

Australian Church Women National Executive

Minutes of meeting held at Yarralumla Uniting Church Centre on Monday 27th May 1996 at 10.00am.

Present:- Evonne Sullivan, President; Betty Farrell, Vice President; Olga Scott, Vice President; Jean Thomson, Hon. Secretary; Dorothy McMaster, Assistant Secretary; Helen Lloyd, Treasurer; Eileen Holley, Fellowship of Least Coin Convenor; Beth Webb, Publication Editor; Betty Laurie, Special Days Convenor; Jenny Jarvis, WKS Convenor; and Ruth Burmester, National Life Member.

Welcome: Evonne welcomed all members of executive to the meeting, especially Betty Laurie, convalescing after her spell in hospital.

Devotions were led by Betty Farrell, including a reading from Luke's Gospel and a homily about Martha and Mary. Prayers were offered for the victims, and their families, of the Port Arthur massacre, and for those affected in any way by the tragedy.

Minutes of the previous meeting - An amendment was made: In Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenors report "Jenny presented to the meeting a proposed budget for Deaconess Dass' visit. It was resolved to recommend a figure of \$1,000.00 as a suitable grant" This should have read as "a figure of up to \$1,000.00 as an adequate grant" The minutes were then adopted on the motion of Olga Scott, seconded Beth Webb.

Business Arising to be dealt with as meeting progressed, as a number of items were ongoing.

Reports:

1. National President - Evonne Sullivan

- a. South Australia Unit Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. This report encompasses the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in which I had the privilege of participating 2 - 6 May 1996, in Adelaide. - attached
- b. Northern Territory Project. The National president expressed her thanks for names of suggested contact in Darwin. Letters seeking support for the possible establishment of a NT Unit have been sent. Evonne hopes for a favourable response, but asked for continuing prayers for the venture.
- c. Queensland Unit Invitation. National President will lunch with Queensland Unit members in Brisbane on Friday 12th July prior to attending the second National Forum of National Council of Churches of Australia at University of Queensland. Unit President Terry Reeves has kindly arranged for Evonne's transport to Grace College after the luncheon and from there to the airport on Tuesday afternoon 16th July for her return to Canberra.

2. Fellowship of the Least Coin - Eileen Holley

- a. Re 1996 FLC Grant Applications. There has been correspondence with Juanita Miller, FLC Convenor in Tasmania Unit. No additional information is deemed necessary, therefore the two applications will be forwarded to the International Committee of FLC for consideration. The Tasmania Unit applications are the only ones received so far.
- b. ICFLC meeting in New Zealand. Arrangements are in and for Eileen to attend the ICFLC Meeting as the ACW Observer in Christchurch from 29 September to 5 October. An amount of \$250.00 has been donated by Units towards expenses. Eileen reported having made the necessary airline bookings, and accommodation reservations.
- c. FLC Celebrations (NSW Unit) The NSW Unit has extended an invitation to D. Dilschneider, M. Deitrich and Shirin Samuel to attend the 40th Anniversary of FLC in Sydney in October. NSW Unit will accommodate the visitors and be responsible for expenses involved.

3. Publications Editor - Beth Webb

The Newsletter is with the Printer, and will be distributed next week. Beth was appreciative of copy received from various sources in ACW.

4. Special Days Convenor - Betty Laurie

- a. The Order of Service for World Community Day 1996 received from the SA Unit has been slightly amended, edited, etc. A new cover design incorporating both FLC and World Community day elements has been accepted. SA Unit is to be congratulated on the presentation, which is now ready for the printer

5. Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor - Jenny Jarvis

- a. The 1996 WKS Leaflets have been distributed. The blue for the leaflets has been well received.
- b. The visit of Deaconess Burkat Dass. A Fellowship of up to \$1,000.00 was approved by the WKS Trustees. Sincere thanks to the Trustees for their co-operation in the matter.

Jenny reported that arrangements had been finalised for Burkat to visit the NSW and ACT Unit. The proposed visit to SA Unit has been canceled, but a letter from the WKS Convenor of WA Unit had appealed for Deaconess Dass to visit Perth. After discussion, it was agreed that Jenny would communicate with Deaconess Harris (Burkat's hostess) to ascertain whether it would be possible for Deaconess Dass to make this visit. National Executive is in favour of the visit to WA Unit, but accepted that the final decision must be with Deaconess Dass who may have commitments of which we are unaware.

Jenny commented that the visit of Deaconess Dass, although most welcome, had necessitated many phone calls and much letter writing to smooth out arrangements. She suggested that in future, the news of any proposed visit of a former scholar to Australia should be conveyed without delay to National Executive so that appropriate negotiations may be initiated.

Evonne expressed appreciation of the efforts of our WKS National Convenor in liaising with the various State/Territory Units regarding the visit of Deaconess Dass.

6. Other

Jean Thomson represented National Executive at the recent Conference of NSW Unit. These Conferences have been held in the year between National Conferences, so the next one is planned for 1998. The theme of the Conference was **God is Life - Love - Unity**. A short report is attached.

