

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. UNIT

Minutes of the Council meeting, held at the Salvation Army Headquarters, Elizabeth St. Sydney, on Monday 16 June, 1986.

The meeting opened following Morning Tea provided by the delegates from the Uniting Church at 10.45 a.m.

The President who was chairing her first Council meeting welcomed delegates to the meeting. In mentioning the Installation Day, she announced that a tape recording of the service is available on request.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Graham who took her message from the reading in Philippians 2 verses 1-5. Our attitudes must be the same as Christ's. We show Christ's love in our unity. The mind of Christ is not optional to the Christian. Prayer was followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Attendance. The names of those present at the meeting (34) are recorded in the attendance book with the 7 names of those who apologised.

Minutes of the April meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Mrs McCann and Mrs Davis.

Business arising from the Minutes. Winifred Kiek Committee. The new Guidelines for this national committee were read and approved with the suggested addition of a clause to amplify the phrase 'Family Commitments'. Mention should specify 'children and dependents'. Moved Deaconess Andrews, seconded Y. Davis. Carried.

Correspondence. Letter of thanks from Deaconess Andrews. National Council of Women. Invitation to the Annual Luncheon. Beth Finlay represented the President at this luncheon.

Dates of functions of N.C.W. were announced. The President invited to the Civic Reception on June 26 and to the special meeting to mark 90 years of N.C.W. in N.S.W. at the Sydney Town Hall also on June 26. Ecumenical Service to celebrate 90 years of N.C.W. at St. Steven's Church on 14 Aug. Seminars on peace, organised by N.C.W. on June 10 and July 22.

Children's T.V. Council, requesting a representative from our Council. It was moved by Mrs Stutchbury, seconded Mrs Burtenshaw that the affiliation fee of \$10 be paid and that we appoint Mrs McCann as our representative. Carried.

"The Treatment and the Cure". Members were urged to write to their State Members of Parliament protesting at the choice of this book as a text for H.S.C. students.

All State Units will receive Publicity Kits based on the one we use in N.S.W.

New Members' Lists are available for all delegates.

Invitation from the Uniting Church Synod Fellowship Committee to join in a celebration service for the 9th. birthday of the Uniting Church on June 11. We were represented by Mrs Ridge.

Confirmation of the appointment of Sister McKay to replace Sister Lenore Sharry was received.

National Committee, Winifred Kiek Guidelines. On the recommendation of the Executive, this document was approved, with the proposal that our suggestion to the National Conference in 1985 that the leaders of Women's Groups in the nominating country should have the final say in the choice of a scholar should be part of the guideline document. This proposal was adopted at the National meetings in 1985. Carried.

1987 National Committee meetings. The dates of this conference are 12-19 September, 1987 in Adelaide. A seminar will be held in conjunction with the meetings and husbands will be welcome to attend. In addition to our delegates and observers, possibly six other people expressed interest in attending.

"Commission for the Future". The Secretary will make inquiries regarding information about these seminars.

Outwards Correspondence. Greetings were sent to N.C.W. on the occasion of the 90th. birthday luncheon.

Christian Television Association was notified of our representation at its Auxiliary's annual service.

Treasurer's Report. The report as presented by the Treasurer and attached to these minutes, was received by the motion of Mrs Lumb and Mrs Morgan.

Ratification of payments. Moved Mrs Lumb, seconded Mrs Burke. Carried.

Convenors' Reports.

Fellowship of the Least Coin. Mrs West reported that the Audio-visual has been sent to Tamworth, where it will be for three weeks. She then mentioned the agony of South Africa at this time of the 10th. anniversary of Soweto. Other countries of Africa, with their power struggles were mentioned and we were asked to pray for these people that they may be reconciled to God.

Burma was outlined to us -- a short profile of this country, our Prayer Partners, and we remembered the Christian churches there. Using the devotional page written by an Egyptian lady, 'Peace is the Presence of God' our thoughts were turned to the reason for our affiliation with the Fellowship of the Least Coin. we are to pray for peace and reconciliation.

W.Kiek Convenor. Mrs Davis making her first report, indicated that the leaflets are available for inclusion with the Fellowship Day services. The Committee will hold its first meeting at the conclusion of the Council meeting.

Publicity. Printed sheets giving the venues and dates of the Fellowship Day services are available. The convenor requests that any reports of publicity for our services be given to her for the scrap book.

