



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 10th floor 222 Pitt Street, Monday 15 March 2010, 10.30 a.m.

WELCOME: The President welcomed all, especially those who had been absent for some time, for whatever reason.

DEVOTIONS: Using a devotional from *FLC Circle of Prayer*, Jennifer Peffer spoke of a Future Fashioned by Prayer and Hope, based on Jeremiah 29: 11-13. Hope is our faith and confidence in God, and through prayer our hopes and aspirations help determine our future.

PRESENT: 39 as recorded.

APOLOGIES: 12 as recorded.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 February 2010 were confirmed on the motion of Carmel Keys and Helen Hill.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. AGM 19 April 2010 - Nominations forms for most Conveners have been received but to date there is no nomination for Secretary or Publicity Convener. Council members were asked to keep the need for filling these positions in mind. A reminder was given of the need for Annual Reports.
2. Service of Dedication is to be held at 10.30 am 17 May 2010 at Epping Presbyterian Church with lunch to follow. Leaflets and invitations were available.

REPORTS

TREASURER: Helen Richardson reported \$1507.46 Bank Balance at the end of February, with an outstanding cheque. Books have been audited for 2009.

On the motion of Helen Richardson and Norma Dumbrell, the financial report was received and payment of accounts passed. Carried

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Lillian Hodges reported that she had unpacked the material she had received on FLC and had found guidelines for seeking a grant. The process is quite lengthy requiring a budget proposal, and local financial assistance, so that a great deal of preparation is needed. She had found a song by Lyn Green on FLC, and books: *In Quest of the Least Coin*; *Many Prayer, One Prayer*; and *A Legend and a Legacy*, all of which she recommended. Lillian led a devotional from Circle of Prayer on the need to be more thankful.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Lyn Middleton had received information from Donna Bryan on the preparations for the conference in Indonesia 15-20 October. Three places were still available for people from Australia who might wish to attend.

The Multi-Cultural Concert of Praise is set for Sunday 31 October 2010 at The Salvation Army, Campsie. Council members were asked to advise Lyn of potential participants.

SPECIAL DAYS: Pamela Freeman was an apology. Packing day for orders of service for Fellowship Day will be April if material is ready by then, and failing that, will be in June. The theme for the service is *Let there be Light* and the readings are: Genesis 1: 3; Isaiah 9: 2; John 1: 9; 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6, with alternative suggestions of Mark 8: 22-25; Acts 9: 1-17.

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WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Judith Cayzer reminded Council members that the new WKS leaflets were available. Ruth and Tonu, the scholars for 2010 are still in their home countries doing the distance education part of their course. Inese is still studying and hopes to finish 2011. Imelda Aquino is hoping to go to Yemen. Leinamau is deputy Christian Education Director in the Presbyterian Church in Vanuatu, and is also involved in Scripture Union. There are now only three female pastors in Vanuatu. Applications for next year are being accepted, and will be for an Asian student.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Carmel Keys pointed out that we are striving for a just society. Council members were encouraged to write to express their views on matters that were of concern to them. Carmel mentioned the Mardi Gras and Scientology that had been in the news recently, but there are many other areas of concern.

PASTORAL CARE: Olive Edmondstone was an apology, but it was reported that her granddaughter had shaved her hair to raise funds for cancer research. Winsome Penn had been in hospital. Continuing prayers were asked for Sr Marie Craddock who had hip surgery 4 March 2010. Thora Thomas has gone overseas again.

NEWSETTE: Beryl McLaughlin advised that the deadline for copy for the next issue is 19 April 2010.

PUBLICITY: Leaflets and invitations for the Dedication Service were available.

The reports were received on the motion of Lily Hanlon and Norma Dumbrell.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

- a) National Minutes
- b) MU invitation to President to attend Annual Festival Service and lunch
- c) Victorian Unit Newsletter
- d) Anglican Board of Mission – Aust. Exec. endorsing Mrs Tricia Graham as an Anglican Representative
- e) Rev. J. Deane, Executive Director A.B.M. endorsing Mrs T. Graham as an Anglican Representative
- f) Australian Baptist Women advising Shirley Wells resigning as Baptist Representative, notifying appointment of Mrs R. Goth as her replacement. Also Mrs W. Penn has resigned as representative.
- g) Invitation from National Council of Jewish Women of Australia NSW Division to attend Women's Interfaith Seder
- h) UCA Sydney Day Mission Group, invitation to attend Annual Mission Get Together
- i) UCAF NSW/ACT Synod Committee nominating Mrs Isabel Hewitt for ACW President for the Uniting Church's term for Australian Church Women

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

Supplying National with information regarding Theological College Website
Letter to National regarding Insurance

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Welcome to new representatives

Congratulating Isabel on her nomination as President Elect

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

Brenda Dickinson, Janice Willis and friend will attend UCA Sydney Day Mission Group function

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS: Attended PPSEAWA lunch at Glengarry, will attend Mother's Union Festival Service and Lunch

OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

PAN PACIFIC & SOUTH EAST ASIAN WOMENS ASSOCIATION: Edith Ridge reported that she had not been able to attend meetings of late but hoped to attend next one. She had enjoyed the PPSEAWA lunch at Glengarry along with Nola, Helen Richardson and Helen Hill. Edith

expressed sadness that Sr. Joan Bird is unable to continue as representative and hoped someone else would fill the position. She added her recollections of Catherine May Goudie to those of Isabel.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Shirley Mitchell had no report but thanked everyone who had enquired about her grandson, Noah, he has had surgery and is doing well.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN: Nola told the meeting about a booklet the council is preparing of Support Services Helpline and offered to print out copies if the committee agreed, however Tricia Graham had an update on this and told the meeting this was still in draft form and that more was to be added.

GIRL'S BRIGADE: There had been a camp at Jambaroo with 300 boys and girls attending.

CHURCHES TOGETHER: No report

Reports moved on a motion by Nola Dickson and Lyn Middleton

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Sr. Joan Bird retiring as PPSEAWA representative, Nola thanked her for her time in that position.

Motion put forward that we accept the responsibility of forming an executive for 2114 – 2116 Conference, moved by Lyn Middleton and Jennifer Pepper.

Thanks to the Salvation Army ladies for morning tea, and to the Church of Christ ladies for setting up the room.

CLOSING PRAYER was given by Nola, as St. Patrick's Day had been celebrated recently she thought an Irish prayer was fitting, so she read a very beautiful one to us.

NEXT MEETING: 17 April 2011 – AGM, followed by Council Meeting.

CHAIRS: Church of Christ

MORNING TEA: Presbyterian

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____