



NSW State Unit

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday
21st February 2000 at 10.30 a.m.

President Rev. Elizabeth Walker welcomed members to the first meeting in 2000 and for devotions read from St. Mark's Gospel, Chapter 1, V.40-45. She opened the meeting with prayer that God would guide and direct us as we go forth into the new year and the new millenium.

Peg Blake on behalf of all members extended loving sympathy to President Elizabeth on the death of her dear father, Rev. Winston O'Reilly, OBE, on 16th January 2000. Rev. O'Reilly was a wise and compassionate man and had served the Lord in many responsible positions, including being President of the Uniting Church in Australia. Elizabeth thanked Peg and members for their care and concern for her and her family and for their prayers and letters.

PRESENT: 46 as recorded.
APOLOGIES: 6 " "

The MINUTES of Council Meeting of 15th November 1999 were read and confirmed on motion of Joyce Liddell and Noelene Roose. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. INTERFAITH DIALOGUE - Sister Trish Madigan will address the March Council meeting - will speak about 20 minutes re her work and then question time.
2. WORLD COMMUNITY DAY SERVICE - draft Service is being prepared - various members will write appropriate prayers, Litany, Intercessions, etc. Lucelle King has produced art work for the cover - members voted for the butterfly design - the format will be sent to National Executive this week.
3. STATE CONFERENCE/RETREAT - 11 & 12th May - full day Thursday, half day Friday. Mrs. Norma Dumbrell, who has recently returned from Singapore has agreed to be one of the speakers (Mrs. Dumbrell had met Mai Zin Zin Wah, who is studying at Trinity Theological College where Dr. Dumbrell was lecturing.) Mrs. Juliana Nkrumah is willing to speak about her cross cultural experiences and will probably be the afternoon speaker. On Friday morning, it is suggested we approach Mr. Doug Hewitt regarding the NCC Pilgrimage to the Heart - Canberra to Uluru. Fees would be \$50 for the day, \$25 extra for dinner. If we have 3 speakers on the Thursday, perhaps a Bible Study would be appropriate for Friday morning. Executive to organise programme and present to Council next meeting.
4. WOMEN & GIRLS' EMERGENCY CENTRE - not interested in joining Management Committee.
5. ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON - 17TH JULY - decided that this should be a Spiritual Enrichment Day - will hold in Meeting Room - members bring own lunch - Suggestions for speaker: Dorothy & Peter Miller from Church of Scotland. Marj Dredge (National President, ACW).

REPORTS: TREASURER : Finances are satisfactory - report appended. Love offering of \$100 had been sent to Padma Ebenezer - very much appreciated. Marie Majoor moved that her report be received and accounts passed for payment seconded Beryl McLaughlin. Carried.

PUBLICITY: President Elizabeth welcomed Peg Blake as Publicity Convener - Peg had received Information Folder from Glenys Holley (previous Convener) and would set necessary Publicity in motion for coming events.

NEWSETTE: Very interesting and attractive edition. Any items for May edition to be with Editor Beryl McLaughlin by 11th April.

SPECIAL DAYS: Irene Carder had received copy of Service for Fellowship Day - "Forward in Faith and Hope". She had received orders for number of copies required by Branches.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells reported that Australia had received four grants totalling US\$10,000:

1. Chaplaincy Committee- Ross, TAS for "Cressy-Campbell Town School Chaplaincy" US\$2000.
2. North-West Chaplaincy Committee, Burnie, TAS. for "North-West Hospitals Chaplaincy US\$2000.
3. Australian Indigenous Ministries, Lawson, NSW, for "AIM Bible College Computer Project" US\$3000.
4. Miss Jennifer Buckley, Heatley, Townsville, QLD for "Leadership Development for GFS Leaders" US\$3000.

Shirley read from the Circle of Prayer 14, the Voice from Canada, Angelina Hesje, "Toward healing a broken world" - Revelations 22:1-2 and prayed that Jesus would help us heal the brokenness throughout the world.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Edith Ridge reported that we have no current news of our 1999 Scholar, Mai Zin Zin Wah but she is in Singapore and will study there this year. The 2000 Scholar, Sue Nitrai will begin her studies at St. Mark's College, Canberra when the academic year begins at the end of February. Greetings have been received from Rachel McManu. who was married in October. and Rachel Sobana Kanley from South India. Rachel has resigned her position from the Catherine Booth Hospital and hopes with her children to join her husband in Kuwait. She is hopeful of finding work there in a nursing capacity. Rachel needs our prayers that her visa will be granted and all will fall into place.

MEMBERSHIP/PASTORAL CARE: Heather Badgery had sent appropriate greetings of encouragement to Doris Haberfield (her husband not well), Cela Cooper, Val Renn, Heather Reid and Ruth Moore (who had been attacked in Parramatta). She had also visited Niroosha, Padma's daughter. Laura Wilkins from The Entrance was attending her first meeting. Glad West attending after her illness. President Elizabeth welcomed Laura and Glad.

SOCIAL ISSUES: In the absence of Heather Reid, President Elizabeth mentioned the Platform for Action for Older Persons in NSW - meeting held on 24 November - when various Committees were formed to deal with specific matters. Heather Badgery will be attending the Health Committee. A letter had been received from the National Convener for the first time. The Fair Wear Campaign - Outworkers - is a rather a confusing situation and needs to be clarified. Gambling is a worrying social issue which needs to be addressed.

FUNCTIONS CONVENER: Major Eileen Holley has resigned from this position due to more responsibility in her position in Newcastle. Her resignation was accepted with regret.

