



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NSW STATE UNIT INC.

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday 17th June 2013 held at 222 Pitt St Sydney

WELCOME: President Isabel Hewitt welcomed all especially President Elect Natalie McLeod who shared some of her story with the group. Isabel welcomed Margaret Brumby from the Burwood/Concord/ Strathfield Branch.

DEVOTIONS: A devotional piece in keeping with Refugee Week, based on the Beatitudes, was read by Isabel.

Number Present: 33 + 1 visitor

Apologies: 15

Minutes of AGM held on 15th April 2013 were passed to be initialled on the motion of Janice Willis and Helen Hill.

CONFIRMATION of MINUTES of the Council meeting held on Monday 15th April were confirmed on the motion of Lyn Middleton and Jan Jeffrey.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Dedication Day Hamilton Wesley Uniting 20th May. – comments: Katalina was an excellent speaker. People enjoyed the journey to Newcastle. Isabel expressed her thanks to those who gave support in attendance and with the catering. Thanks were offered to Isabel for the arrangements for the day. Offering \$432. 20.
2. NSW as Incoming National 2013-2015. Lyn reported that there was to be a meeting after Council to discuss matters that need to be decided at this stage. Deposit has been placed on the Conference Venue for 2015. Passed by those present at the Council Meeting.
3. National Conference WA 7th -11th October. *Honouring Australian Church Women* nominations Heather Badgery and Beryl Kirkwood. These were confirmed on the motion of Heather Reid and Jennifer Pepper. Further investigation into *Honours, Death, and Motions to be presented*.
4. Visit of Esther Kilagbhan Friday 18th October 2013. This is to be a social outing. Please note date in diary.
5. Spiritual Enrichment Day and 75th Anniversary Monday 16th September 2013. Flyers were available, indicating a speaker, Jenny Stanger from *Project Samaritan*, Special Days Project for 2013. Members of NSW Council will be allocated duties. Cost \$30. [Morning tea and lunch] Time: 9.30 am concluding before 3 pm.
6. Rae Goth was presented with her badge as a member of NSW Executive.

REPORTS: TREASURER: Helen Richardson gave bank balance for April and May 2013 as \$ 9454.97 with many payments: postage of Newsette; for Annual Report; donation to Hamilton Wesley Uniting Church. National Conference expenses for President, Secretary, Treasurer and President Elect as the voting persons and observers as set out in Guidelines to be met. Helen moved that the report be received and approval for the accounts to be paid. Seconded by Jennifer Pepper. Passed.

FELLOWSHIP of the LEAST COIN: Lillian Hodges has spoken at The Salvation Army at Parramatta and the Richmond Uniting Church and to go to Boronia Park Uniting Church at Hunters Hill at end of June. Lillian shared the story of sensitisation workshops as arranged in Gambia. Women there are now much better informed about their legal rights and responsibilities and the use of legal aid when required. As FLC monies had supported these workshops, the women were informed about FLC and encouraged to take part in an FLC offertory at the prayer meetings. Lillian shared a devotional segment from Fiji.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Isabel asked that prayerful consideration be given to the role and responsibilities for this executive position. There will be a quadrennial conference to which a delegate may be sent. Prayer partners Mongolia and Timor were remembered.

SPECIAL DAYS: Lyn Middleton said that the Fellowship Day materials had been sent out. There are some spare copies to be taken. World Community Day copy has been received and will be ready for distribution at the August Council Meeting. This is prepared by the Victorian Unit. *Love is for Sharing* being the theme. Lyn gave out the scripture readings associated with this service and reminded all that the Special Project for 2013, is *Project Samaritan*.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Judith Cayzer promoted the book *Winifred* and the leaflet regarding the current scholars.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Rae Goth gave detailed accounts of issues from Alcohol Induced Violence, new mums returning to work, and harassment of women in the Defence Forces. Reports were prepared as hand out with addresses of the politicians to whom comments should be directed.

PASTORAL CARE: Helen Hill mentioned Beryl Duncan, Olive Edmonstone, Norma Dumbrell, Shirley Wells and announced the safe arrival of Benjamin Mark to Sonya and Tom Pell. Carmel Keys reported that Beryl Duncan had a fall which necessitated surgery and was now home. Bernice Baker has been unwell, Mavis Coleman broke her arm and Edith Ridge has been hospitalised briefly.

NEWSETTE: Jennifer Pepper requested that articles for the next issue be to her by 7th July.

PUBLICITY: Nola had no further report.

The reports were received on the motion of Shirley Mitchell and seconded by Heather Reid. Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE (Inwards):

Congratulatory note from President Laurel Pearce re 75th Anniversary and Dedication Day.

Note from National Secretary Margaret Ker - 75th Anniversary and Dedication day.

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Extra Registration Forms for the National Conference in October 2013.

Notification that cheque has been sent to Bear Cottage from Special Project funds 2012. [\$3, 898.09]

Prayer requests – Tension on Korean Peninsula; Factory building collapse in Pakistan great loss of life; Lt Col Lynette Green [Vic Unit]-death of brother;

Cynthia Gifford Winifred Kiek Scholars Trust Chairperson – death of husband; National Secretary Margaret Ker – death of father in law in UK;

National Vice Pres Lee Edwards – heart attack; National Treasurer Leeola Loughnan – surgery;

Deaths of Major Averil Whybird [Qld], Barbara Greal [Sth Aust], and Barbara Bourhill [WA]

Notification from Christine Jensen re: appointment of Mrs Natalie McLeod as President Elect for NSW State Unit

News of arrival of Benjamin Mark to Sonya and Tom Pell 2nd June.

