

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

MINUTES OF MEETING 11-9-2006

PRESENT: E. Johnson, E. Reidy, A. Murray, U. Birtchnell, B. Skilbeck, M. Welford, L. Adam, J. Maher, J. Morley.

APOLOGIES: B. Lacy, M. Watson, D. Bryan, I. Bray.

WELCOME: E. Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to sign a card for Margaret Watson who is in hospital in a serious condition.

DEVOTIONS: L. Adam led devotions based on Mark 8:1-10 and using commentary from With Love to the World and a prayer by Eddie Askew. Lola also prayed for those not able to attend the meeting.

MINUTES of 14-8-2006 were confirmed on the motion of U. Birtchnell, sec. B. Skilbeck, and carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: 1. **Incorporation.** See correspondence.
2. **Publicity Brochure.** D. Bryan is continuing to work on the brochure.
3. **Day Apart for National Executive.** E. Johnson has signed an agreement for the use of a boardroom on 31 January 2007 and has paid a deposit of \$40.

CORRESPONDENCE: IN 1. ACW WA Unit minutes 21/07/06
2. ACW SA Unit – email letter re National Conference Fund
3. ACW SA Unit – minutes 11/08/06
4. ACW NSW Unit – minutes AGM and Council 10/4/06; 19/06/06
5. M. Watson, National Treasurer – audited Financial Statement, 1/12/05 – 30/06/06 to be sent with minutes
6. J. Miller, ACW Tas Unit – order 2x “Wimifred” books. U. Birtchnell to organize.
7. M. Clark, Chairman, WKS Trust – re Incorporation. As the WKS Trust is a sub-committee of National Executive the Trust would be covered by the incorporation of National Executive.
8. L. Loughnan, ACW WA Unit – draft of WCD Service. Passed to B. Skilbeck.
9. L. Loughnan, ACW WA Unit – WCD Service.
10. B. Dickinson – re website Managers
OUT 1. J. Miller, ACW Tas Unit – re National Conference
2. B. Dickinson – advising SA, Tas, Vic and WA Units website managers
3. M. Clark, Chairman, WKS Trust – re incorporation
4. L. Loughnan, ACW WA Unit – re WCD Service
5. ACW SA Unit – info re National Conference Fund
6. National Conference correspondence.

REPORTS: 1. **President.** Elaine Johnson reported that she visited M. Watson on 25 August at hospital and 6 September at home. She then contacted Executive with updates on Margaret's health condition. On 15 August she attended the launching of the Centre for Dialogue with B. Lacy. A capacity crowd was in attendance. Key features of dialogue are:

- * Enhanced knowledge and understanding of other cultures, faiths, value systems and world views.
- * Foundations for interaction and collaboration based on universally shared values and respect for and appreciation of cultural diversity.
- * Collaborative action in research, education, nurturing of cultural diversity, preservation of cultural heritage, the sciences, governance and communication and media.

Elaine also received and completed the AWC Survey. She phoned Iris Bray regarding taking over the responsibility of Treasurer. She replied to SA Unit regarding the Celebration of Anniversaries and as she is unable to attend she sent a Greeting for the Celebration.

2. **Treasurer.** L. Adam moved, sec. E. Reidy, that due to the inability of Margaret Watson to continue in the role of National Treasurer, Iris Bray be appointed as National Treasurer. State/Territory Units to be asked to ratify this appointment. Carried.

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3. Winifred Keik Scholarship Convener. Una Birtchnell received the following:

- * Letter from Trustees advising that Cathy Paraka from PNG and Lienamau Manrogoana from Vanuatu have accepted their scholarships.
- * Cheque for \$30 from Margaret Dennis, Tasmanian Unit treasurer for 2 "Winifred" books.
- * \$20 from L. Adam for cards

Una sent the following:

- * Letters to WKS conveners in Vic, WA, ACT, Tas, Qld and SA.
- * 2 "Winifred" books to Tasmania
- * Phone call to Judith Cayzer, WKS convener NSW. Vivian Cheung will attend their meeting on 18 September.
- * Phone call to M. Clark re SA Celebration which Una will attend. Una also gave information on 2006 scholar, Vivian Cheung.

4. Fellowship of the Least Coin Convener. Lola Adam reported that she had written a greeting for the Assembly on the request of R. Selvaratnam. She received a letter from M. Clark with a suggestion for a FLC Grant to Elaine Bui, Co-ordinator of Munda YWCA in the Solomon Islands. She had a phone call from J. Lang requesting 50 prayer cards, 50 money boxes, 50 brochures and 10 Circle of Prayer booklets. These were sent. She also had a phone call from M. Florence with a huge order.

5. Social Justice Issues Convener. Marian Welford has recent UNSW Clearinghouse publication to read and consider issues to follow up.

6. ACWC. Eunice Reidy reported that there are many women from non-member countries going to the Assembly. 112 women have registered to attend. No Notices of Motion have been received yet so they will have to be discussed via email when they do arrive.

7. Special Days. The FD Order of Service, prepared by WA Unit, was checked. Beth Skilbeck will phone Leola with the corrections. Applications for the Special Project for WCD 2007 must be submitted to National Executive by 1 March 2007. Beth will send out the Application Forms with the closing date clearly marked.

8. Australian Women's Coalition. Anne Murray has distributed the surveys. The Annual Meeting will be held in November.

9. Publicity. Joan Maher will help B. Lacy to contact women in the Geelong area about the Conference.

GENERAL BUSINESS: 1. **National Conference 2007.** Time was spent planning for Conference.

2. **Meeting Dates for 2007.** These will be discussed at the next meeting.

CLOSING PRAYER: E. Johnson closed the meeting with prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 9 October 2006 at 10am at VCC Rooms.

Devotions - M. Welford Morning tea - A. Murray

President..... Date.....



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2006

RECEIPTS

Balance June 30 th	23,804.61
Queensland ACWC Donation	115.00
S.A. " "	290.00
S.A. Winifred Book	200.00
Alice Springs F/Day	176.30
Vic. Circle of Prayer	12.00
Vic. Fundraising	197.85
GST	58.00

\$24,853.76

EXPENSES

ACWC to Poorer Countries	824.60
Bank Fee	28.00
In Bank as at 5 October	24,001.01

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Iris Bray
Hon. Treasurer