TRADING TABLE : Elsie Cox would be happy to look after a Trading Table - she would like items likely to sell - small jars of jam, cakes, knitted articles for babies, etc. = but articles not sold would need to be taken home by those members who had contributed same, as there is nowhere to store such articles. It was decided to hold such a stall in March and then perhaps bi-monthly.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED:

NCW End of year function - Thursday 25th November 6 p.m.
 NCW Welcome Back Ozindo Luncheon - 29th November 1999 - excellent address given by Fiona Collins.
 St. Stephens Uniting Church Christmas Luncheon, 1st December 1999
 NCW "Celebrate being an Australian" Luncheon - 24th January, 2000 - enjoyable day - Ruth Cracknell an interesting speaker.

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Noeline Roose said that their Special Day in May had been cancelled because it coincided with a function organised by the National Council of Churches. Another date would be set later in the year.

CHILDREN'S FILM & TELEVISION: Rev. Alison Todd said the Committee had produced their first Newsheet - No. 1 February 2000. She distributed copies to members - very informative and timely.

PPSEAWA - no report at present.

WCTU - An invitation extended to their Annual Conference to be held at 11.30 a.m. on 29th March at the Salvation Army Function Centre. \$12. Enquiries to Secretary, Beryl McLaughlin.
 President Elizabeth will represent us.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

1. National Executive Circulars 1,2:4th & 27th November 1999.
2. Minutes of National Executive - 26th October & 23rd November 1999
3. Major Eileen Holley - 30th December 1999
4. Women's Reconciliation Network Meetings 2000
5. Partners - 3rd November 1999
6. PPSEAWA NSW Group - 19th January & 7th February 2000
7. Law Society - Guest Speakers Booking form.
8. Padma Ebenezer - thanks for "love gift"
9. Rev. Neville Davis - thanks
10. WCTU Christmas Card
11. Newsletters/Bulletins - Awakening 2000 - September & November 1999
 Women Space - Newsletter of Dept of Women 12/12
 Footsteps, November 1999
 Women's Calendars - Dec.99-Jan 2000, Feb-Mar 2000
 Record Christmas 99
 NCW
 ACW (Vic) Unit, ACW (ACT) Unit

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

1. National Secretary - Council Minutes
2. Lt. Colonel Lynette Green - congratulations on new appointment, to Kenya/Uganda
3. Rev. Elizabeth Walker

Moved Dss. Thora Thomas seconded Judith Baker that correspondence inwards be received and outwards endorsed. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Nomination forms for Annual General Meeting were available - to be submitted at March meeting.
2. Installation and Dedication Service for Jan Harrison to be held at St. Thomas' Enfield at 10.30 a.m. on Monday 15th May 2000.
 There will be a small charge of \$5 for a 3 course luncheon to be organised by the St. Thomas' ladies. Numbers to be indicated.

GENERAL BUSINESS (Cont.)

3. Pat Sutton (Sutherland Shire Branch representative) said she had recently met Dss. Val Clements (a former Anglican Council member) who had sent her best wishes to the Unit.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 20th March, 2000

President Elizabeth thanked the Uniting Church ladies for a delicious morning tea and the Catholic ladies for arranging the Meeting room. She then prayed for Ruth Moore and her family, Padma and Narusha, Ruth Myers, Beverly Beaman's husband, asking for our Lord's love and care in all situations.

She then closed the meeting at 12.15 p.m. with the Blessing.

Confirmed: 

Date 20-3-00

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

for one month ended 31.01.00

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	1.01.00		7710.28
ADD RECEIPTS FOR ONE MONTH			
Donation		5.00	
Glebe Board - Interest		52.60	
Sale of Promotional items		56.00	
Newsette		45.00	
FLC		295.80	
ACWC Bulletins		15.00	469.40
			<u>8179.68</u>
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR ONE MONTH			
Government Charges		6.44	6.44
			<u>\$8173.24</u>
CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT			
Newsette - UCA - NSW Synod - Printing	75.40		
Beryl McLaughlin - Postage	<u>84.03</u>		
FLC - Marie Majoor - Prepaid envelopes		159.43	
State Conference - The Salvation Army - Deposit		15.75	
		200.00	

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (NSW STATE UNIT)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
for two months ended 31.12.99

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.11.99			13031.27
ADD RECEIPTS FOR TWO MONTHS			
Associate Members		30.00	
Affiliation		30.00	
Sale of Promotional items		2177.00	
Donation		10.00	
Newsette		295.00	
World Community Day Service		3788.95	
Overseas Travel - Morning Tea		12.00	
FLC		10253.59	
Winifred Kiek S'ship		122.45	
Donations towards Bursary Book		100.00	
Contra Lunch - Contra		80.00	
Trsd from Call A/c - Donation for Lisa Jackson Contra		1000.00	
ACWC Partners		434.70	
" Bulletins		60.00	
			<u>18393.69</u>
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS			<u>31424.96</u>
ACWC Service - Joan Tong Expenses	24.56		
" " S.A. Campsie - Use of hall	40.00	64.56	
Newsette - Postage	70.61		
" Printing	75.10	145.71	
Nat. Ccl Women - Ozindo Lunch - Contra		80.00	
UCA - NSW Synod - Use of meeting rooms 1999		200.00	
Love Offering to Padma - Daughter's accident		100.00	
Nat. Exec. ACW - F'ship Least Coin	13091.00		
Winifred Kiek S'ship	465.65		
F'ship Day Service	3729.18		
World Community Day Service	4326.35		
Overseas Travel Fund	150.00		
National Travel Fund	150.00		
ACWC - Partners	500.00		
" Bulletins	165.00		
" Endowment Fund	500.00		
" 1,000,000 women	32.00		
		<u>23109.18</u>	
Government Charges		15.23	<u>23714.88</u>
			7710.28
CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT			
Joan Tong - reimbursement for Love Offering to Padma		100.00	