

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OFFICE
ON FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1994, AT 10 A.M.

PRESENT : Mrs. E. Reidy (President), Mrs. M. Dodds (Secretary), Miss D. Clack (Vice-President), Mrs. M. Wall (F.L.C.), Mrs. H. Boatman (S/Days), Mrs. B. Lacy (Minute Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Mrs. J. Cooper, Mrs. J. Stott, Mrs. H. Banks, Mrs. Major E. Johnson.

OPENING : Mrs. Reidy welcomed members to the June meeting, and devotion was led by Mrs. M. Wall. Reading from "Welcome Life" by Jean Coggan, the reflection centred on Isaiah Chapter 40. As we walk step by step, we must look up, wait for the Lord and be renewed by His invitation "Come to Me".

MINUTES of 13/5/94 were passed on the motion of B. Lacy, 2nded M. Wall.
Business arising -
1. ACWC Carry Bags - Material has been purchased and screen printing is in hand.
2. ACWC Banner - Production of banner is being investigated.
3. WKS Consultation - Secretary to write for update for consideration at next National Executive meeting.

PRESIDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE/REPORT :

1. Lucelle King (NSW Pres.ACW) 220 women attended Annual Service/ Dedication of new Office Bearers.
2. ACT Unit ACW - Invitation to luncheon 1/7/94 (farewell to Joan Adcock) - accepted.
3. ACC Registration papers for National Forum for National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA), Canberra, 1-5/7/94.
4. Marie McCann - Selection to tour China with ACWC team of ten theologically trained women, May 25 - June 7.
5. Deaconess Mary Andrews - Greetings & Prayer letter.
6. Joan Stott - greetings from Ireland/England.
- 7/8 CAPOW faxes - teleconference 19/6/94.

REPORTS :

Finance : No report to hand. It was moved D. Clack, 2nded M. Wall, that Petty Cash be paid to - B. Lacy (Minute Secretary, \$100.; E. Reidy (Material, carry bags) \$100., carried.

Winifred Kiek Scholar : On behalf of J. Cooper, M. Dodds reported that all State Convenors had been advised of Nighat Gulzar's itinerary. Tentative dates - Melbourne 3/7/94 (4 days), Canberra 8/7/94 (4 days), arrives Sydney 13/7/94, flies out July 17.

Special Days : H. Boatman reported that the World Community Day Order of Service had been sent to State Units. Guidelines to assist in the preparation of our Fellowship Day Services have been completed. The theme for the 1995 World Community Day service will be - "World Partners - Praying and Working Together".

Fellowship of The Least Coin : M. Wall reported promotional information from S. Samuel had been sent to State Units. Two applications for F.L.C. grants have been received - i. Queensland Unit, Project, Mail Bag & Junior Club Y.W.C.A. outreach to 1000 outback children in isolated areas, includes many aboriginal children - \$500. ii. N.S.W. Unit - Project, Shalom Christian College, for a pioneer educational system for indigenous people - \$10,000. It was moved M. Wall, 2nded M. Dodds, that we forward both applications to the I.C.F.L.C. Committee, carried.

REPORTS :

Newsletter : May/June edition to hand. Contributors required for next issue.

GENERAL BUSINESS :

National Conference : It was agreed to invite member churches of the National Council of Churches in Australia to our Ecumenical Service. National Executive will send a greeting to the inauguration of this body on behalf of Australian Church Women, and the President, Mrs. Reidy, was wished God's speed' as she leaves to represent us on this occasion.

CORRESPONDENCE : received on the motion of M. Dodds, 2nded M. Wall.

Inwards -

1. ACW Tas Unit - endorsing action re Centenary of Federation Advisory Committee.
2. ACW Tas Unit - ratifying Girls Brigade affiliation.
3. ACW NSW Unit - Nat. Conference expenses. Comments noted, approximate costing is comparable to previous Conferences taking into account the comfort of people of mature years and all facilities being on site.
4. ACW Q'land Unit - ACW brochure - comments re small print noted, matter to be considered further when reprint is required.
5. ACW Q'land Unit Minutes 18/4/94.
6. ACW Tas Unit Minutes 2/5/94.
7. ACW WA Unit Minutes 13/5/94.
8. ACW ACT Unit Minutes 27/5/94
9. ACW ACT Unit - H. Lloyd - copy of report "Families: Australia's Priority" to be sent to State Units.
10. W K S Trust minutes 20/5/94.
11. Anglican Community Services Directory/Working with the Church on Power Gender and Violence.
12. Office of the Status of Women re Operational Grants/Guidelines. ACW would be eligible to apply for operational funding 1994-95.
13. Office of the Status of Women "Women - Shaping and Sharing the Future"
14. Australian Council for Women - thanks for responding to questionnaire, but no response to our enquiry regarding use of A.C.W. initials.
15. Dr Carmen Lawrence - Women's Budget Statement 1994-95 (3 copies) One to B. Lacy,
16. Macquarie University Seminar "Women Management and Industrial Relations" July 1994.
17. Affirmative Action Agency - Workshop June 1994.
18. Action News - May 1994
19. Women, Power & Politics - Conference 8-11/10/94.
20. Nungalinga News June, 1994, - to B. Lacy.
21. Mrs. Jean Hillier (E.R.L.C.) seeking permission to hold an ecumenical Book Stall at the A.C.W. National Conference. Permission granted.

Outwards -

1. Lucelle King
2. M. Florence (UCF)

CLOSE : Mrs. Reidy closed the meeting in prayer for our members - the healing touch of the Lord for Joan Cooper and Elaine Johnson; Helen Banks and Joan Stott, our overseas travellers; and for each of us in the responsibilities for family and Church life. Our prayer concluded with the prayer for the National Council of Churches in Australia.

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, July 8, 1994, 9.45am for 10 a.m. start. V C C Office.

DEVOTIONS : Mrs. H. Boatman.

HOSTESS : Mrs. M. Wall.

President Minute Secretary Date