

## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES of meeting of the Working Committee held at the A.C.C. Building, Sydney, on Tuesday, 5th December 1978 at 9.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Win Dougherty (President), Doris Mitchell (Secretary), Mary Andrews, Olga Badger, Edna Baker, Gwen Cork, Joan Curtin, Connie Groat, Margaret Ralph and Glad West.

APOLOGIES: Betty Davis, Marjorie Stanhope, Heather Stevens.

OPENING: We were delighted to have our President back with us for the first two hours of the meeting. She spoke of God's gift to the world at Christmas. What a responsibility we have to share the Good News of God-With-Us as we realise the wonder of it all.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 7th November 1978, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

#### Outwards

1. Mrs. W. Dougherty)
2. Mrs. H. Stevens ) good wishes
3. Mrs. G. Santos)
4. Mrs. R. Cocks ) congratulations and good wishes
5. Mr. K. Loughwood, Hon. Auditor, thanks
6. Mrs. J. Pope, Qld. Unit)
7. Miss D. Fry, Vic. Unit ) reply to theirs received at previous meeting
8. Miss D. Wagner, Church Women United, New York, re her proposed visit to Sydney.

#### Inwards

1. Master Glenn Stace - reply to letter of thanks re A.C.W. banner
2. Mrs. Betty Davis - resignation from Working Committee due to increased commitments and personal reasons.
3. Miss D. Fry, Vic. Unit - re Sister B. Dass' programme in Melbourne.
4. Tasmanian Unit - Minutes of meeting held 25/9/78.
5. Miss V. Dean, W.A. Unit - enclosing Minutes of meeting held 10/11/78.
6. Mrs. Shanti Solomon -
  - a. enclosing A.C.W.C. Assembly Statement, and
  - b. advising that the two applications for F.L.C. Grants 1979 which had been submitted by Australia had been approved.It was resolved that the A.C.W.C. Statement be duplicated and distributed with the minutes of this meeting.
7. Miss Dorothy Wagner, C.W.U. New York, advising that despite budget difficulties, the Causeway to Australia had been approved and that she would be visiting Sydney in January on her way to Bangalore.
8. Church Women United - The Church Woman, Aug/Sept 1978 and Oct. 1978.
9. Miss D. Fry, Vic. Unit - enclosing their report on "Women in Trade Unions".
10. Miss Locke, Treas. W.A. Unit enclosing cheque, WCD \$200, FLC \$483 and advising that interest in the Fellowship of the Least Coin is spreading rapidly in that State.
11. Mrs. D. Woodhouse, N.S.W. Unit, enclosing report on Forum held in association with the Unit's 40th Anniversary.

### SPECIAL BUSINESS

Miss Dorothy Wagner's visit. Miss Wagner will arrive on the evening of Tuesday, 16th January and depart on Friday afternoon, 19th January. It was agreed that

- a. the Working Committee meet with Miss Wagner in the A.C.C. meeting room at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 17th, followed by a light lunch and a harbour cruise,
- b. on Thursday 18th, a reception, similar to the one for the Executive members of the A.C.W.C., be held in the Uniting Church's meeting room. (In the afternoon Miss Wagner will meet with members of the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee.)
- c. Olga Badger and Margaret Ralph arrange transport and hospitality,
- d. the Secretary write advising Miss Wagner of the plans we have made for her visit and alerting her to some of the questions we will be asking in relation to the Causeway to Australia, which will include the Consultation held in conjunction with the National Committee Meeting in Sydney in September 1979.

It was agreed that the theme for the National Committee Meeting and Consultation be the same as that for World Community Day 1979 - the Family, its Faith and its Future.

FINANCE The Treasurer presented the following Financial Statement for the month of November 1978, which was received:

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
To balance at 30.11.78	15173.35		
<u>Fellowship of Least Coin</u>			
ACW Canberra Unit	308.81		
<u>Winifred Kiek Scholarship</u>		<u>Winifred Kiek Scholarship</u>	
Bond Interest	4.60	S. Harris - exes.B.Dass	120.00
		B. Dass - Board	35.00
		" Pocket money	80.00
		" Departure tax	10.00
		" excess luggage etc	42.50
		B. Davis, postages	10.65
<u>World Community Day</u>			
ACW Canberra Unit	120.00		
		<u>Administration &amp; General</u>	
		Secretary - postages	2.25
		Balance at 30.11.78	15306.36
	<u>\$15606.76</u>		<u>\$15606.76</u>
		<u>Summary of Balances</u>	
Commonwealth Bank -		Fellowship of Least Coin	741.40
Fixed Deposit	9522.78	Winifred Kiek Scholarship	10456.48
Glebe Administration		Memorial Bursary	54.55
Board - Investment	3000.00	Fellowship Day	917.77
Bank Account	2783.58	World Community Day	258.82
		National Travel Fund	111.76
		Overseas Conferences	544.37
		Administration & General	2221.21
	<u>\$15306.36</u>		<u>\$15306.56</u>

The following accounts were passed for payment: Secretarial Expenses \$22.25, Rachel Cocks, reimbursement of ACWC Assembly registration US\$10

The Treasurer reported that her new address is Villa 6, 58 Baltimore Street, Belfield 2191.

CONVENERS' REPORTS

Winifred Kiek Scholarship

Betty Davis' resignation from the Working Committee and the Winifred Kiek Scholarship convenership was received with much regret. Appreciation will be expressed to Betty for the fine contribution she has made to the work of the Committee.

It was agreed that Olga Badger should fill the vacancy on the Working Committee and become the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener.

The Secretary reported that advice had been received that Mrs. Voklus will be unable to accept the W.K. Scholarship for 1979 due to her husband's new appointment. It was resolved that the Scholarship now be offered to Mrs. Eita Boiva of the Eastern Highlands, Papua New Guinea. Mrs. Boiva, 24 years, is a Salvation Army Officer and a trained nurses' aid. She desires to further her training in both these fields.

In view of the confirmation that the Consultation with the North American, and hopefully New Zealand, women will be held in 1979, it was decided to leave the suggestion regarding the Travelling Scholarship for decision by the National Committee Meeting.

CONVENERS' REPORTS (cont)

Fellowship of the Least Coin

Supplies of "Circle of Prayer" Vol.6 have arrived, although the parcels had broken open. It was decided that these should be sold at 50¢ per copy. State Units will be billed for their share of the cost when the account arrives.

Marjorie Stanhope advises that she continues to make good progress. We look forward to her return in 1979.

Special Days

Heather Stevens, convalescing at home after surgery to fuse two vertebrae in her neck, reported through Margaret Ralph that she has received the 1979 World Community Day order of service from the Queensland Unit.

The masters for the 1979 Fellowship Day service have been prepared and will be sent out early in the new year.

A reminder that the themes for 1979 are:-

- Fellowship Day - The Community Cares for its Children
- World Community Day - The Family - its Faith and its Future.

CLOSURE

The meeting was closed with the Benediction at 12.30 p.m. by Vice-President, Glad West, who chaired the meeting when the President left.

Confirmed: W. D. Dougherty

Date: 6th February, 1979.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 6th February 1979 at 9.30 a.m.