7. Treasurer - Helen Lloyd

Helen moved the acceptance of her report as attached, seconded by Beth Webb. PASSED.

Accounts for payment:

Petty cash for Publications Editor	\$53.70
St Andrew's PWA Day Branch (Small crosses)	\$50.00
Postage of National Minutes of 22. 4. 96	\$18.15
Photocopying of same minutes	\$15.00
J. Thomson, return Bus fare to Sydney, & expenses	\$63.00

Accounts already paid for ratification

Petty cash for FLC Convenor	\$54.40
Return Airfare to NZ for FLC Nat. Convenor	\$654.40
E. Sullivan - Airfare to Brisbane for NCCA Forum	\$360.00

Moved Helen Lloyd, seconded Betty Farrell that accounts as presented be paid. PASSED

Correspondence as per list attached was dealt with.

Business Arising

- a. Noted that letter received from Senator Jocelyn Newman (Minister assisting the Prime Minister for the Status of Women) conveyed the Prime Minister's acknowledgement of good wishes offered by National Executive following the election.
- b. Disappointment was expressed that both domestic Airlines had declined the formal request for assistance with concessional travel for National Executive.
- c. SA Unit - Sincere thanks for further \$50.00 donation to expenses of FLC National Convenor's travel to New Zealand, and for \$100.00 contribution towards national President's travel to Adelaide.
- d. re CAPOW! request to lobby Government in regard to Peak Body Feasibility meeting. After discussion the National Executive resolved unanimously to not comply with CAPOW!'s request.
- e. Thanks to Queensland Unit for entries to Bursary book, for Mary Earner, Eileen Dingle and Jean Todd; and to NSW Unit for entries for Win Dougherty and Vera Thorpe.

Official Address for National Executive mail : National Secretary commented that delivery of some mail had been delayed through being incorrectly addressed. The purpose in renting **PO Box 95 Yarralumla ACT** was to ensure prompt delivery of mail, the box being cleared daily, by either National Secretary or National President. Mail is always forwarded on to Convenors.

Moved Betty Farrell, seconded Olga Scott that Inwards correspondence be accepted & Outwards endorsed.
PASSED

General Business:

- a. National Conference September 1997 - Please Note that registration fees and accommodation costs for the Conference have not yet been set. However, the cost of overnight accommodation at John XXIII College for extra nights if required by Conference delegates was quoted by the College at \$33.00 per person per night.
- b. Incorporation: Ruth Burmester reported that she found that in researching the requirements for incorporation of a National Organisation such as ACW it was becoming increasingly complex. Ruth commented that information gained to date indicated that application for incorporation at national level would be complicated and costly. She will continue to research the situation and report accordingly.
- c. Update of ACW National Constitution and Guidelines: Jenny Jarvis and Helen Lloyd reported that they had completed the update in light of amendments adopted at the 1995 National Conference. Amended copies will be circulated to all State/Territory Units. National President extended thanks of the Executive for effecting the update.
- d. Jean Thomson represented ACW National Executive at the Ecumenical Service in Solidarity with Port Arthur victims, families and all those involved at St Christopher's Catholic Cathedral Canberra on Monday 29th April. Jean reported a capacity congregation for a most moving service.
- e. Minute of Appreciation: It was unanimously resolved that a minute of appreciation be recorded to acknowledge the contribution made to ACW by Lucelle King during her term as President of NSW Unit. Carried with acclamation.
- f. National President tabled a petition initiated by National Council of Women of Australia concerning the need for tighter National Gun Laws. The petition is directed to -

The Hon. The Speaker and Members of the Senate assembled in Parliament, requesting them to support moves by the Prime Minister to tighten gun laws through the following measures:-

- * the banning of fully automatic and semi-automatic weapons;
- * the introduction of a nation - wide shooters licence system; and
- * the introduction of a nation -wide gun registration system.

Following discussion it was agreed that a copy of the petition be circulated to State/Territory units with National Minutes. Evonne emphasised that the decision to sign the petition was the prerogative of each individual.

g. Launch of Petition on National Gun Laws. Betty Farrell informed the meeting that members of the ACT Unit would attend the launch at parliament House on Wednesday 29th May. Initiated by various women's organisations, the petition was addressed to the senate, urging support of National Gun Laws and associated compensation measures as agreed between the Prime Minister, State Premiers and the Chief Ministers of the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. The petition would be launched by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition. Betty and Jenny Jarvis will carry the ACT Unit Banner to Parliament House.

The next meeting will be on Monday 17th June, at the same venue, at 10.00am.

Devotions will be led by Helen Lloyd, hostess will be Eileen Holley.