World Community Day, October, 1986. Delegates were asked to publicise early. The convenor requires dates and venues where possible by July in order to print them in Newsette, the August copy.

Promotions. Forms for information of attendance etc. at services are to go with the orders of service. Delegates were asked to take their bundles of Winifred Kiek leaflets.

It was suggested that where services are held in churches where the Australian Hymn Book is not used, it should be possible to make arrangements to borrow copies from a near-by church. This is preferable to altering the hymns which have been specially chosen to suit the service. Organisers are reminded that it is sensible to change the hymn tunes if they appear to be not well-known.

General Business. Celebration of Womenhood Service, July 25. Members were invited to attend this service.

The Treasurer informed the meeting that there is sufficient money for us to under-write the expenses (Travel and other conference expenses) of sending our President to the A.C.W.C. meetings in Bangkok.

She reported that \$5000 has been re-invested at 13% with the Glebe Board and that \$2000 is on call. \$1000 can be readily withdrawn.

A message of thanks for our donation of \$200 has been received from Rathie Selverathan.

Sales Table. Deaconess Andrews reminded members that the Sales Table operates at each meeting and the money received goes to Overseas Fund.

Life Members. Deaconess reported that Mrs. Montgomerie now lives in a nursing home. Mrs. Stolz suffered the loss of her husband in May. A letter of sympathy is to be written to Mrs Stolz. Deaconess offered to keep in touch with our Life Members.

Ecumenical Council. It was reported that Rev. Dr. Ray Williamson has commenced duties as the new secretary of the Council. Deaconess Andrews reported that she has acquainted him of the work of A.C.W. and of World Day of Prayer. His interest was mixed with his envy of our financial viability. Prayer is asked for the work of the Ecumenical Council. Deaconess Andrews will attend the meetings of the Australian Council of Churches, 3-8 July in Canberra. Prayer was invited to support these meetings.

Newsette Report. Postage will rise some time in August and will affect Newsette. Photos of the Installation Day are available for order.

News of Mrs. Elizabeth Walker. Exercises are giving her some relief.

The next meeting will be August 18. Tea at 10.30 meeting at 10.45a.m.

After prayers for Sth. Africa, the meeting closed with the Benediction.

18/8/82
J. Lumb

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS MARCH 1ST = MAY, 31ST 1986

<u>MARCH 1ST, 1986</u>	<u>CR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	<u>\$ 531.95</u>
<u>ADD RECEIPTS</u>		
Affiliation Fees	88.00	
Offering - Service for Installation of President	290.11	
Newsette - subs.	56.00	
Overseas Travel	82.30	
Stock Sales	11.25	
F.L.C.	627.76	
Partners	90.00	
Interest - Westpac Current A/c	46.81	
Interest - Glebe Board	258.79	<u>1,551.02</u>
		2,082.97

LESS PAYMENTS

Donation for use of Centennial Room	100.00	
Donation A.C.W.C. - 1986	120.00	
Mrs. Rathie Selvanatnan	200.00	
A.C.W.C. - Memorial Bursary - late Mrs. Wyper	25.00	
X A.C.W.C. Partners	500.00	
Presentation books to two retiring Officers	19.90	
Printing 250 copies "Newsette"	41.00	
Postage, wrappers and labels - "Newsette"	75.84	
Registration - Australia Post - "Newsette"	36.00	
Stock	21.21	
1986 Annual Newsletter	40.00	
President's Imprest	30.00	
Treasurer's Imprest	30.00	
After Installation Luncheon Expenses	30.00	
Postage re Fellowship Day	68.35	
Printing 2,000 Fellowship Day Service Booklets	170.00	
Duty Westpac Current A/c	.67	
F.L.C.	65.00	<u>1,572.97</u>

CR. BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 31/5/1986 \$510.00

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PAYMENTS for CONFIRMATION

F.L.C. (Audio Visual)	\$60.00	
Australia Post ("Newsette")	36.00	
Wrapping, Posters & Labels	75.84	("Newsette")
Perfection Plate P/L (Stock)	21.21	
Postage - Fellowship Day	68.35	
U/C Board of Education Printing	251.00	
Expenses re Luncheon after Service of Installation	30.00	
Treasurer's Imprest	30.00	
Presentation books	19.90	

Donated 8 June 1986