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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday 18 June 2001 at 10.30 am.

President Jan Harrison welcomed Norma Mitchell and Robyn Collins. Thanks were expressed to Churches of Christ ladies including Glad Camlin who was helping with morning tea.

The King James version of Matthew 25 ". . . inasmuch as you did it to the least . . ." was the starting point for the devotional, followed by Colossians 3:12 "you are people of God" - love with thanks the blueprint for what we do. This was followed by Mary Sumner's personal prayer.

PRESENT: 40 members as recorded

APOLOGIES: 13 as recorded

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 23 April 2001 were initialled on the motion of Judith Baker, seconded Helen Hill. The Minutes of Council Meeting of Monday 23 April 2001 were confirmed on the motion of Sandra Wise and Joan Tong. Carried.

The 38th Annual Report, June 2001 was distributed with minutes.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Annual Service of Dedication. Monday, 21 May 2001, 10.30 am St Thomas, Enfield - speaker, Sue Nitrai. Council members were happy with the occasion.
2. Spiritual Enrichment Day. Monday 16 July 2001 - Colleen O'Sullivan and Marie Craddock - flyers available and arrangements finalised.
3. History update - Marie Majoor made some comments on the difficulties in completing the task, for example, treasurers had not been mentioned in earlier records, and given names are often not known because the women who were office bearers were known as adjuncts to their husbands - as e.g. Mrs David Jones. Price is \$1 per copy. In moving that the History be received Jan thanked Marie for her efforts, seconded by Olive Beverley and carried with acclamation.
4. ACW sponsor an Australia Day Award 2002. It was moved Thora Thomas, seconded Alison Todd that we offer a \$500 half scholarship to National Council of Women to be used for the benefit of a student of their choice. Carried.
5. Social Issues Convener. It was moved Marie Craddock, seconded Heather Reid that Cela Cooper be appointed to the position of Social Issues Convener. Carried.
6. State Conference. The costs of accommodation and facilities at Mt St Benedict Pennant Hills (\$90 full board/\$25 half day), Salvation Army at Stanmore \$106/\$18 with \$80 hire fee) and Collaroy (\$62/\$30), and YWCA city (commercial rates beyond our consideration) were given. The matter was referred back to Executive.
7. National Conference Adelaide 24-28 September 2001. Jan reported that the two representatives from NSW would be the President and Secretary, and the observers the Treasurer and President Elect. Registration forms are available for those wishing to go to Adelaide.

Joan Tong reported that on behalf of Executive she had prepared material which would accompany Elizabeth Walker's report from the survey as the NSW contribution for the seminar on 'The Future of Australian Church Women'.

It is proposed that the Fair Wear Campaign efforts by ACW be linked with the need for action in countries of Asia represented in ACWC. Further consideration is being given to the wording of such a motion.

Another motion going from NSW tries to address the imbalance in voting at National Conference with regard to the appointment of Australian representatives to ACWC.

For the Asian Church Women's Conference Quadrennial Assembly 2002, National Executive would like representatives including an indigenous woman and a young woman under 35 years of age. Jan reported that she had made contact with Lisa Jackson who had agreed that her name go forward for consideration.

8. Fair Wear Trading. This was dealt with in conjunction with National Conference business as it is proposed that the matter be referred to ACWC countries as well as Australia.

9. City of Sydney Branch. Edith Ridge reported that after Fellowship Day it was planned that a sub committee of interested people would meet. Tuesday 23 October 2001 is the date planned for World Community Day, time to be advised.

Year 2001 International Year of Volunteers

Joan Tong introduced this segment of the meeting in which each denomination gave an insight into the work done by their members as volunteers. It was a cumulative report, such that those presenting first had wider scope, and those following added particular avenues of voluntary work not previously mentioned.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Report was circulated. Marie Majoor moved, seconded Lily Hanlon that report be received. Carried. Moved Marie and seconded Cela Cooper that accounts be passed for payment. Carried.

PASTORAL CARE: Dss Heather Badgery reported that some members were enjoying improved health - Norma Dumbrell; Helen Stutchbury walking after hip operation. Ethel Wladysiuk is undergoing radio therapy. Peg Blake is glad to have moved and is settling in. Alwyn Warren's prognosis is not good, and Ruth Moore has had a fall. All would appreciate prayers.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells read a prayer from *Circle of Prayer* as least coin offering was collected.

WINIFRED KEIK SCHOLARSHIP: Mina Whybourne reported that advice from Dorothy Ferrier indicated that selection of the 2002 scholar would begin next week. Celestial Lusi is due to graduate early December and will return to the Solomon Islands.

FUNCTIONS: Preparations for Spiritual Enrichment Day in hand.

NEWSETTE: Deadline for next issue is 9 July 2001.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Both Heather Reid and Jan Harrison had received letters in response to theirs on matters of safety on public transport. The letters gave assurance that steps have been taken to ensure safe travel.

SPECIAL DAYS: A listing of Fellowship Day venues was tabled indicating that services will be held in 22 venues in country and suburban centres. Offerings will go towards Winifred Keik Scholarship fund. The theme for World Community Day in October is 'Living in Hope'.

