



**ACW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE  
MINUTES OF Meeting  
Friday 14 November 2008 at 10.00 am**

1. **Welcome** President Jean welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked Vonnie for hosting the meeting at her home.
2. **Devotions** Helen R led the devotions with a reading from "Circle of Prayer" v.18, p.52.
3. **Present** Jean Thomson (in chair), Constance Aronsen, Angela Devlin, Margaret Lawton, Helen Lloyd, Helen Raymond, Judith-Ann Sjostedt, Ruth Burmester (NLM) and Evonne Sullivan (NLM).
4. **Apologies** Jan Abrahamffy, Donna Bryan, Brenda Dickinson, Eileen Holley, Fran Moss.
5. **Minutes** of meeting held on 10 October 2008, were accepted on the motion of Helen R, seconded Judith-Ann.  
**5 a) Business arising.** To date no response had been received from *Harper Collins Religious* asking for permission to use certain material in the ACWC Order of Service 2009. President Jean will follow up on this. Once permission is received the order of worship will be ready to be forwarded to ACWC.  
**b)** Helen R was unable to attend meeting of the ACT Ministerial Advisory Council on Women's issues as mentioned in Corresp IN item 12, but members heard a report via NCW meeting.
6. **Treasurer's report** as attached.  
**Moved** Helen L, seconded Constance that report be received.  
**6 a) Business arising.**
  1. Helen had sent to all State & Territory Units a copy of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2008, and a copy of the audit report to 30 June 2008, which was signed by Pauline Hore on 3 October 2008.  
The statements were prepared by combining the financial statements from 1 July 2007 to 14 November 2007, which had been audited prior to the transfer of records from Victoria to the ACT, with those from 15 November 2007 to 30 June 2008.
7. **Correspondence IN**
  - 1.. VIC Unit Minutes of meeting 24.10.08.
  2. VIC Unit membership lists.
  3. WA Unit Minutes of meeting held on 19.09.08.
  4. WA Unit survey response and copy of Constitution.
  5. SA Unit Minutes 8/08/08.
  6. NSW additional comments on membership survey.
  7. NSW *Newsette* Nov 08.
  8. QLD Unit minutes of meeting held on 25.08.008.
  9. QLD Unit minutes of AGM 25.08.08.
  10. QLD response to survey.
  11. Letter and FLC cheque from CWL Wollongong, (via SA) – (cheque passed to treasurer).
  12. CWLA National – Annual report, (via SA).
  13. Nungalinga appeal for funding.
  14. Newsletter 34, Australian Domestic & Family Violence Clearinghouse.
  15. Letter from Rev Pat Williams, Darwin to Fran, advising that she is unable to include ACW in her duties. No one to lead the group in Darwin. (Margaret to acknowledge and remove from mailing list).
  16. National Council of Jewish Women – invitations (Jean to acknowledge)
  17. Invitation to Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast, via VIC Unit.
  18. Responses to National Executive survey now include QLD and WA (C), together with ACT (C), VIC (C), SA (C), NSW (C), TAS (C) – (C indicating constitution enclosed).
  19. Fran Moss (Qld Unit) advised that Averil Jell is ill, and prayers are requested for her recovery.

## **Correspondence OUT**

1. Minutes of Nat Exec meeting 10 October 2008 emailed to all Units and Life Members. Hard copies sent where needed.
2. "Change of address" letters.
3. Thank you to CWL Wollongong for FLC cheque (copy to be sent to FLC NSW).
4. President – letter to Elaine Johnson.
5. Acceptance to attend Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast.

**Moved** Judith-Ann, seconded Jacqueline, that inwards correspondence be received, and outwards correspondence be ratified. Agreed.

