



## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.

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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> floor 222 Pitt Street, Monday 20 April 2009, following the Annual General Meeting.

PRESENT: 37 as recorded.

APOLOGIES: 16 as recorded.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Council Meeting on 16 March 2009 were confirmed on the motion of Lyn Middleton, seconded Denise Secomb, with the National Council of Women report corrected to read "Shirley Wells reported on the death of Nancy Bird Walton, a patron of NCW and Lady Margaret Wyndham, sister of Helen Stutchbury".

### BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Service of Dedication will be held at Eastwood Baptist Church at 11.00am Monday 18 May 2009. Parking is in Railway Parade and Second Avenue, and people with disability stickers were invited to make their needs known. A catering list was circulated. Ushers were appointed for the day: Norma Dumbrell, Pat Sutton, Sandra Wise, Julie Bryant and Beatrice Kay. Helen Hill and ladies from Epping Branch will set the food out and serve drinks.
2. Spiritual Enrichment Day program is being worked on. The speaker will be Jennifer Burn from the UTS Anti Slavery Project. Cost for the day will be \$5.00 to cover expenses. Registration will be from 9.30 with the program to begin at 10.00 am.
3. National Conference: Canberra 21-25 September. Registration Forms have been received and Council members who are intending to go were invited to collect a form. Executive will give further consideration to the proposed/possible motions, and will also consider whether it would be better to suggest that the substance of the 'motions' be considered as topics for discussion at conference rather than as motions.

### REPORTS

TREASURER: Helen Richardson reported Bank Balance \$2288.84. Moved Helen Richardson, seconded Pamela Freeman that the report be received and amounts advised be paid/ratified. Carried

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Lyn Middleton reported that she has received some positive replies for the items for the ACWC event 18 October 2009 at Northside Community Church. A request was made for Council members who have contacts in cross cultural congregations or individuals in the area to let Lyn know so that she can follow these up.

Donna Bryan had sent a letter with the responses from Korea, Nepal, India and New Zealand following the fires and floods in Australia. As Korea is ACWC prayer partner Lyn read what had been received from Church Women United Korea.

SPECIAL DAYS: Pamela Freeman reported that packing day for orders of service for Fellowship Day in July would follow the Council Meeting. She noted that there were only 18 parcels.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Judith Cayzer advised that the new pamphlet was available to Council members and would be included in parcels for Fellowship Day.

MEMBERSHIP: Martha Noel introduced Jan Jeffrey, a new representative from the Uniting Church.

PASTORAL CARE: Olive Edmonstone welcomed Isabel Hewitt back. Members with special needs at present include Judith Baker, Irene Carder, Peg Cameron, Noelene Roose, Winsome Penn, Enid Utber and Peg Blake. Noelene Roose is undergoing treatment for breast cancer and asked that Council members be reminded that although screening programs cut out at 70 the need to keep checking does not stop! On the good news front, Lucelle and Bruce King have celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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**SOCIAL ISSUES:** Carmel Keys attended a seminar on housing/homelessness for Immigrant and Refugee Women where role plays were very effective. A woman who was an earlier arrival thought the hostel system may have had advantages over the current situation. UN Rights of Indigenous Peoples is topical at present. Global financial crisis is of great concern. The provision for funds to deal with health issues is an ongoing matter. The question of writing to Cadbury's Australia about "Fair Trading" was raised, and Heather Reid suggested we wait for some further information to come through.

**FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN:** Lillian Hodges had indicated her willingness to become FLC Convener at the AGM and her offer was welcomed heartily. Shirley Wells is happy to 'mentor' Lillian as she takes on this role.

**NEWSETTE:** Beryl McLaughlin advised that the deadline for copy was today.

**PUBLICITY:** Nancy McLaren was thanked for printing the Annual Reports.

The reports were received on the motion of Carmel Keys and Lyn Middleton.

**CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)**

National Executive – Circular letter March 09, Rules of Incorporation, Nat. Conf. Registration Forms,  
ACWC Prayers after bushfires in Victoria, ICFLC Visitor, Minutes 4/09

PWA NSW – re President Elect

WDP NSW – re number of representatives

Anglican Diocese of Sydney – new representative

Pan Macmillan Publishers – *Love in the age of Drought*

Muslim Women's National Network – *Did You Know?* – on women in Islam

St James – hall use July

Natalie McLeod - apology

ACW National News 4-6/2009, Prison Fellowship *Unbound* 4-5/09

**CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)**

Invitations to Dedication Day Service

Natalie McLeod – welcome letter

St James – hall use July

**PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:**

Following up the question of public liability insurance has resulted in being advised that ACW has a duty of care to take out such cover. Advice suggests it would be preferable for ACW National Executive to act on this and State Units contribute. We need to find out the age limit covered for denominational representatives in ACW.

**FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:**

NCW Jean Arnot Luncheon

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Pat Sutton reported that her friend Hannah had returned to Egypt, possibly to a hostile reception.

Norma Dumbrell thanked members for their prayers for her time in Myanmar.

**CLOSING DEVOTION** gave thanks for the presence of God, prayed for Fellowship Day, Dedication Day, for those needing physical healing, and for blessings as we went our various ways.

**NEXT MEETING:** 15 June 2009

**CHAIRS:** Salvation Army

**MORNING TEA:** Presbyterian

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_