

MINUTES of meeting of the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council, held at Pitt St. Congregational Church on Monday, 23rd June, 1975, at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. G. Bent, President, in the Chair, and 40 members, as per Attendance Register.

OPENING: The President opened the meeting with a devotional on the theme "We would see Jesus" and prayer. She welcomed all present, especially new members- Mrs. Lt. Col. E.K. Baker and Mrs. Major R. Henry, Salvation Army; Mrs. Bess Wylie, Churches of Christ, and Mrs. M. Watts, Society of Friends.

APOLOGIES: Mesdames Batten, Bragg, Davis, Gallagher, Gilbert, Green, Groat, MacIntosh, Neilsen, Nixon, Pfeiffer, Prior, Ralph, Savage, Miss E. Lee, Brig. R. Smith.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual Meeting, held on 21st April, 1975, were read and approved for presentation at the next Annual Meeting. The Minutes of the Council Meeting held following the Annual Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

BUSINESS ARISING: Annual Service and Installation of President- Mrs. Bent reported that this had been a happy occasion, when some 165 members and friends had been present. She had written to those who had assisted in the Service, to express her thanks.

History of NSW W.I.C.C.C.: Mrs. Dougherty reported that she had approached Mrs. Ralph and Mrs. Verco who would gladly co-operate in the compilation of the history.

Morning Function- 14th July, 1975- The programme was discussed and detailed arrangements made.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. W. Dougherty and Mrs. B. Montgomerie- expressing appreciation of the Council's action in conferring Life Membership.
Miss J. Skuse- reply to the Hon. Secretary's letter congratulating her on her appointment as General Secretary of the Australian Council of Churches.
Mrs. D. McMahon and Miss J. Skuse, A.C.C. Commission on the Status of Women, enclosing printed material
Mrs. D.L. Rhodes, Secretary, Tasmanian Unit of A.C.W.- acknowledging receipt of our Annual Report and Newsletter, and enclosing copy of their Annual Report.
National Council of Women- Invitation to a Reception in honour of Dr Margaret Mead, 30th June at 5.30 p.m.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE: The Hon. Secretary reported as follows:-

Letterheads had been printed and made available to office-bearers and convenors.

The Executive recommends that Bylaw 2 be amended to provide that the financial year of the Council end on the last day of February.

A.C.W. National Committee Meeting will be held in Adelaide August 19-22. The Executive recommends that the President and Hon. Secretary be sent as delegates and Mesdames Stanhope and Woodhouse as observers. It was moved Deaconess Andrews, seconded Mrs. Dougherty and agreed that these nominations be confirmed.

Travel Pool- The amount required from each State Unit is \$177.40: NSW would receive back \$128.00. The Working Committee had asked that the difference- \$49.40 - be sent and the Executive had authorised this payment. Their recommendation is that delegates' expenses be met, if the Hon. Treasurer concurs and funds are available.

Working Papers had been received from the Working Committee with a request for comments. W.K.S.'ship- Deaconess Andrews presented her views on the matters raised in this paper- copy attached- It was agreed that we accept these in principle and advise the Working C'tee accordingly. Special Days- Points raised in this paper were mentioned and discussed and it was agreed to advise the Working C'tee of the opinions given.

FINANCE: The Hon. Treasurer presented her report and requested confirmation of payments- Printing letterheads, \$26.80; Duplicating - Installation Service- \$3.00; A.C.W. Travel Pool- \$49.40. It was agreed that these payments be ratified.

MRS. Perriam moved that the fares and expenses of delegates to the National Committee Meeting of A.C.W. be paid, and that the Council's funds be reimbursed by retention of 30% of Fellowship Day offerings. This was seconded by Mrs. Lt. Col Baker and carried.

REPORTS:

Winifred Kiek Scholarship: Deaconess Andrews advised that Mrs. Mary Weme would be in Sydney from August 4th - 24th., and would be in residence at Deaconess House, while carrying out the programme arranged for her by the Y.W.C.A. She would attend the Council meeting on Monday, 18th August.

Publicity: Mrs. Curtin reported that she had sent information about Fellowship Day to the press and was preparing material regarding Mrs. Weme's visit to N.S.W.

Mrs. Stanhope conducted the Fellowship of the Least Coin Devotions.

The President extended good wishes to Miss Mitchell for her forthcoming tour in S.E. Asia, and closed the meeting with prayer, at 12.30 p.m.

Confirmed

Gladys M. Bent.

Date

18/8/75

THE WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship should be given only when there is a person in the South East Pacific area, who would benefit by the opportunity to receive experience or training that she could not obtain in her own country.

The time allotted for the scholarship should be according to need.

A survey should be made regarding training facilities for women in S.E. Asia and the Pacific.

The Winifred Kiek Scholarship Funds could be used to sponsor students in need, who could train in their own country or nearby countries.

When there is an outstanding woman leader from the developing countries, provision could be made from the fund to sponsor such a visit. e.g. Mrs Shanti Solomon, Mrs Selvaratnam.

Because of the rapid changes taking place in the world flexibility is needed in dealing with the scholarship.