Moved Rhoda Gates, seconded Joyce Liddell that the reports be received. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

1. NCW NSW Australia Day Awards information
2. ACW National Executive - Circular 2001/14 - Master copy ACW leaflet
3. NSW Churches of Christ Women's Fellowship - Representatives
4. ACW National Executive - Circular 2001/15 - Registration forms National Conference
5. Heather Reid - thanks
6. Sir William Deane - acknowledgment and thanks
7. Most Rev Peter Hollingworth - thanks for warm wishes as Governor General Elect
8. Directory of Women's Groups in Australian Churches - NCCA - comments regarding the usefulness of this publication were rather negative - unbalanced representation, extremely out of date, questions as to its usefulness.
9. ACW ACT - Newsletter July-September

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

1. Mr Frank Fryirs, Auditor
2. Sir William Deane - Thanks, best wishes on retirement as Governor General
3. Dr Marie Bashir - Support & best wishes as Governor
4. Archbishop Hollingworth - Congratulations as Governor General elect
5. Mrs Maureen Clark - NSW acceptance as National Executive 2003-2005
6. Mrs Maureen Clark - thanks for leaflets - "*Issued by the National Executive of Australian Church Women in May 2001*" to be added to ones we produce.
7. Lucelle King - thanks for producing card for Victorian Branch 60 year anniversary

Moved Thora Thomas and seconded Beryl Kirkwood that the correspondence be received. Carried.

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Preparations for next Day are proceeding, using material supplied from Romania.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN: Woman of the Year Award is made at NCW Luncheon in August. Jan reported that due to time constraints Executive had acted to propose Peg Blake as a candidate for this year. The Norma Topp Annual Youth Award is made later in the year, and members were asked to pass on information to church youth groups who might wish to be considered.

NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: Nola Dickson reported on the meeting of the Council at the Armenian Apostolic Church at Chatswood. The Rt Rev Bruce Wilson had been the guest speaker. Nola found the meeting stimulating, would have liked to explore some issues further.

CHILDREN'S FILM & TV (MEDIA): Monitoring Media for Youth is establishing a website and details will be supplied when available. Waitara Public School ready to go for survey of TV viewing habits for year 6 children. A brochure *How to talk to Media, make comments* was available.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

1. UC Sydney Day Mission Support Group - 30/4/2001 - Sutherland
2. NCW - Jean Arnot Luncheon - 11/5/2001
3. PPSEAWA Reception 17/5/2001 - Jan attended and was pleased to share time with HRH Princess Nanasipau'u Tuka'aho from Tonga who was very interested to hear of the Winifred Keik Scholarship.
4. PWA Meeting & Luncheon 9/7/2001 - Joyce Liddell to represent
5. PPSEAWA Winter Luncheon 27/6/2001

NEXT MEETING: Monday 20 August 2001, 10.00 am - Morning Tea - Presbyterian
Chairs - Churches of Christ

CLOSE & BENEDICTION: President Jan Harrison closed the meeting at 12.40 pm using the same prayer which she had used at the opening:

All this day, O Lord
let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch do thou by thy Spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak,
the prayers I breathe, or the life I live.
In the name of Jesus, Amen.

(Mary Sumner's Personal Prayer *The Mothers'*
Union in Australia Service & Prayer Book)

Confirmed:

J. R. Harrison

Date:

20th August 2001

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (NSW STATE UNIT)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS for two months ended 31.05.01

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.04.01			8069.08
ADD RECEIPTS FOR TWO MONTHS			
Donations		30.00	
Affiliation		110.00	
Associate members		60.00	
Stock		0.00	
Newsette		10.00	
Dedication Service Offering		398.20	
FLC		449.70	
Winifred Kiek S'ship		0.00	
Fellowship Day Service		0.00	
World Community Day		0.00	
ACWC Partners		11.65	
ACW National Travel Pool		40.00	
Glebe Board - Interest		62.76	1172.31
			9241.39
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS			
Printing & Stationery		64.83	
Postage & phone		81.00	
Newsette - Printing	75.40		
" Postage	89.38	164.78	
World Day of Prayer		336.40	
NSWCcl for Children's Films & TV - Affiliation 2001		27.50	
Special Days convener - Expenses		15.00	
Dedication Service - Expenses - Organist	30.00		
" " Speaker	150.00		
" " Use of church & hall	50.00	230.00	
Sydney Korean Sal. Army - Use of hall for ACWC Service 2000		50.00	
Gift to Auditor		50.00	
Government Charges		3.67	1023.18
			\$8218.21
CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT			
Special Days convener - Irene Carder - Post & Phone		15.00	
Frank Fryers - Gift for auditor		50.00	
U.C. in Aust. NSW Synod - Printing Newsette		75.40	
Beryl McLaughlin - Postage Newsette		89.38	
Dedication Service - Adrian Jackson - Organist		30.00	
" " Sue Nitral - Speaker		150.00	
" " St Thomas' Church Enfield		50.00	
Heather Badgery - Pastoral Care Expenses - Stationery	14.00		
Postage/phone	36.00	50.00	
Sydney Korean Sal Army - Use of hall for 2000 ACWC Service		50.00	
Isobel Hewitt - Secretarial expenses - Printing & Stationery	50.83		
Postage	45.00	95.83	
Heather Badgery - Pastoral Care Expenses - Stationery	6.55		
Postage	9.00	15.55	
Jan Harrison - Gifts for guests	33.00		
Printing & Stationery	28.80		
Postage & phone	3.50	65.30	
Board of Finance & Property - Postage - Fellowship Day		110.09	
UCA NSW Synod - Printing " "		274.00	
PPSEAWA - Winter Luncheon - Jan Harrison		20.00	
<i>Note: Beryl McLaughlin is giving meeting NSW & Eastern NSW</i>		25.00	