

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1993, AT THE VICTORIAN
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OFFICE, AT 10 A.M.

PRESENT : Mrs. Eunice Reidy (Pres.), Mrs. Marion Dodds (Sec.), Miss D. Clack (Vice-Pres.), Mrs. Helen Banks (Treas.) Mrs. Margaret Wall (F.L.C.) Mrs. Joan Cooper (W.K.S.), Mrs. Barbara Lacy (Min. Sec.).

APOLOGIES : Mrs. Joan Stott (Vice-Pres.), Mrs. Heather Boatman (Spec.Days), Mrs. Major Elaine Johnston (Newsletter).

OPENING : The President welcomed members to the first meeting of the '93/95 National Executive. Devotion was led by E. Reidy, and reflection centred on a poem by Helen L. Marshall. We place ourselves in His hands, and ask for His wisdom and direction in all we do in His name.

MINUTES of Incoming National Executive meeting 27/8/93 were passed on the motion of B. Lacy, 2nded J. Cooper.

Business arising -

- i. 1995 Conference Venues : Members considered a list of possible venues. A sub-committee of E. Reidy, M. Dodds and B. Lacy was formed to investigate two of the suggestions, and power given to make a tentative booking of a venue suitable for our requirements.
- ii. WCD '94 Project : N.S.W. Unit suggestion is the Shalom Christian College, Townsville, and S/Days Convenor is writing to Units asking for further recommendations.
- iii. Tas. National Conference - motions etc. to General Business.

CORRESPONDENCE : received on the motion of H. Banks, sec. M. Wall.

In - i-iii. A.C.T. Unit - Congratulations & support/October Newsletter/Order of Service for '94 Fellowship Day.

- iv. N.S.W. Unit - Congratulations and advice that Rev. Violet Sampa-Bredt, former W.K.S. is visiting Australia to promote the Christmas Bowl on behalf of the Ecumenical Council of N.S.W. The W.K.S. Trustees in conjunction with National Executive has awarded Violet a W.K. Fellowship (\$1,000. available). Violet will visit her training college in Brisbane from 25-29/11/93. A Morning Tea with A.C.T. Unit has been arranged on 30/11/93. It was agreed that where possible the visits of former Scholars should enable them to renew friendships and contact with A.C.W.

- v. N.S.W. Unit - minutes 16/8/93 and Directory.
- vi. Vic. Unit - minutes 27/8/93.
- vii. Q'ld. Unit - minutes 27/8/93 and Directory.
- viii. Tas. Unit - Office Bearers 1993.
- ix. Rathie Selvaratnam - Aboriginal Observer/ACWC, to be considered with)
- x. Kalpana Airan - greetings. other nominations.)
- xi. Fay McCormack - Thank-you for condolences (sent to Tas. Unit)
- xii. J. W. Johnston - Steer Inc.
- xiii. Christian Conference of Asia News - to B. Lacy, J. Cooper.
- xiv. OSWOMEN No. 18.
- xv. Senator Cheryl Kernot - Release opposing ^{women's} pension change from 60 to 65
- xvi. National Women's Consultative Council re Mrs. G. Mongella's visit, and copy '95 Preview from International Women's Tribune Centre.
- xvii. Women's Network Newsletter for Women with Disabilities, No. 4, '93.
- xviii. Office of Film & Literature Classification - Secretary to reply agreeing with proposed regulation of computer games & images being subject to classification.

