



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Recd 13/3/01

NSW State Unit

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday, 19th February, 2001 at 10.30 a.m.

President Jan Harrison welcomed members to the Council Meeting and especially new members representing the Catholic Church - Daphne Peterson, Margaret Jess, Mary Melville and Beryl Duncan; new members from Anglican Church - Norma Dumbrell and Sandra Wise and Olive Beverley (from Branch representative to Anglican representative). We were delighted to welcome Edith Ridge (our WKS Convener) after an absence of seven months due to illness

PRESENT: 44 as recorded.

APOLOGIES: From Ds. Thora Thomas (travelling overseas)
Major Joan Tong - on leave
Peg Blake,
Rev. Elizabeth Walker,
Alison Todd - and 13 as recorded.

President Jan then read Psalm 138 - a Prayer of Thanksgiving - for God's constant love and faithfulness - and for His strength that we need and He gives us day by day. Jan prayed for this new year for Australian Church Women, that we might carry out God's purpose for us, that we will be positive witnesses for Australian Church Women and committed our meeting to the Lord.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of Meeting of 20th November, 2000 were read and confirmed on motion of Judith Baker and Robin Phillis. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. QUESTIONNAIRE: As Rev. Elizabeth Walker was unable to be present, this was deferred until next month.
2. ANNUAL SERVICE OF DEDICATION: Monday 21 May, 2001, 10.30 a.m. St. Thomas, Enfield - speaker Miss Sue Nitrai (WKS Scholar 2000) - Council members to bring a plate for lunch.
3. SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY: Monday 16 July 2001: Sr. Colleen O'Sullivan has agreed to be speaker- "Images of God" - two sessions in the morning. Sr. Marie Craddock will arrange an afternoon session, possibly meditative. Helen Richardson has this in hand.
4. ACW TRANSFERS FROM OTHER UNITS/INTERESTED PEOPLE: proposed Constitution change: "Associate Members: Former members of Australian Church Women NSW Unit Council and other women who are in agreement with Australian Church Women NSW Unit Statement of Faith, Constitution and Bylaws, Aims and Objectives, may become Associate Members and attend Council.
 1. Associate Members may speak at meetings but not vote, and are not eligible for Executive Office.
 2. There shall be an Annual Fee for Associate Members which shall be set by Council.

Members asked to consider this Constitution change - to be ratified in two month's time.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Marie Majoor said that finances were in a very satisfactory condition. She distributed accounts to denominational representatives and Branch representatives. She presented Statement for November/December/January - said that FLC and World Community Day collections were more or less the same as last year. She recommended that \$1500 be transferred to Uniting Church Call A/c - and moved that this be done, seconded Edith Ridge. Carried. She then moved that her Report be received, seconded Beryl McLaughlin. Carried. Marie said that a Trading Table would be held next month - Elsie Cox would be in charge - she would like small saleable articles with the proviso that anything not sold be retrieved by person donating.

PUBLICITY: Peg Blake (Convener) is concerned at the ignorance in many areas regarding Australian Church Women - she suggested that after March meeting of Council denomination members meet together for discussion as to how our Statement of Faith, Aims and Activities, etc. may be made known. In this year of Volunteers, we must remember that we are all volunteers. It was decided that at the June Meeting, time will be set aside for a speaker from every denomination to describe what being "a volunteer" in her Church means. (5 minutes each speaker).

NEWSETTE: Beryl McLaughlin had extra copies available for members interested in subscribing. February issue very interesting and informative. Deadline for May issue - April 9th.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Heather Reid suggested that we write to David Jones congratulating them on the 50th anniversary of their Christmas Carol singing, and that we should also write to Lord Mayor complimenting him on his tasteful decorations for Christmas 2000.

Heather had attended a COTA meeting - IYOP - in connection with Transport concerns for elderly people, fare structure, safety for the elderly and young persons on public transport. She suggested that members write -

The Minister, Hon. Patrick Carl Scully, BA, LLB (Hons.)

Level 34, Gov. Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney, 2000 - complaining of these matters and asking for reinstatement of station masters at all Railway Stations - so many unattended and dangerous.

