

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT THE VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OFFICE
ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1994, AT 10 A.M.

PRESENT : Mrs. E. Reidy (President), Mrs. J. Stott (Vice-President), Mrs. H. Banks (Treasurer), Mrs. J. Cooper (W.K.S.), Mrs. Major E. Johnson (Newsletter), Mrs. H. Boatman (Special Days), Mrs. B. Lacy (Minute Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Mrs. M. Dodds, Mrs. M. Wall, Miss D. Clack.

OPENING : Mrs. Reidy welcomed members to the meeting, and asked us to remember Miss D. Clack in our prayers as Dorothy will be undergoing some tests next week.
Devotion was led by Mrs. J. Stott with a reading from 2 Cor. 5: v17-20, and shared a touching incident at a recent conference of 200 women in Malaysia. A Japanese woman requested personal forgiveness for the atrocities of the war & women present shared their losses. Joan then read a prayer from "Bread of Tomorrow" - breaking down barriers. We ask God to speak to us, enabling us to speak in His name.

MINUTES

B. Lacy thanked M. Wall for attending to the minutes of 12/8/94 and moved their acceptance, 2nded E. Johnson, carried.

Business arising -

1. ACWC Carry-Bags - All completed. Half taken to M. Napier by M. Dodds, remainder to be taken by Joan Tong. Acknowledgement to R. Husbands.
2. ACWC Banner - Deadline was enquired by J. Cooper - 27/10/94
3. National Conference Registration Forms - Samples tabled, J. Stott/H. Banks to prepare a sample for November meeting, artwork to be investigated by E. Reidy.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT :

I was pleased to meet Jenny Phuah (ACWC) of Singapore, when in Melbourne. I represented A.C.W. at an Ecumenical Breakfast at Belgrave on 13/8/94, sponsored by The Hills & Dandenong Ranges Inter-Church Councils. Speakers were excellent - Gwen Benjamin reporting on Global Conference in Feminist Theology in Minneapolis 1993, and Merryl Blair, a delegate to the 5th World Conference on Faith & Order in Santiago De Compostela.

Correspondence - inwards

1. Minutes of 1st National forum of N.C.C.A. which include copy of Archbishop Rayner's address, and "God's Promise" - a vision of Justice and Reconciliation in Australia as presented by Aboriginal & Islander people.
2. Y.W.C.A. - re National register of Women Trainers & Consultants funded by Office of Status of Women. E. Reidy to phone asking for time extension to enable us to circularise State Units.
3. A.C.T. Unit - endorsing recommendation re CAPOW involvement. Advice that National Council of Women have declined invitation to become participating organisation, due to duplication in many aspects, but are happy to co-operate where appropriate.
4. Joan Tong, N.S.W. Unit - Report of Ecumenical Luncheon, 29/8/94.
5. Action in Crisis, Narsapur-India - evangelistic outreach seeking prayer and encouragement.
6. CAPOW - FAX sheets.

Correspondence - outwards

1. Rev. David Gill, General Secretary, N.C.C.A., re role of A.C.W. in new structure of N.C.C.A. Commission women's affairs etc., and general comments on National Forum meetings.

REPORTS :

Finance : Report attached. H. Banks moved the Statement be accepted and accounts passed for payment, 2nded J. Stott, carried. Amendment - Action Printing - (~~A.C.W. News~~, not) FLC leaflet.
Disaster Relief Fund - It was moved B. Lacy, 2nded H. Boatman, that Australian Church Women donate \$1,000. towards Australia's Farm Hand Drought Appeal (given the Government is matching dollar for dollar) carried.

Special Days - Awaiting 1995 Fellowship Day order of service.

Fellowship of The Least Coin - A package received from Shirin Samuel included - Copy of new Circle of Prayer compiled by women of Africa.

"Search for Reconciliation", 12 page booklet on history of FLC. Convenor to photocopy for State convenors. A copy to be retained for National Executive.

F.L.C. Song by L. Green. Shirin has requested a copy and that Australian delegates sing this at F.L.C. Service during ACWC Assembly.

Winifred Kiek Scholar : The Convenor advised of a meeting with Trustees to confer on selection of 1995 Scholar on 10/10/94, six applicants have been shortlisted.

A.C.W. News : Copy is required for the next edition.

A.C.W.C. Assembly 2-8/11/94 : B. Lacy reported correspondence from M. Napier, Australian Representative, included overseas delegates info.; requests for selection of outing; flight information and refund for travel expenses. A copy of Order of service for the ACWC Day was passed on to the National President for use of National Executive.

Some details concerning the Assembly from the (unconfirmed) minutes of ACWC executive meeting 22-24/2/94 were discussed and the following motions were carried -

- i. That ACW pay \$140. towards costs of departure tax, visa and modest insurance expenses to the three elected delegates - L. Green, B. Lacy and L. King.
- ii. Inquiries be made with Joan Tong regarding her costs in these areas as general committee member of A.C.W.C.

Moved, J. Stott, sec. Joan Cooper, carried.

Mrs Major L Green to be invited to attend next meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS :

1. National Conference - August 21-25, 1995 :

- a) Publicity - Corpus Christi leaflets sent with National Executive Circular No. 3 to Units, WKS Trust and ACWC Rep. encouraging promotion and attendance.
- b) Equipment - Enquiries are being made regarding use of equipment to record National Conference, staffing, other assistance.

