

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT P.W.M.U. OFFICE, ANN STREET, BRISBANE

at 10.00 a.m., on MONDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER, 1972

OPENING: To open the meeting, the President presented thoughts from an article on "Seven Words to Live By": the list included such words as - live, love, learn, think, share, try, aspire and laugh.

PRESENT: Mrs. Eileen Dingle was warmly welcomed on return from her overseas trip. Also present:

Mrs. J. Dennis (President)	Mrs. Haigh
Mrs. C. Lane (Vice-President)	Mrs. Clarke
Mrs. D. Eldershaw (Treasurer)	Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Pope	Mrs. Connell (Secretary)

APOLOGY: Brigadier M. J. Geddes.

MINUTES: Committee members had previously received copies of minutes of the August meeting: these were confirmed and signed as correct.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. CIRCULAR MEMO. re Visit of Mrs. Solomon and N.C.M. '73 particular matters, was despatched with copies of August meeting minutes.
2. Additional copies of notes on Mrs. Solomon had been forwarded as requested.
3. All States had received requirements of World Community Day Posters.
4. Reply from N.S.W. W.I.C.C. re N.C.M. special session, had been received and was listed in correspondence.
5. Advice as suggested re Order of Service for Fellowship Day '73 had been forwarded to N.S.W. W.I.C.C.
6. Draft Agenda N.C.M. '73 was prepared for consideration of the meeting.
7. Order was placed with printer, Abell & Co., for supply of F.L.C. leaflets and labels.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was received, action taken endorsed and direction given where necessary for reply -

1. Ro N.S.W. W.I.C.C. .. Advising that Council may act according to its discretion and convenience in the preparation of the Order of Service for Fellowship Day, '73, on the theme, "Hand in Hand".
2. From Women's World Day of P. Liaison Officer, Mrs. Strack .. Enclosing copy of report on the promotional tour of Latin America by W.W.D.P. & F.L.C. reps. during 1971 in which Shanti Solomon shared. (Mentioned in Sept. newsletter).
3. To Women's Organisations, NSW through N.S.W. W.I.C.C. .. Invitations and Registration Forms for Observers to N.C.M. '73.
4. From W.I.C.C. S.A. - Mrs. Morrow .. Enquiry re Orders of Service for World Community Day 1973, and accompanying leaflet. Information in reply.
5. From C'berra Church Women, Sec., Mrs. Goudie .. Notifying plans for Mrs. Solomon's visit and requesting copies of "Personal Glimpses". Acknowledgment. (Copies despatched).
6. To W.I.C.C. S.A., Sec., Mrs. Howie .. Forwarding Registration Forms, N.C.M. '73 for additional observers nominated to office as Incoming Working C'tee.
7. From Un. Ch. W.F., Darwin .. Advising appointment of new secretary (Miss G. K. Davies), report on F'ship Day Service, and outlining plans for W. Community Day. An. Report & Syllabus also enclosed. Acknowledgment, comment and appreciation.
8. To Chairman, C'TEE on CO-OP. .. Forwarding Registration Forms for 2 representatives from C'tee on Co-op. to A.C.W. N.C.M. '73, and requesting conduct of session at N.C.M. on topic, "The Moral Issues of Man's Genetic Future".
9. To Gen. Secretary, A.C.C. .. Forwarding Registration Forms for 4 representatives from A.C.C. to A.C.W. N.C.M. '73, and requesting contribution to particular sessions, also names of contacts to whom invitations to send observers should be sent.
10. From A.C.W. Rep. to A.C.C. COM. on F.& I., Mrs. Ralph .. Minutes of Meeting held 3rd August.
- * 11. From N.S.W. W.I.C.C. .. Revision of Motion submitted for presentation at N.C.M.
12. From C'tee on Co-op. Vic. .. Minutes of meeting 7/9/72 - Decision to hold A.C.W. N.C.M. in Sydney ratified. Mention also made of preparation of pamphlet dealing with the ethical problems in Human reproduction.
13. To Brisbane Media, Press, radio & TV .. Advice re visit of Mrs. Shanti Solomon - listing particular functions & enclosing notes of special interest on Mrs. Solomon's activities and international interests.