Heather made a comment of "the worth of Mothers" as printed in Womens News - average Mum is worth \$57,512 a year in unpaid and paid work - average value of a mother's work is \$1106 a week - \$887 in unpaid work and \$219 in paid. Half the time on domestic work, 18 hours on child care, 7 hours shopping, two hours voluntary work.

Gratifying to know that the Governor-General's Australia Day address this year had a Christian input, "the gate of the year".

ACWC: The ACWC Service may be held on Council Day 17th September when the ACWC Executive members are in Sydney en route to Adelaide.

MEMBERSHIP/PASTORAL CARE:

Heather Badgery had written to Alison Todd and Edith Ridge with Get Well wishes. She suggested that Minutes should be mailed to "absent" members - that some person in each denomination be responsible to take Minutes for absent members and post.

On 13th February, 2001, Heather had attended a Seminar on Dying with Dignity - "The purpose of the Seminar was to review the draft guidelines for clinical decision-making for the end of life. These guidelines assist health care workers in making decisions about the care of dying patients.

Management has changed and the document is being updated. The Health Department wants the community to have input into the development of the revised document so a broad range of community groups, welfare agencies, religious organisations and health and professional bodies have been asked to review the document and provide feedback.

Some of the seminar participants were asked to share their experiences, good and bad on management of relatives and friends at the end of life.

PASTORAL CARE REPORT (Cont.)

Some of the issues in the draft document were discussed -

- * the patient should be given the opportunity to express his/her wishes concerning treatment;
- * communication with the family;
- * consultation with all members of the health team;
- * means by which conflict can be resolved;
- * specific guidelines required for emergencies.

The importance of living wills and advance directives was stressed. These should be prepared in health and given to a significant person so that your wishes can be observed even though you may not be able to express them at the end of life."

Heather mentioned that the Benevolent Society has a special pack on "Living Will".

SPECIAL DAYS: Irene Carder said that the National Executive requires ideas for the Special Project for World Community Day in October 2001; Victoria had submitted Talitha Kumi Welfare Centre in Pakistan (Australia's Prayer Partner) and Queensland has submitted "Shiloh" HIV/AIDS Support Services, any suggestions to be submitted by 20 March.

Title for Fellowship Day: In Jesus, Life, Hope and Liberty,
World Community Day: "Living in Hope".

FUNCTIONS; Dealt with under "Business Arising".

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells reported that three of the five FLC Australian grant applications have been successful - two from NSW and one from S.Australia.

US\$4000 is being given to Baptist Innercity Ministries to form a Parents' Support Group at Woolloomooloo, which will provide an accepting, supportive and empowering programme for young children and parents where the parents are on a methadone programme.

The second grant of US\$2,500 is given to Women's Fellowship of Uniting Church and the Girls' Brigade Organisation of the Solomon Islands to purchase an outboard motor powered canoe to be jointly owned and run for their work in Western Provinces of Solomon Islands.

The third grant submitted by South Australia is for "Facilitating Faith Community (Parish) Nursing in West Australia.

There are new guidelines for Grant applications and a copy should be available for each denomination. Application forms are available from Shirley should anyone feel there is a project suitable for a grant.

Shirley led devotions from the Circle of Prayer - meditation from Esther Byu, FLC Executive - "Repent, Renew and Reconcile" - Romans: 8:22-30 and prayed.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Celestial Lusi (2001 Scholar) should have arrived in Papua New Guinea for her Studies. Dorothy Ferrier (National Convener) is waiting for her correct address.

REPORTS received on motion of Cela Cooper, seconded Joyce Liddell Carried.

INTERVIEW: President Jan interviewed Marie Majoor and Helen Richardson, who with Marie McCann and Alison Todd had travelled to the Cook Islands for an International Conference of PPSEAWA - Pan-Pacific South East Asia Women's Association - the theme was "Ignite the Power of Peace" - three areas were discussed - Environment, people and children.. Very positive and outstanding speakers - from New Zealand, Singapore and United Nations.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

1. Christmas Cards: (a) Adam, Rachael (McManus) & Ivy May McArthur, (b) Niroosha Ebenezer (c) Padma & Godfrey Ebenezer (d) Nighat Gulzar (e) WCTU - advance notice of 26/3 luncheon.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward) Cont.