CORRESPONDENCE (Cont'd)

- ixx. ANESBWA - Membership Ren. (Assoc. of Non-English Speaking Background Women of Australia) - no action.
 - xx. National Strategy on Violence Against Women - tabled.
 - xxi. CAPOW (Coalition of Australian Participating Organisations for Women) - further information of Beijing Conference.
- Out - (from Incoming National Executive)
- i. Vic. Unit - Thanks for financial support.
 - ii. Tasmanian National Executive - Thanks for financial support to Conf.
 - i. A.C.T. Unit
 - ii. N S W Unit
 - iii. S.A. Unit - re WKS Trustee nomination of Mrs. Jesse Horton.
 - iv. Mrs. E. Ridge (ACW Archivist) - seeking update of National Life-Members.
 - v. Miss Jeanne Sutherland - invite as observer to ACWC Assembly.
 - vi. - Change of address : E. Kim ACWC. Y. Sugimori ACWC. CAPOW. ANESBWA. OSWOMEN. Senator C. Kernot. Nat. W.C.C. Women's Network Newsletter. Nat. Comm. on violence against Women. Chief Censor. Christian Conference of Asia.

REPORTS :

Treasurer : Mrs. H. Banks is awaiting books. It was agreed that the Treasurer may use FAX facilities. It was moved D. Clack, sec. B. Lacy, that Convenors be advanced \$50. for expenses, carried.

Winifred Kiek Scholar : New Trustees and choice of 1994 Scholar yet to be decided. Convenor to prepare a new leaflet for distribution early in 1994.

12.10 p.m. - The meeting adjourned until 12.40 p.m. for lunch.

Special Days : Consideration was given to the 1994 Fellowship Day Order of Service submitted by the A.C.T. Unit, A.C.W. Nat.. Conference Motion 21 regarding copyright instruction was added.

Fellowship of The Least Coin : M. Wall has advised Mrs. Shirin Samuel of her appointment as National Convenor. An Australian version of the F.L.C. leaflet is being considered by the National F.L.C. Committee.

A.C.W. "NEWS" : is in production, and will be distributed in time for November meetings.

GENERAL BUSINESS :

- A. Tasmanian National Conference - comments compiled by members were handed to the Secretary to be used in future Conference planning.
- B. Minutes, National Conference : action -
Motion 6 - to W.K.S. Trustees for action. Motion 5 - needs to be written into guidelines. Motions 10, 11, 12 - W.K.S. Motion 13 - The Secretary has written to the S.A. Unit. Motion 20 - W.K.S. Trustees in conjunction with National Executive. Motion 8 - in hand. Motion 4 - Special Days National convenor to advise State Convenors of this motion. Page 20 - The South Australian Unit will present Life Membership to Mrs. Dorothy Wright at their Annual General Meeting in November. Motion 16 - The National Secretary will write to the I.C.F.L.C. in accordance with this motion from conference. Motions 18 & 19 - in hand. Motion 21 - in hand. Motion 22 - in hand.
- C. Constitution & Guidelines : Mrs. Joan Stott to add Conference motions and changes to Constitution and Guidelines.
- D. Aboriginal consultation : The National Secretary will write to the W.K.S. Trustees regarding Motion 8 awaiting some direction for our future consultation.

GENERAL BUSINESS (Cont'd).

- E. ACWC Assembly : We are awaiting a reply from J. Sutherland, and it has been suggested the other vacancy be granted to an aboriginal woman. We will circularise State Units asking for nomination of observers, and ask if they have an active aboriginal A.C.W. member. The Secretary will write to M. Napier for clarification of number of carry-bags required, and confirmation of our entitlement to Assembly.
- F. Nomination ACW Rep. to A.C.C. : deferred to November meeting.
- G. MEETING DATES : November 12, '93, hostess D. Clack) at V.C.C.
December 10, 1993.) Office, 10 am

PLEASE NOTE : date of first meeting in 1994 :

Friday, January 28, 1994, at the home of Joan Cooper,
20 Roberts Road, Belmont, 3216.

CLOSE : at 2.40 p.m. Prayer for Office Bearers and our commitment to His service was led by Miss D. Clack (Vice-President).

MINUTES - Please note : Interested members may obtain copies of minutes from Minute Secretary, Mrs. Barbara Lacy, 5 Brownfield Street, Mordialloc, Vic., 3195. Cost to cover postage and photocopying is \$10. per annum.

PRESIDENT ASSISTANT SECRETARY Date