CORRESPONDENCE (Contd.):

- 14. To Mr. D. Rose - Courier-Mail, Brisbane .. Information on Mrs. Solomon for possible use in "Church News" column.
- 15. From President, NSW WICC .. Advising plans for visit of Mrs. Solomon; requesting copies of "Personal Glimpses", F.L.C. Information Leaflets and W. City Day Posters.
Enquiry re preparation of O/S for F'ship Day, '73.
Advising readiness of N.S.W. W.I.C.C. to co-operate in special session of N.C.M. to be held at a venue to be arranged, also that Mrs. D. Martin would be taking office as secretary of NSW WICC at a future date.
To " .. Thanks for information and appreciation of willing co-operation in planning N.C.M. Session: advice re preparation of O/S F'ship Day '73, and despatch of material required.
- 16. From N.S.W. W.I.C.C. State Con. F.L.C., Mrs. Stanhope .. Forwarding detail of arrangements for visit of Mrs. Solomon to N.S.W.
To " .. Acknowledgment and thanks for information re plans.
- 17. From United Church Women's F. Pt. Moresby, Mrs. Sharp .. Outline of plans for Mrs. Solomon's PNG Visit and appreciation of altered itinerary.
To " .. Acknowledgment & advising that copy of plans for N.G. visit would be handed to Mrs. Solomon following her arrival in Brisbane.
- 18. To Mrs. Davies, N.Z. (mailed 19.9.72) .. Advising arrival of Mrs. Solomon in Australia on 19th, & listing dates as on the amended QANTAS itinerary, in case notification had not been received direct from Mrs. Solomon.

* Direction re action -- Withdrawal of previous Notice and circulation of new one.

A summary of the file on the visit of Mrs. Shanti Solomon to Australia had been prepared for the information of committee members. This contained relevant correspondence received since the August committee meeting. The meeting decided that the prepared summary should be circulated with copies of minutes of the September meeting. (Copy attached).

Very great regret was expressed at the necessity to cancel plans or provide last-minute alternatives in Perth, Adelaide and Melbourne, because of Mrs. Solomon's delayed departure from India. Keen sympathy was felt in the disappointment of church women in these cities, that Mrs. Solomon was not able to visit as scheduled.

Attention was drawn to the fact that some States had been put to considerable expense in notifying developments during the anxious time of delay in Mrs. Solomon's arrival. Committee members were strongly of opinion that such expenses should be met from national funds and reimbursement would be made to those who had incurred expense in the sending of telegrams, cables or 'phone calls. On the receipt of advice to this effect, A.C.W. treasurer would forward a cheque to cover such amounts.

FINANCE:

The Treasurer's Statement, Report and review of monies available to meet Travel Expenses (Pen Sales) as set out, were received. -

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE - for month ending 18/9/72

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Balance as at 18/8/72	\$1792.76	World Community Day Postage	\$2.25
O/seas Travel Fund - ACW.Qld.	10.00	Scribal Pty. Ltd.	287.51
Fellowship Day -		Stationery & Ink	16.92
U. Ch. Nightcliff	\$18.00		
Darwin	35.00		
C'berra Ch. Women	50.00		
N.S.W. W.I.C.C.	278.94		
A.C.W. W.A.	57.35		
W.I.C.C. Tasmania	41.38		
	480.67		
<u>Scribal Pens -</u>			
C'berra Ch. Women	\$28.80		
W.I.C.C. Tasmania	14.00		
A.C.W. Qld.	108.60		
	151.40		
<u>Admin. & General -</u>			
ACW WA Newsletter	4.80		
Stationery	50		
ACW WA Donation to			
Appeal for Women of			
Bangladesh	50.00		
	53.30	Balance as at 18/9/72	2183.45
	\$2490.13		\$2490.13

FINANCE (Contd.):

A.C.W. WINIFRED KIEK ACCOUNT

Balance as at 18/8/72	\$1272.05	T. Aisake -	
C'berra Church Women Luncheon	89.00	Board Methodist College	\$168.00
Bond Interest	2.63	Pocket Money	20.00
NSW WICC (\$37 & \$10)	47.00	Balance as at 18/9/72	1224.68
ACW WA Donation	2.00		
	<u>\$1412.68</u>		<u>\$1412.68</u>

SCRIBAL PENS

Balance as at 1/1/72	\$847.46	Fares Feb. '72 Nat. Mtg.	\$647.18
Pen Sales -		Petty Cash	10.00
Victoria	\$87.00	Postage - Victoria	1.50
Queensland	123.00	Scribal Pty. Ltd.	517.01
South Australia	43.20		
Tasmania	53.20		
N.S.W.	57.60		
Western Australia	36.40		
Canberra	28.80	Balance as at 18/9/72	100.97
	<u>429.20</u>		<u>\$1276.66</u>
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The following accounts were passed for payment - Stationery & Stencils, \$13.51; Postage for Secretary, \$20.00; Balance of Rail Ticket to W.A. for Terani \$145.50; Expenses - Visit of Shanti Solomon, \$14.00; Gift for Terani from N.S.W., \$10.00.

The Treasurer reminded that time is short and special effort would need to be made with pen sales if travel expenses, as for N.C.M. '72, are to be met. As \$800 is owing to Administration & General Account from A.C.W. Notelets Sales, no advance towards '73 Travel Expenses can be made from this Fund.