Invitation from PPSEAWA to Luncheon Wednesday 22nd May 2013

Invitation to NCW Foundation Day Luncheon Friday 2 August 2013

Multi Cultural Housing Assistance Seminar 26th and 28th June

Autumn Edition Newsletter ACT Unit.

CORRESPONDENCE (Outwards):

To National President Laurel Pearce and National Secretary Margaret Ker re visit of Esther Kilaghbian October 2013

Correction for mailing list for National Secretary

Enquiry to National Secretary re payment made to Bear Cottage.[Special Project 2012]

Acknowledgment to Christine Jensen re appointment of Natalie McLeod as President Elect for NSW Unit.

Note of thanks to Dss. Heather Badgery after her resignation from ACW NSW State Unit Council

Business arising from Correspondence: Denise Secomb to represent ACW NSW at the Uniting Church Sydney Day Mission Service on 12th August.

Correspondence was accepted on the motion of Pamela Freeman and Rae Goth.

HONOURING AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN: Isabel gave excerpts from the lives of Ruth Burmester [ACT] Kathleen Gallagher [QLD]; Phyllis O'Loughran [Tas] Enid Stephens [Vic] and Vera Wilson [WA]

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS: Isabel requested nominations for delegates to serve a 4 year term for ACWC.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/ TO ATTEND: CWLA Centenary Mass & Luncheon 19/04/13: Sydney Day Mission Support Group – Mission Get-together 29/04/2013; Jean Arnot Luncheon 10th May where Peg Blake from ACW was honoured.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

NSW Ecumenical Council: Isabel attended AGM with Brenda Dickinson. Rev Dr Brian Brown [Moderator for Uniting Church] spoke on *The Church Uniting for the Common Good*. We can do more together than individually. Dr John Felton from St Vincent de Paul Society showed how the person getting the help is important. Justice is for all. NSWEC plans for a forum in 2014. Promotion of Christians for Ethical Society. *House of Welcome* reported that the rules have been changed by Government Policy. They are working hard for justice and bringing people together with community cooking functions. Isabel visited Indian Orthodox Service and Coptic Orthodox Church.

Girls' Brigade: Elizabeth Neale reported the various ways that companies of Girls' Brigade have celebrated the 120th Birthday of Girls' Brigade International. These included making movies of the event, which will appear on Facebook. The girls participated in the Sydney Easter Parade, promoting their many roles. There has been a State Camp at Loftus. The Annual State Conference saw the re election of the State Commissioner as well as 3 new Deputy State Commissioners. Awards were given for service. Girls are being trained for future leadership roles in Brigade and the community. Casino has been visited. Some churches have indicated interest in commencing Brigades, especially Macksville/ Nambucca and Lismore. Elizabeth asked for continuing prayer for all these groups.

World Day of Prayer: AGM coming in June.

Bible Society, National Council of Women [NCW], Pan Pacific and South East Asian Women's Association [PPASEAWA], had no reports.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Prayer was requested for Dame Monica Gallagher with the suggestion she be contacted as she is far from well.

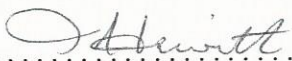
Margaret Grundy enquired about a contact from the Presbyterian Church at Strathfield.

Thank you to The Salvation Army ladies for morning tea and the Church of Christ ladies for chair duties.

Next Council Meeting: Monday 19th August 2013 Morning Tea : Churches of Christ Ladies – Chair Duties : Presbyterian ladies

Isabel closed with a benediction. May the grace of Christ attend us; the love of God surround us; the Holy Spirit keep us; this day and forever. AMEN

Signed:



Date:

19.8.2013

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
1 APRIL - 31 MAY 2013

CREDIT BALANCE AT BANK 1 April 2013 9571.95

INCOME <i>March April + May</i>		
Fellowship of the Least Coin	569.60	
Newsette	105.00	
Fees	10.00	
Travel Fund	59.10	
Jean Arnot Lunch	480.00	
'Winifred'	30.00	
Dedication Day Offering	432.20	
Bank Interest	<u>0.40</u>	<u>1686.30</u>
		11258.25

PAYMENTS <i>March + April + May</i>		
M. Noel - Envelopes & stamps	25.80	
P. Freeman - Annual Report	61.88	
Jean Arnot Lunch	600.00	
J. Pfeffer - Newsette Postage	120.00	
NSW Fair Trading - Inc. fee	51.00	
The Collaroy Centre	900.00	
B. Dickenson - Postage labels x 2	20.40	
Hamilton Wesley UC	50.00	
J. Pfeffer - Newsette Envelopes	<u>29.88</u>	<u>1858.96</u>
Cash Book Balance		9399.29
Cheques not yet presented		<u>55.68</u>
Bank Balance 31 March 2013		9454.97

ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID:

L. Middleton - Postage Fellowship Day Parcels	179.28
Fax to Collaroy Centre	6.00
M. Noel - Postage & Printing	23.00
<i>L. Henrich - Airfares to Perth - less one night</i>	<i>506.29</i>
<i>576.29</i>	<i>70.00</i>
<i>P. Freeman - Envelopes & stamps Ann. Rep.</i>	<i>63.35</i>
<i>P. Freeman - Reg. Nat. Con. + Airfares</i>	<i>1218.95</i>
<i>Nat Conference Reg. for L. Henrich</i>	
<i>L. Richardson, Natalie</i>	<i>1950.00</i>
<i>3 x 650</i>	