leaflets for Promotion purposes.

Copy of script of Dorothy Wagner's talk in Jan on visit from U.S.A.
the full script from Working Committee.

Also the abbreviated version of it made available by Mrs. Curtin,
quite a few copies available for members, transcribed from tape.

An invitation was extended to hear Mrs. Dougherty if anyone had missed
hearing her at Christian Television Association at Baptist Church
Chatswood, 22nd March on A.C.W.C.

Reply from family of Mrs. Knight.

Outwards.

Letter to Mrs. Mulme-Moir

Save the Children Fund re speakers for Forum

Nat. C'tee I.Y.C. N.G.O's Mrs. L'Orange, or representative.

N.S.W. Association of Child Caring Agencies Sec. or Rep/

United Nations Children's Fund requesting p/ermission for use of Logo.

7 letters requesting Pres. or her rep. to take a reading or prayer
at Prayer Rally from the Women's Organizations of the Denominations.
The correspondence was accepted.

Women at Work for Feb. was distributed.

Lane Cove Choir had also been approached for the Prayer Rally.

The President announced a Seminar at the Westmead Centre on May 26th
9:30-3:30p.m. excellent speakers, under title "Children under Stress,"
and "Children at Leisure." Anyone interested forms will be available.
Cost \$7:50 includes lunch, parking available, men are also able to
register.

Financial Statement. Presented by Treasurer. All commitments met
and Project monies have been sent to Working Committee, \$3,785, which
had been gratefully received, \$400 in excess of last year. A/c for
printing letterheads \$23:29, A.C.W.C. News Bulliten 20 copies had been
ordered, and \$2 for subscription is still open for more subscribers.
The report was adopted.

It was announced Mrs. Capt. Boiva, the Winifred Kiek Scholar, would be invited to the next meeting, the Annual Meeting, on April 23rd, as on list., one week later, owing to Easter Monday.

It was indicated we wished to change the date from 18th June, now listed as public holiday, now to be held on 25th June.

Mrs. Bent, convenor for Fellowship of the Least Coin, took the Devotional, and the Collection was taken, for the F.L.C.

Mrs. Lean asked members of her committee for Promotions to remain after the meeting for a brief meeting.

A tin was available for collections for the National Travel Fund, which we would concentrate on this year to assist other states delegates to attend the National Committee Meetings in Sydney, we would concentrate on Overseas Travel Fund again next year.

This meeting was followed by a T.V. film which was produced by Channel 7 in June 1978. Although the channel had not kept the film as it is too expensive to do so, Mrs. McCann indicated her son had made a video cassette when it was shown, and so it had been preserved. It was made by Catholic Television Association. Through the services of Christian Television Association loaning their equipment we were able to show the film, and through the services of the Secretary's son in transporting the heavy equipment, with the assistance of the caretaker of the property, and the Rev. John Graham who had checked it out for working order. Thanks were expressed to all these people; and the ladies present had appreciated seeing Mrs. Win Dougherty, Mrs. Marie McCann, Deaconess Andrews, and Sister Barkat Dass, the W.K. Scholar, in presenting information about A.C.W. and the State Unit through interview. The film on the T.V. monitor took half an hour.

This was followed by slides by Deaconess Andrews of the Women's World Day of Prayer International Meeting in Zambia in April 1978, to which she was Australian Liaison delegate. This proved most interesting, together with her talk. Mrs. Beverly Griffiths gave an appropriate vote of thanks to Deaconess with a posy of flowers. Acknowledgment was made of the loan of the daylight screen from the Board of Communications of the Uniting Church in the building, which helped considerably in viewing the slides.

The meeting closed with the Benediction at 12:35p.m.

M. M. C. Cann... President.

23rd April, 1979.

MRS. EMILY KNIGHT. A TRIBUTE.

Mrs. Emily Knight, who passed away on 7th February, 1979, aged 82 years, gave her life to Christ sixty years ago and during those years remained a sincere and faithful servant of her Lord and His Church.

During the second World War the Women's Inter-Church Council, on which Mrs. Knight served as a representative of the Churches of Christ, became convinced of the necessity for a place where young girls might stay who had just moved from the country to the city to work, so Wybalena Hostel was established. Mrs. Knight was one of the Committee who worked hard to bring Wybalena into ~~xxx~~ existence and keep it going even after the War, so long as the need continued. She acted as Secretary of the Hostel Committee and was made a 'Life Member' of W.I.C. in recognition of her dedicated service.

Well done good and faithful friend - enter now into the Joy of your Lord.

Cliff Stanhope