2. Glenys & Brian Holley - thank you
3. Dorothy Woodhouse
4. National Executive Minutes 10 November 2000, 30 January 2001, Circular Letters 2000/9, 2000/11, (2001/17)
5. Christine Hurford - St. James, King Street, - possibility of holding World Community Day for City Branch.
6. Lucelle King - appreciation
7. Peg Blake - thank you
8. Tabled: (a) Framed - Social Justice (b) Mission Partners (c) NCW News, (d) Asian CW Bulletin
9. ACW ACT Unit - Lt.Col, Annette Wilson, Averil Whybird moving to Sydney; Newsletter Jan 2001
10. ACW Victorian Unit Newsletter
11. Women's Calendar - Women Space
12. Marjorie Verco - thank you (had been in hospital)
13. Catholic Women's League- denominational representatives
14. Anglicare - invitation to service St.James King St. Friday 9th March,2001, 10 a.m.
15. Anglican Archbishop of Sydney - denominational representatives
16. Congregational Federation of NSW - denominational representatives
17. Sue Nitrai- accepting invitation as speaker at Service of Dedication
18. Doris Haberfield - 60th Wedding Anniversary - Thanksgiving Service 3/3/2001 3 p.m. St. Mary's Toongabbie

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

1. National Secretary from Peg (Publicity) re Lucelle King and Dorothy Woodhouse
2. Peg Blake - congratulations on receipt of Community Award
3. Dorothy Ferrier - re Dorothy Woodhouse entry in Bursary Book
4. Judith Ryan - Brenda Dickinson as ACW representative on World Day of Prayer C'tee
5. Norma Harrop
6. Evonne Sullivan
7. Sue Nitrai
8. Victorian Unit - condolences on death of Lt Col Isabel McIntyre
9. Council members - notice of meeting
10. Congregational Federation of NSW - denominational representatives
11. Anglican Archbishop of Sydney - reps., AO Award congratulations, retirement wishes.
12. Sandra Wise & Norma Dumbrell - welcome from Joan Tong
13. Doris Haberfield - congratulations

Correspondence inwards received and outwards endorsed on motion of Olive Beverley, seconded Margaret Redmond. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

President had attended Installation of Carmel Keys as State President of the Catholic Women's League.
She had also attended NCW Australia Day Luncheon at Parliament House - where talented young women were honoured. We will look into possibility of sponsoring a deserving Christian young woman for 2002, as we did with Fiona Collins.

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: Joan Tong and Lily Hanlon had attended Christmas Bowl Appeal.

CHILDREN'S FILM & TV - Dorothy Kenning said there was to be a meeting next month. The Media Project is commencing in Waitara School asking pupils to complete a questionnaire regarding media programmes - will then move on to other schools. Newsletter has been produced - available on Internet.

PAN PACIFIC SOUTH EAST ASIA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (NSW) - Sr. Marie Craddock said there was to be an Ecumenical Seminar 15-18 July 2001 at Riverview - A Silent Retreat to be held - Laurence Freeman - - International Seminar first time in Southern Hemisphere - further details from Sr. Marie.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2ND MARCH, 2001 - Services throughout Australia - Brenda Dickinson now member of Committee.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION: Luncheon at Parliament House 26 March, RSVP 12/3, 118th State Convention - \$33. WCTU was very involved in the Federation Movement. Dr. Gordon Moyes will be the speaker at the Luncheon and Elaine Nile, the Parliamentary Hostess. Enquiries to Beryl McLaughlin, Hon. Sec.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

1. St Stephens - Macquarie Street Christmas Luncheon - President & Helen Richardson
2. CWLA - NSW - commissioning Saturday 13 January 2001 - President attended
3. NSW Australia Day Luncheon Parliament House - 23/2/2001 - " "
4. UNIFEM Breakfast (International Women's Day) - 5/3/2001 - President to attend
5. WCTA Centenary of Federation Luncheon - Monday 26 March 2001 - RSVP 12/3/2001

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. State Conference - May 2002
2. NSW National Executive - 2003-2005 - (Nat.Conf.Adelaide Sept)
3. Year 2001 International Year of Volunteers - have special segment at June meeting.
4. AGM Nomination Forms for April
5. Order of Australia nomination forms.
6. Reports from Convener's required for Annual Report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Reminder: World Day of Prayer - Friday 2nd March, 2001 - Theme: Informed Prayer - Prayerful Action.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 19 March, 2001, 10.00 a.m.

