



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NSW State Unit

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney, on Monday, 16th October, 2000 at 10.30 a.m.

President Jan Harrison welcomed members and especially Robin Phillis, Joan Tong (back from country service), Jean Porteous (from overseas tour), Alwyn Warren (from ACW ACT) and Isabel Hewitt.

Joan Tong (former President of the Ecumenical Council) spoke to us of the Year of Jubilee - its significance, a wonderful year ecumenically. Pilgrimage to the Heart was a positive witness for reconciliation. The marvellous word "Eternity" (initiated by Arthur Stace 37 years ago) exhibited on our Bridge for the whole world to see, pause and reflect. The message of Jubilee is the message of the Gospel.

Sister Marie Craddock then led us in prayer.

PRESENT: 35 as recorded.

APOLOGIES: Edith Ridge (undergoing treatment) May Wilce, Irene Carder, Brenda Dickinson and 14 others as recorded.

The MINUTES of Council Meeting of 21ST AUGUST, 2000 as circulated were confirmed after corrections - in Lisa Jackson's interview, add "Heads of Australian Churches" in Social Issues, Heather Badgery is interested in "Aged Care", in Membership/Pastoral Care, "Marjory" (not Margery), in Treasurer's Report "pledge to send \$5000"over 10 years" to ACWC" - on motion of Elizabeth Walker and Jean Porteous. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. NSW Unit Secretary: Elizabeth Walker proposed seconded Jean Porteous that Mrs. Isabel Hewitt be co-opted as a member of Australian Church Women Council and appointed as Secretary of the NSW State Unit. Carried. Isabel was welcomed by President Jan to the position of Secretary.

2. Questionnaire: Elizabeth Walker distributed copies to members containing ten questions - to be considered and returned to next Council Meeting - 20th November, 2000.

3. Life Membership: Lucelle King. To be conferred at November Meeting. Lucelle will be our guest speaker. Council ratified Executive nomination. moved by Thora Thomas, seconded by Robin Phillis. Carried with thanks and appreciation for Lucelle's contribution to Australian Church Women.

National Bursary Book: Dorothy Woodhouse (Life Member) will be honoured as our entry (to be sent to National Executive for the Bursary Book) is read at the November Meeting as our appreciation of Dorothy's long service to the Unit. It was moved by Shirley Wells and seconded by Lily Hanlon. Carried.

4. World Day of Prayer Committee: representative required from ACW for this Committee - deferred until next meeting.

5. Program for 2001: thanks extended to Joan Tong for printing the program.

6. Annual Service of Dedication: Monday 21st May 2001, 10.30 a.m. at St. Thomas' Enfield.

7. Spiritual Enrichment Day: Monday 16th July, 2001.

8. ACWC Service: Pleasant Sunday Afternoon 5th November 2000, 3 p.m. Belmore Salvation Army Korean Corps, 286 Burwood Road, Belmore. Excellent program Salvation Army Band, Korean singers. Members attending to bring a plate for afternoon tea.

President Jan then asked Heather Reid who had been a Volunteer at the Olympic Games to share with us some of her experiences. Heather wore her very attractive uniform - what a wonderful opportunity it had been to meet with and assist people from so many nations and to see some of the dedicated athletes in action. She was also able to attend the rehearsal of the Opening Ceremony which was spectacular.

Helen Richardson was also a volunteer (but unable to attend Meeting) - she had been involved in driving the Malawi competitors during the Games.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Marie Majoor said that the Fellowship Day offering had increased from last year - very encouraging. Printing and postage of World Community Day Services quite costly - will receive reimbursement for calendars in due course as well as the latest outlay for the "Circle of Prayer", No.15. Marie moved that her report be received and accounts passed for payment. Seconded Peg Blake. Carried. (Report appended.)

ACWC: Joan Tong recommended that we purchase one copy only of the Bulletin (as we are not very happy with its presentation). Posters for the Service on 5th November available for distribution. Calendars \$7.50 - money required at next Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP/PASTORAL CARE: Heather Badgery reported that she had written Noeline Roose, Irene Carder (on death of her mother), Edith Ridge, Joan Curtin, Padma Ebenezer (death in her family), and will be writing to Norma Harrop on move to Pt. Stephens and Laura Wilkins.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: New Circle of Prayer available - No.15 \$2.00, \$3 posted. Shirley Wells read from this - "A Voice from Australia" written by Kayleen Manton - Galatians 3:26-29 - "It is through faith that all of you are God's children in union with Christ Jesus", and then prayed.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLAR: The Scholar for 2001 is Miss Celestial Lusi of Honiara in the Solomon Islands - aged 33 - she has been sponsored by the Roroni Women's Fellowship Group of the South Seas Evangelical Church. Celestial will be undertaking her final year of her Diploma in Theology at the Christian Leaders' Training College of Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific. Sue Nitrai, this year's scholar, thanks all ACW members for their prayers and thoughts following her father's death. (Further news regarding scholars contained in ACW News - August-September 2000.)