Evonne R. Sullivan

National President

Date: 17/6/96.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

Treasurers Report 22 April 1996 to 27 May 1996

CHEQUE ACCOUNT

Balance at 22. 4. 96 \$4438.00

RECEIPTS

ACW - Bundaberg Unit - ACW Bursary re Lt. Col. Mrs Jean Todd	25.00		
ACW - Q'land Unit - ACW Bursary re late Mary Earner + Eileen Dingle	50.00		
ACW - NSW Unit - Donation NZ travel for FLC Nat. Convenor	100.00		
ACW - ACT Unit - FLC Spoons	44.00		
Circles of Prayer Vol. 13	5.20		
Circles of Prayer "40th"	25.00	74.20	249.20
			4689.20

PAYMENTS

Tuggeranong Print - 7000 WKS Brochures	384.00		
Postage WKS Brochures	49.80	433.80	
E. Sullivan - Air fares NCCA Forum Brisbane	360.00		
A R McLean Printing - 2 reams letterhead	69.21		
Gifts	19.90		
Petty cash - FLC Convenor	54.40		
Air fare New Zealand - FLC Convenor	654.40		
WKS Trust - Bursary Fund money transferred	75.00	1666.71	
Balance at 27.5.96		\$3020.49	

CASH SUMMARY 27.5.96

Cheque Account	\$3020.49
Term Deposits ⁽¹⁾ (\$5171.64 due 2/11/96; \$5000 due 19/12/96)	10171.64
	<u>\$13192.13</u>

SUMMARY OF DESIGNATED FUNDS 27.5.96

Administration	(2)	8344.96
National Conference Travel	(2)	2990.47
Overseas Conference Travel	(2)	1856.70
		<u>\$13192.13</u>

Note: (2) includes share of interest on Term Deposit
matured 7/5/96 + re-invested plus interest (refer (1) above)

x Lloyd
27/5/96.

Correspondence for ACW National Executive Meeting on 27. 5. 96

Inwards

23. 4. 96 1. Addressed to J.T. Home - Minutes from SA Unit 12.4.96 - filed
24. 4. 96 2. AR McLean Printing - Invoice for Letterhead.
3. ANSETT re no help with Concessional fares at present - discussed
29. 4. 96 4. NSW Unit enc donation towards E.Holley expenses; re Souvenir items. etc.
5. To E. Holley from Tas Unit FWD
3. 5. 96 6. Minutes of WA Unit 12.4.96 - filed
7. NCWA to E. Sullivan enc flier re Seminar 28.6.96 in Sydney.- tabled
7. 5. 96 8. Qld Unit re visit of National President in July.
9. Jane Belfrage Harpbeat Music for Information - Tabled
10. ACW NSW Sec - programme for Conference.
11. Qld Unit - Minutes of meeting 22. 4. 96 - filed
9. 5. 96 12. Senator J. Newman to President acknowledge Congrats to Prime Minister, and
re OSW, Round Table etc. (for discussion)
13. D Ferrier re Trustees mtg on 21. 5. 96 (for discussion)
12. 5. 96 14. M. Scurlock WKS Convenor WA re Deaconess Dass. (For discussion)
(incorrect address, lucky I received it!)
13. 5. 96 15. WA Unit report to Beth Webb FWD
16. NSW Unit re Incorporation
17. E. Findlay NZ to Eileen Holley re FLC Conference FWD
18. 'Action News' April 96
16. 5. 96 19. To Major Eileen Holley - FWD
20. To Mrs Jenny Jarvis -FWD
21. To National Pres - Info & Registration form for National Forum NCCA *
22. From Eunice Reidy enc CAPOW! Material (for discussion)*
23. Catholic Women's League of Australia Newsletter - tabled
17. 5. 96 24. To Beth Webb ACW News copy - FWD
25. From SA Unit enc donation towards travel costs of National President *
& Donation of \$50.00 from Uniting Church Synod Committee for Fellowship
twds NZ travel costs of E. Holley
- 18.5.96 26. From NSW Unit re - expense of IFLC visitors, 2 Nominations for Bursary *
book, papers from WEL Conference, Mins of Feb and March meetings Filed.
20. 5. 96 27. Tas Unit Minutes 22. 4. (*Addressed to J. Thomson's address! not a good idea*)
NB re conference costs.. (for discussion)
21. 5. 96 28. To Major Eileen Holley from Tasmania FWD
29. copies of Newsette from NSW Editor for Information.
24. 5. 96 30. Joan Stott, World Fed. of Methodist Women World Editor re 'Beijing Papers'.
31. Vic Unit report on 'Violence & Family Law' November 95.
32. *Addressed to J.T. Home* - Minutes from SA Unit 3. 5.96 (filed)

Outwards

- 3.5. 96 Minutes to all on list
 Circular No 3 to all on list
 Tas Unit signifying prayers etc after massacre at Pt. Arthur
 D. Ferrier - WKS trustees
7. 5. 96 V. Van de Wiel Qld Unit re visit of Pres., Receipts etc.
 CWLA re National Meeting in Hobart
 J. Stott enc 'Report from Beijing' collated by NCWA
13. 5. 96 Mrs G. Roderick, President NCWA, re Mid Term Conference
- 16.5. 96 Get Well Card and flowers to B. Laurie
21. 5. 96 Mrs C. Cusick President NCW/NSW re Centenary Celebrations
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