12.20 p.m. - The meeting adjourned for lunch until 12.50 p.m.

- c) Program - Information regarding availability of meeting rooms, mealtimes etc. was discussed. H. Boatman is to investigate suggested outings.
- d) Sub-Themes (for Unit Leadership of Worship)
JESUS, WOMEN AND THE WORLD
 - Personal relationships
 - Community relationships
 - Professional/Work relationships
 - Spiritual relationships

CORRESPONDENCE : E. Reidy moved, sec. H. Banks, that correspondence be received, and dealt with as read.

Inward -

1. ACW - A C T unit Minutes 12/8/94, Girls' Brigade & YWCA re membership.
2. ACW - Queensland Unit Minutes Annual Mtg 25/7/94, Annual Report, Directory and Minutes of Monthly Mtg held after AGM.
3. ACW - Queensland Unit Minutes 22/8/94
4. ACW - N S W Unit re delegates to ACWC Assembly.
5. ACW - N S W Unit re suggested change of name to Church Women United; rationale - a) It would relieve us from having the same acronym as another body;
b) It would bring us into line with the U.S.A., N.Z., and Canada.

All States/Territories are asked to give consideration of this alteration including all implications and constitutional changes, including State Unit changes, badges, logos etc. To be considered at National Conference.

6. ACW - N S W Unit re ACW & NCCA, see President's report re our status on National Council of Churches in Australia.
7. ACW - Vic. Unit Minutes Annual Meeting 24.6.94
8. ACW - Vic Unit Minutes Council Mtg 24.6.94, invitations sent to Lutheran; Presbyterian and Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship women's groups to attend AGM.
9. ACW - W A Unit Minutes 15/8/94, following up Girls' Brigade as affiliated member.
10. Winifred Kiek Trust - advising resignation of Sr. Margaret Knagge from Trust, replacement being sought. Nighat - computer has been purchased for her use. The National WKS Convenor, President and Secretary to meet with Trustees in Adelaide on 10-11/10/94 to review applicants and formulate guidelines for future liaison between the Trustees and National Executive of the day. H. Banks to be emergency executive member.
11. Barbara Lacy re ACWC Assembly.
12. ICFLC Newsletter 11.8.94
13. ICFLC Biblical Reflection - to M. Wall, National FLC Convenor.
14. CAPOW Fax re New Visions Forum - no action.
15. Economic Planning Advisory Council Paper No. 41 "Women & Superannuation"
16. Centenary of Federation Advisory Committee 2001: A Report from Australia, Australian Church Women listed as contributing a submission.
17. Senator Cheryl Kernot re increase in women's pension age, urging us to join the move to reverse this proposal.
18. Australian Women's Health Network Inc. re future conference.
19. Pearlfisher Publications - re Women's Resource Directory, no action.

Outwards -

1. ACW - N S W Unit re A C W C matters
2. W K S Trust re possible mtg with National Executive
3. ACW - N S W Unit re A C W C delegation
4. Rev. David Gill, NCCA re use of Mantle for National Conference.
5. W K S Trust & A C W C Rep.

CLOSE : Mrs. Reidy closed the meeting with intercessory prayer for ACW; and personal concerns of National Executive.

NEXT MEETING : FRIDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1994, AT V C C OFFICE

Time - 9.45am for 10 am start

Devotions : M. Wall

Hostess : H. Banks

Apologies : E. Johnson

President Minute Secretary Date

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1994.

BALANCE 3020.37

RECEIPTS

S.A. UNIT -SPOONS/COFP	50.45	
W.A. UNIT -SPOONS/COFP	96.00	
TERM DEPOSIT REDEEMED	1500.00	
		<u>1646.45</u>
		4666.82

EXPENSES

LUCILLE KING - ACWC REG.	338.52	
BARBARA LACY " "	338.52	
LYNETTE GREEN " "	338.52	
JOAN TONG " "	135.41	
SHIRLEY BROOKS " "	270.82	
MARGARET WALL FLC P/CASH	50.00	
BARBARA LACY - ACWC BAGS	10.50	
ACTION PRINTING -ACW NEWS	460.00	
MARION DODDS -EUNICE KIM GIFT	30.00	
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		2694.53

TERM DEPOSITS

BALANCE AS AT 9TH SEPTEMBER	\$ 24244.53
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BALANCES OF DESIGNATED FUNDS

ADMINISTRATION	8032.48
NAT. CONFERENCE TRAVEL	2773.00
O/SEAS CONFERENCE TRAVEL	1398.67
DISASTER RELIEF FUND	2900.00
ACWC CONFERENCE	5000.00
OPERATION UNDERSTANDING	298.00
FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN	<u>3842.38</u>
	\$ 24244.53

CORRESPONDENCE IN

1/8 WK MEM. BURSARY - RECEIPT
 SA UNIT FLC SPOONS/COFP - CHEQUE
 6/8 SHIRLEY BROOKS - THANKS FOR CHEQUE
 3/9 WA UNIT FLC SPOONS/COFP - CHEQUE
 7/9 MARION DODDS -INFO. & A/C'S

OUT

20/8 ACWC REG. CHEQUES (5)
 ACTION PRINTING - CHEQUE
 M.WALL FLC P/CASH
 8/9 SA UNIT - RECEIPT
 WA UNIT - RECEIPT.

John Banks.