## **8. Reports**

- 1) **FLC** No report.
- 2) **WKS** Constance wrote to all conveners of State and Territory units, enclosing two emails from Imelda Aquino, together with copies of photographs of the two 2009 WKScholars and a history of their lives. She has asked each unit to advise how many pamphlets each needs for the 2009 service. Some replies had been received.  
New scholar Inise Foiakau had advised that she is waiting on a response from Charles Sturt University regarding her application, which should be processed between October and December for beginning of first semester in February 2009.  
Preparation of the 2009 WKS pamphlet with information on Inise and Christine Ferguson is nearly complete and almost ready for the printer.  
A response dated 30 October 2008, was received from the Chairman of the WFK Scholarship Trust, Maureen Clark. However, the meeting felt that proper process had not been followed in the selection of the 2009 students. Constance **moved**, seconded Jacqueline, that Jean, write to Maureen outlining the correct procedures, as per the Guidelines, p.14, for future reference.
- 3) **Special Days** Fran M had sent a report suggesting, with regard to WCD, that more information be provided, including details of the special project, with pictures, brochures, etc. Some suggestions that a slot could be allocated in the WCD Order of Service for local announcements. Nat Exec considered that these could be slotted in wherever appropriate,.
- 4) **Social Justice** Judith-Ann drew our attention to recent newspaper articles regarding the grim state of the *public hospital system*, which has been described as being at "breaking point". Also MPs and senators from all sides of politics have risen above party affiliations to *campaign against child abuse and neglect*. An article on Mother and Infant attachment Theory and Domestic Violence, written by social worker Fiona Buchanan from the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Flinders University in South Australia. made very interesting reading. A program was developed by the Royal Children's Hospital Integrated Mental Health Service with the aim to strengthen mother and infant attachment relationships. BUBS on BOARD (Building up Bonds) is specifically developed for infants and mothers accessing Women's Shelters and *emergency housing*. This program will be trialled in Tasmania for six months with the Salvation Army. With the increase of *adolescent violence towards parents*, the Coalition Caring for Kids has recently published a comprehensive guide to working for children "Women helping mothers helping children (2008).
- 5) **Publications** No report was presented but Jacqueline asked if, in future, it would be possible to include the postal address for the National Executive, along with Eileen's contact details on the inside cover of the Newsletter. Eileen is accepting copy for the first Newsletter of 2009.
- 6) **ACWC** Donna had advised that Shu-Wen had taken annual leave and also attended the annual meeting of the International committee of the FLC with ACWC President (Nareeboon) and Vice-President (Pauline). Prayers are urgently requested for Christians in countries such as Burma, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Philippines and Indonesia who are being persecuted and physically abused for their faith.
- 7) **Website** Brenda has shared many emails regarding the account for the maintenance of the website. However, the issue has now been resolved after receipt of an invoice. This has now been paid, valid until August 2009.
- 8) **AWC** President Jean and Helen R attended the AWC Annual meeting in Sydney. On Saturday 8 November there was a general meeting, with reports of the projects undertaken in 2008 and reports from

all member organisations, most taken as read with short comments added. President Jean had provided a report on behalf of ACW (attached). Dr Anna Howe reported on a major project – *Preparing for Future Ageing*. ACW members' responses to questionnaires was appreciated.

The AGM was held on Sunday 9 November, with the election of office bearers as well as the usual business of an AGM. The new executive is:

President: Dr Gabrielle Caspar, Australian Federation of Medical Women;

Vice-President: Rysia Rozen, National Council of Jewish Women Australia and Sharyl Scott, Zonta;

Secretary: Eliana Cristi, Salvation Army;

Treasurer: Zubeda Raihman, Muslim women's National Network of Australia.

The keynote speaker Senator Claire Moore who talked about the Government plans for women in the next few years, including the abolition of all forms of violence against women (White Ribbon Day 25 November) and the proposed paid maternity and paternity leave. Copies of the AGM Annual report will be sent to Units in due course.

- 9) **President** Jean reported on her attendance at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Prayer Breakfast on Monday 10 November 2008. Those taking part included Senator Ursula Stephens, the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, Opposition Leader Malcolm Turnbull, Warren Truss, Nationals Leader, and Lieut-Gen David Hurley Vice-Chief of the Defence Force. The address was given by Mama Maggie Gobram of Cairo.

**9. General Business**

1. Conference planning is well underway and the sub-committee will finalise details of costs, including registration fees to complete the brochure for distribution. Information regarding special services will be sent shortly to all units so that this can be included in their publicity for 2009.
2. Constitution and Guidelines changes to be sent to all units. Helen R is working on fitting the Constitution into the "model rules" for incorporation. A draft will be ready and sent out before Christmas before the incorporation process is complete in early 2009.
3. Jean's name has been added to the inside cover of the National ACW Bible.

10. **Next Meeting** – at 10am on Friday 12 December 2008, at the same venue.

**Meeting closed at 12.30pm**

The members then discussed Conference planning and some ACT/Housekeeping matters before lunch.

Signed: Jean Thomson  
(Jean Thomson, President)

Date: 12-12-08

## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN – NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

### Treasurer's Report, 14 November 2008

#### Cheque A/C

Balance at 12.09.08 \$6142.66

#### Receipts

SA Unit ACW - 8 copies "Winifred"		100.00
CWL Diocese of Wollongong - FLC	<u>653.45</u>	<u>753.45</u>
		6896.11

#### Payments

National News Oct-Dec 08	442.32	
Postage National News June – Dec 08	80.55	
Web site year Aug 08 to Aug 09	315.00	
Petty cash – Constance Aronsen	133.09	
Expenses to ACW NSW 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	367.60	<u>1338.56</u>
<b>Balance at 14.11.08</b>		<b><u>5557.55</u></b>

#### A D F Call a/c

Balance at 10.10.08 and 14.11.08 **22943.14**

#### **Balance of Funds at 14.11.08**

National Travel Fund (\$3585.95 less \$177.13)	3408.82
National Conference Fund	12667.86
Overseas Conference & Travel fund	2435.00
Honouring Aust Church Women	60.00
F L C	757.91
Asian Church Women's Conference	100.00
Administration	<u>9071.10</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b><u>28500.69</u></b>

Helen Lloyd, National Treasurer  
14.11.08