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MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN held FRIDAY, 26th September, 1969 at 10 a.m. in the Board Room, V.C.C. Office, 100 Flinders St., Melbourne.

OPENING: The President, Mrs F.R. Ashton, based the opening devotions on Psalm 8.

PRESENT: Mesdames, F.R. Ashton (Chair), A.W. Burton, T.H. Coates, N. Falchney, Col. H.W. Saunders, E. Stephens, G.I. Luxe, Deaconess F. McKechnie.

APOLOGIES: Mesdames H.T. Rogers, J.A. Strack.

MINUTES of MEETING held Friday, 8th August, 1969 had been circulated and were confirmed.

- CORRESPONDENCE:
1. Dr Norman Young - not available to lead Bible Study
 2. Deaconess Dorothy Young, Rolland House - would lead Bible Study
 3. Mrs T.R. Howie (S.A.) enclosing introduction to order of Service for Fellowship Day 1970.
 4. Professor Basil Hetzel - Monash University - lead session on Alcohol
 5. Rev. F. Engel - thanks for good wishes on appoint.
 6. Mrs F. Ashton - thanks for congratulations on appointment as President of Y.W.C.A. of Australia and withdrawal as possible delegate to S.E. Asian Conference.
 7. Mrs T.H. Coates, Convener Committee on Co-operation re session for National Committee Meeting.
 8. Mrs Reid - Qld. nominating Mrs Dingle to S.E.A.C. The Correspondence as read was received.

BUSINESS ARISING:

2. The Committee to notify Deaconess Young of the speakers and their topics for National Committee meeting so that she may plan Bible Study around the theme 'Christian Concern'.
3. S.A. to be thanked for introduction. The matter of an additional observer to the National Committee Meeting, the Convener of the Fellowship of the Least Coin in that State was approved. Other States may send their Convener as an Observer (if not included already) if they so desire.
4. As Professor Hetzel was available for only one session an approach to be made to Dr A.A. Bartholomew to lead session on Drugs.
6. Mrs Ashton's withdrawal notes.
7. Session on Committee on Co-operation to be 'Concern For Young Children' prepared by Dr Isla Stamp. Dr D.J. Oldmeadow may also take part and session to be chaired by Rev. Bruce Reddrop. Dr Stamp and Mrs Coates to be representatives to National Committee.
8. Mrs Dingle's nomination noted. Queries raised by Queensland re cost of visa and passport to be investigated.

FINANCE: The Treasurer presented the following Financial Statement which was received and adopted. Permission was given to pay Kwik-as-Air account of \$2.80 and Petty Cash \$10 to the Treasurer. Account to Ellam's for stencils and envelopes to be paid when received.

Financial Statement August 7th to September 25th, 1969.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
Aug. 7th C/fwd	2299.24	2299.24	
<u>F'ship I.C.C.</u>			
John Knox P.W.M.U.	8.00	8.00	Kwik-as-air parcel delivery (Community Day orders of serv.) 1.72
<u>Circle of Prayer</u>			
V.W.I.C.C.	30.00	30.00	
<u>W. Kiek S'ship</u>			
United Ch. Nightcliff	5.00		
Cuprona Meth. I.C.C.	5.00		
Lucindale " " "	13.00		
Murray Bridge Ch. of Ch.			
Women's F'ship	2.10	25.10	
<u>F'SHIP DAY Orders of Service</u>			
W.I.C.C. Qld.	7.00		
Canberra Ch. W.	2.50		
N.S.W.W.I.C.C.	75.00	84.50	
<u>F'SHIP Day Offerings</u>			
United Ch. Nightcliff	8.85		
Hamilton I.C.C.	10.50		
W.I.C.C.Q. (54.24)			
(7.38)	61.62		
Canberra Ch. W.	30.00		
United Ch. Woomera	12.86	123.83	
<u>W. Com. Day Orders of Service</u>			
Canberra Ch. W.	2.50		
W.I.C.C. Q.	18.75	21.25	
W.I.C.C.Q. Levy	4.00		
Canberra Ch. W. Levy	4.00	8.00	
Scribal Pens	102.60	102.60	
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	2702.52	2702.52	\$2702.52

REPORTS: Fellowship of the Least Coin: In the absence of Mrs Rogers and Mrs Strack nothing further was to hand re new Brochure for Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Publicity: Mrs Coates read through the material which she had prepared for the next News-sheet. This was detailed and Mrs Coates was thanked for her work in this sphere. It was noted that material had appeared in the Methodist Spectator.

United Churches: Mrs Faichney was welcomed back after her extensive tour through Central and Northern Australia. Mrs Faichney was able to visit women at Woomera, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Darwin, Nightcliff, Batchelor and Kummurra. It was decided to appoint a Sub-committee of Mesdames Faichney, Ashton, and Burton to consider the position of these United Churches in Northern and Central Australia. As Mrs Faichney was leaving for West Australia on September 30th, this Committee would be convened by Mrs Faichney at a date to be fixed in November.

Ball Point Pens: Mrs Col. Saunders reported that the profit from the pens is £175.88 with £128.00 to be added to this. Orders for pens were still coming in and in many cases were accompanied by payment. More orders are sought for these pens.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP:

Mrs Burton reported that a meeting with representatives from A.C.C. member churches had been held on Thursday, 21st August.

W. KIEK SCHOLARSHIP:

Following the meeting a form was drawn up and duplicated to send to all who had been present seeking nominations for 1970. These to be in the hands of the Convener, Mrs Burton by November 23rd. As yet no Scholarship forms had been received from Rev. E. Arblaster, Director Inter-Church Aid. This to be followed up. It was hoped to make an award for 1970 and that the Scholarship holder be able to arrive in time for the National Committee meeting.

FELLOWSHIP DAY 1970: The Working Committee were pleased to receive an introduction to the Fellowship Day Service and to add this to the material already prepared by South Australia. The Secretary was asked to confer with the Convener for Publications, Mrs Rogers re number to be ordered for 1970 and to place the Service in the hands of the printer.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY 1970: Mrs Col. Saunders presented the draft order of Service to the Working Committee for comment and approval. Minor alterations were suggested and as the questions for discussion have yet to be prepared, the service will be considered at a later meeting. Mrs Saunders offered to get in touch with Mrs Col. Pindred re these questions.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE 1970: The Working Committee expressed its concern at the difficulty of getting out material for the National Committee when it is held in February. Member organisations are asked to give thought to the questions of time and place for 1971 National Committee and come with suggestions to the 1970 Conference.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Mrs Coates and the Secretary reported a conversation held with Mrs F. Bailey concerning the possibility of making a tape of the reminiscences of the Rev. Winifred Kiek. Mrs Bailey had offered to do this and approval was given for payments necessary for the tape when it was made. It was felt that this would be valuable publicity, and would give an early history of the struggles and joys of establishing women's work in the Inter-Church sphere.

Mrs Saunders reported that the W.I.C.C. of Victoria were trying to arrange a Morning Coffee meeting with women of the Jewish faith later this year. This would help to make contact with other church groups.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was arranged for 10 a.m. on Friday, 10th October to avoid clashing with the many Church Conferences being held in October. The December Meeting was fixed for 12th December at 10 a.m. January meeting to be considered in November.

CLOSING: The meeting closed with the Benediction.

CONTINUED:

DATE:

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