It was decided that an amount of \$10.00 received from N.S.W. as a gift to Terani be handed to her to be applied towards meeting costs incurred in connection with her Diploma (Melb. Div.) Course which she plans to continue by correspondence from Fiji.

Attention was drawn by the treasurer to the need to clarify some points relating to Finance in the A.C.W. Constitution. A motion to cover this was prepared and it was decided that this motion be included in "Notices of Motion" to be circulated with minutes of September meeting.

REPORTS:

UNITED CHURCHES

Mrs. Lane was still anxiously awaiting news from United Church Groups to whom she has continued to write monthly letters.

NEWSLETTER

The next issue of "Women at Work" would be prepared by Mrs. Dingle, and it was hoped in readiness for circulation with copies of minutes.

PENS

The new supply of pens was being despatched as orders came in. Mrs. Miller had drawn attention to a slight increase in price since the first orders were placed.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Supply of additional Information Leaflets and Labels was awaited from the Printer, the visit of Mrs. Solomon having stimulated interest. A letter from Rabaul reported that the Women's Fellowship there had been introduced to F.L.C. and that it was hoped to translate the "Circle of Prayer" Booklet into Pidgin English and their own language. There are currently approximately 200 copies of C. of Prayer on hand.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

It was reported that Terani would leave Brisbane at 11.15 a.m. on 16th November for her Western Australian visit and that arrangement had been made for her to visit New Zealand on her way back to Fiji, New Zealand contributing the additional cost of fare. In connection with the matter of policy re composition of the W.K.S. Committee, this matter would be considered fully at the November meeting of the Working Committee. Mrs. Pope drew attention to an excellently prepared newsletter received from Western Australia and which was being circulated among W.A. Church women by the W.A. Unit. This made mention of A.C.W. aims, purposes and projects, particularly listing F.L.C. and the W.K.S. and the visit of Terani to Western Australia.

SPECIAL BUSINESS: W.K.S. Committee Report and Recommendation re AWARD of 1973 SCHOLARSHIP -

Special consideration was given to the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee. Mrs. Pope pointed out that some excellent candidates had applied. She had been advised by South Australia in regard to facilities for particular training and study in Adelaide. The applicant selected to receive the award for 1973 was

MISS MALPANA JUDSON AIRAN, 26 years, of Satara, Maharashtra, India. She holds the degrees of B.A., B.Ed., and speaks English, Marathi and Hindi. She wishes to undertake study in Kindergarten Pre-primary teaching and organisation and Community Development, her ambition being to set up a centre for underprivileged children and their mothers and prepare them for education.

The secretary was directed to send Miss Airan official notification of the award.

SPECIAL BUSINESS (Contd.) AWARD OF 1973 W.K.S.

In the case of Miss Airan, advice had been received from South Australia that the training she desired could be better supplied in Sydney or Melbourne than in Adelaide. Mrs. Pope was requested to investigate the possibility of Sydney as the study centre. Forms for completion for entry into Australia would be forwarded by Mrs. Pope to Miss Airan. Advice was also to be sent to the Department of Immigration concerning the scholar selected to receive the award for 1973.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

VISIT OF SHANTI SOLOMON - Arrangement was made for members of the Working Committee to meet Mrs. Solomon on her arrival at the airport on the evening of 27th September. It was decided that a gift from A.C.W., as a souvenir of her visit to Australia be purchased and presented to her at an appropriate time during the day of the special visit to Nambour for a meeting with church women there. It was planned that the return trip from Nambour would be a scenic drive via the near north and Sunshine Coasts. It was reported that Friday morning's Brisbane meeting would be followed by luncheon at Parliament House for Mrs. Solomon, Terani Aisake (1972 W.K.S. holder), Violet Sampa (1971 scholarship holder), Mrs. Clarke (President of Queensland Unit) and possibly Dr. Jean MacFarlane. This had been arranged by Mrs. Miller whose husband is a Qld. M.P. Mr. Miller would be arranging for the visitors to be shown over Parliament House before they left to view films of Dr. MacFarlane's work among aborigine mothers and children.

N.C.M. 1973 - The theme decided upon was "Able for All Things", this being considered a comprehensive one, covering ideas presented at N.C.M. '72 as likely suggestions. Copies of the draft agenda were received by members for their further consideration, criticism and amendment at the October meeting of the Working Committee. Some thought would then also be given to the content of "Opening Worship and Address" and Closing Session and Morning and Evening Times for Prayer and Meditation.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, 23rd October, 10.00 a.m.

CLOSE:

The meeting was closed by the President with benediction at 2.45 p.m.

CONFIRMED _____

DATE _____

President: Mrs. J. Dennis, 32 Coronation St., Bardon Q. 4065

Secretary: Mrs. C. Connell, 15 Burns Parade, Chapel Hill, Q. 4069.

Treasurer: Mrs. D. Eldershaw, 31 Burrell St., Clayfield, Q. 4011.