SOCIAL ISSUES: Heather Reid reported that a Seminar would be held by Platform for Action on 22 November, 9.30 to 2.30 - "Creating Supportive Neighbourhoods for and by older people". Letter had been received from Dr. Evelyn Scott to National Executive - regarding Reconciliation. Jean Thomson of ACW ACT Unit had attended Seminar organised by ALP Canberra Branch on Status of Women Policy - domestic violence crises, financial planning, etc. National Executive concerned with Homeworkers Code of Practice - Fair Wear Campaign - particularly NIKE factories, underpaid workers.

PUBLICITY: Peg Blake asked that members send any written reports in their denominational papers regarding our activities to her.

SPECIAL DAYS: There had been slight mishap with printing of World Community Day Services but this had been overcome. A list of venues where Services are being held is available. FLC allocated grants for 2000 will be inserted in each Service sheet.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS: President Jan congratulated Deaconess Thora Thomas on the publishing of her book "Betwixt and Between" - Thora had copies available at \$20. (Thora's friend Kila Burrowe from Papua New Guinea had kindly driven Thora to the meeting.)

President Jan thanked Elsie Cox for organising the Trading Table and thanked those who had contributed items for sale.

Jan then interviewed Mina Whybourne who had recently visited Darwin and the Nungalinga College at Casuarina. Nungalinga is run by the Anglican, Roman Catholic and Uniting Churches providing training for indigenous Australians in theology, community organising and textile art, etc. Students come from all over Australia. Mina was taken on a tour of inspection by the Principal. The College is on 10 acres, has very comfortable and well equipped class-rooms, a very comprehensive library, excellent accommodation for single students and families (if necessary) and has a large Workshop where batik, tie-dying, screen printing skills are taught - exquisite patterns for dress lengths, scarves, table cloths, etc. The visit was a very positive and interesting experience.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

1. NSW Ecumenical Council Refugees & Displaced Persons Conference on 29th August 2000 attended by President.
2. Anglicare Service of Thanksgiving at St. Mark's, Darling Point & Luncheon at Bishops court - 25th October, 2000
3. St. Stephens Uniting Church, Macquarie Street, - Christmas Luncheon - 6th December, 2000 - Helen Richardson will attend.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

1. Padma Ebenezer - thanks, love and greetings.
2. National Secretary Circulars No. 6 & 7 and August National Executive Minutes
3. Marie McCann - apology for 2000 - looking forward to being back 2001 - has been unwell.
4. Rev. Sandra Dodwell - re Congregational Federation NSW lapsed ACW membership
5. Glenys Holley - NSW Unit Directory on computer for correction.
6. Barbara Lacy - ACWC Representative - photo of banner for Pakistan
7. Glenys Holley
8. Edith Ridge - thank you
9. Joan Curtin
10. ACW Victoria Unit - Newsletter
11. National Secretary and National Minutes for September 2000
12. Robin'Phillis - thank you

CORRESPONDENCE:(Outward)

1. Barry Ridge - assuring of our love and prayers for Edith and family
2. Christine Hurford - WCD Service and information, St. James King Street, Sydney
3. Joyce Fren - congratulations on award as NCW "Woman of the Year"
4. Lisa Jackson - thanks for interesting talk to Council on Pilgrimage to the Heart
5. PWA - acknowledging representatives - President phoned new rep. May Wilce to welcome
6. Doris Haberfield - received resignation with regret - Associate M'ship one year
7. Glenys Holley - resignation received with regret - blessing to her and Brian (2)
8. Alwyn Warren - moved from ACT - inviting her to attend October Council as guest.
9. Carmel Keys - congratulations on appt. as State President of CWL.
10. Rev. Sandra Dodwell - re formation of a Balmain Branch of ACW
11. Barbara Lacy - prayers for Bangladesh Conference.

Correspondence inwards received and outwards endorsed on motion of Peg Blake and Bev Elliott. Carried.

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Packing Day was today. Several of our members involved. Noeline Roose is making good progress after her operation.

CHILDREN'S T.V. - Dorothy Kenning said there was a meeting next Monday, 23rd. A new leaflet will soon be available.

PPSEAWA: Sister Marie Craddock said there was a meeting next week. At the August Annual General Meeting she had been re-elected to Executive. There is to be an International Conference in the Cook Islands from 26th November. Jeanette Smith is their Delegate.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

22nd November 2000 - 9.30 a.m. 2.00 p.m. Homebush Bay (Olympic Park)
Presbyterian Christmas Market

NEXT MEETING: Monday 20th November, 2000. Morning Tea: Catholic.

President Jan thanked the Presbyterian ladies for morning tea and the Anglican ladies for preparing the room. She then prayed for Edith and Barry Ridge, Nola Dickson's grandson, Irene Carder, Padma, and Margaret Napier - and gave thanks for the fellowship we enjoy in Australian Church Women as we serve the risen Lord.

The meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.

Confirmed

Jan Harrison

Date

20th November 2000