President Jan thanked the Uniting Church ladies for preparing the Meeting Room and the Salvation Army ladies for a delicious morning tea. She prayed for Sue Nitrai, Alison Todd, Elizabeth Walker and Edith Ridge and closed the meeting with the Benediction at 12.25 p.m.

Confirmed: J R Harrison

Date: 19th March 2001

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (NSW STATE UNIT)

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
for two months ended 31.12.00**

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	1.11.00		
ADD RECEIPTS FOR TWO MONTHS			15412.97
Donations & refund travel expenses		32.00	
Stock		1709.00	
Newsette		330.00	
Overseas travel fund		16.80	
FLC		9744.45	
Winifred Kiek S'ship		20.00	
Fellowship Day Service		200.00	
World Community Day		2927.70	
ACWC - Endowment Fund		272.00	15251.95
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DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS			
Printing/Stationery		34.00	
Newsette - Printing & Postage		154.11	
Nat. Ccl Women - Australia Day Luncheon		44.00	
ACWC Service expenses		30.72	
Travel Expenses for L King/D Woodhouse to November meeting		50.00	
ACW Nat.Exec. - F'ship Least Coin	12880.48		
Winifred Kiek S'ship	281.74		
F'ship Day Service	4747.75		
World Community Day Service	4451.68		
ACWC Bulletin	15.00		
" Partners	500.00		
" Endowment Fund	500.00		
Overseas Travel Fund	150.00		
ACW Travel Fund	150.00		
Bursary Book entry - D Woodhouse		23676.65	
Government Charges		25.00	
		15.40	24029.88
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CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT			
J Tong - Expenses ACWC Service		30.72	
J Harrison - Printing & Stationery	34.00		
Travel Expenses - L King/D Woodhouse	50.00		
ACWC Nat.Exec - Bursary Book entry - D Woodhouse		25.00	
Nat.Ccl Women - Australia Day Luncheon - President		44.00	

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW UNIT

Actual Balances as at 31.12.00

	31.12.00
Administration-	1328.35
Interest	0.00
Stock	1676.77
Newsette	1671.54
O/Seas travel	365.78
Functions Days	210.25
State Conference	780.91
F.L.C.	553.85
WKS	18.59
Fellowship Day	0.00
World Community Day	0.00
A.C.W.C. Partners	0.00
A.C.W.C. Bulletins	29.00
AC.W.C. Endowment fund	0.00
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
for one month ended 31.01.01

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.01.01		
ADD RECEIPTS FOR ONE MONTH		6635.04
Donations	0.00	
Interest rec'd	69.92	
Stock	471.50	
Newsette	25.00	
Overseas travel fund	0.00	
FLC	1284.20	
Winifred Kiek S'ship	62.05	
Fellowship Day Service	0.00	
World Community Day	186.15	
ACWC - Partners	0.00	<u>2098.82</u>
		8733.86
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR ONE MONTH	5.75	
Printing/Stationery	45.00	
stage & phone	34.85	
FLC Convener - Postage expenses	5.13	<u>90.73</u>
Government Charges		8643.13
CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT		34.85
S Wells - FLC Convener - Expenses - Postage		
M Major - Treasurer - Printing & Stationery	5.75	
Postage	<u>45.00</u>	50.75
UCA - NSW Synod - Printing Newsette		75.40
Unifem Breakfast - President		40.00
B McLaughlin - Newsette Editor - Postage		87.30
The Salvation Army - Postage		36.00
Nola Dickson - Overprinting envelopes for Newsette		157.00
Frank Fryers - Gift for auditor		50.00
S Wells - FLC Convener - Postage		45.00