



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held on 10th floor 222 Pitt Street, Monday 18 April 2005, 11.45a.m.

Following the Annual General Meeting Past President Jean Porteous opened the meeting in prayer.

PRESENT: 39 as recorded.

APOLOGIES: 18 as recorded.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of 21 March, 2005 were confirmed on the motion of Lily Hanlon and Joan Bird. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Service of Dedication 10.30 am Monday 16 May 2005 at The Salvation Army, cnr Johnson & Archer Sts, Chatswood. Speaker is ACW National President, Major Nancy McLaren. Council members were reminded to check on what they promised to contribute for catering. Volunteers to help in the kitchen: Joan Tong, Olive Edmondstone, Shirley Wells, Lily Hanlon; to take up offering: Norma Dumbrell, Mary Melville, Winsome Penn, Judith Cayzer; welcomers: Beryl McLaughlin, Jan Harrison, Edith Ridge.

2. Spiritual Enrichment Day 18 July 2005 – St James Hall, Level 1, 169-171 Phillip Street, Sydney from 10.00 am to 12.45 pm, with lunch to follow until 1.30 pm. Cost at least \$2 to defray expenses, including a donation for use of the hall. Morning tea supplied, bring your own lunch.

3. National Conference Collaroy 9-14/10/2005: Council members are invited to attend to help celebrate 50 years FLC, 40 years ACW, 40 years WKS, 20th National Conference. Registration forms were available for those considering attending.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Helen Richardson reported that the balance at the beginning of March was \$3758.10, receipts amounted to \$1002.76, expenditure \$806 and \$2000 invested, leaving a balance at the end of March of \$3954.86. Moved Helen, seconded Pam Freeman that the report be received, and payments of accounts approved. Carried.

MEMBERSHIP & PASTORAL CARE: Heather Badgery reported on a busy time of pastoral care. Marie Craddock's brother had died; Thora Thomas has had to cancel her overseas trip because of illness; Mina Whybourne is in hospital following a fall and broken arm; Olive Beverley is unwell; Dorothy Woodhouse is to have knee reconstruction; Bev Elliott has shingles; Beatrice Kay's husband has had ups and downs in his recovery; Peg Cameron has a broken wrist; Lucelle King has problems with walking, but she was thrilled to be nominated for inclusion in *Honouring Australian Church Women*.

SPECIAL DAYS: Packing day for Fellowship Day orders of service is set down for 23 May 2005 from 9.30-12.00 and packers are welcome.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Judith Cayzer reported that Mereani has returned to Fiji and called on members to pray for her as she settles back into life there. Judith had received a profile on Anju prepared by Beryl Kirkwood. Joan Tong had advised that Celestial, the 2001 Scholar, is to be married 9 July 2005. Judith also drew attention to the call for applications for a scholar in 2006 from multi-cultural Australia. Forms – more modern and readable – are available from Judith.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Janet Lang encouraged members to help celebrate the FLC 50th Anniversary. Copies of the biography of Shanti Solomon were available for purchase. Janet led a short devotional 'Voice from India' illustrating the work of a priest with street children in establishing a program for their rehabilitation. He responded to a vision he had that something needed to be done. In prayer Janet prayed that we might be faithful in responding to visions to be channels for Christ.

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SOCIAL ISSUES: Sr Joan Bird reported that a full page advertisement from the *Sydney Morning Herald* encouraged people to write to the Government regarding the maritime boundary between Australia and East Timor. Executive had agreed that Joan prepare a draft letter to be sent from Council and that people be encouraged to write individually. The response from Council was polarised, and on the motion of Jean Porteous and Cela Cooper it was agreed that we should not respond as an organisation but that as individuals people should be encouraged to write.

Global Week of Action is a movement to draw attention to the trade agreements which are being drawn up and which are unhelpful to people in developing countries. People are asked to send postcards to Mark Vale to ensure that water is not included in trade agreements. They are also alerted to the need to pay fair and just prices for coffee. Joan said she would try to get postcards for people to send, and supplied the address of a website, www.aftinet.org.au where people could respond online.

Moved Lily Hanlon, seconded Shirley Tapp that the reports be received.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

ACW National – Minutes 21/3/05; Circular letter 2/2005;
Registration forms; ACT Unit addresses
PPSEAWA – 2005 office bearers
Glebe Trust – statements
MU Annual Report

(Outward)

Invitations to Dedication Service
St James Church King Street – re use of hall

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

MU Service 18/3/2005; Anglican Board of Missions 23/3/05
UCA Sydney Day Mission Support Group – 30/5/2005 10.00 am
WCTU Luncheon 12/4/2005
PPSEAWA Luncheon 27/4/2005
Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Requests from National Executive:

- proposed amendments to ACW Constitution required by 10/6/2005
- needed by 15/8/2005
 - motions for discussion at Conference
 - names of members who have received awards
 - names of members who have died
 - biennial Unit Report
 - names of 2 voting delegates and 2 observers

2. National Executive has asked for nominations for three delegates from Australia to attend the ACWC Quadrennial Assembly in Malaysia in 2006. Ramona Cowle's name was put forward as a possible nomination and it was agreed that a profile would need to be submitted before Executive meeting 6 June 2005 to enable her name to go forward.

3. Members were encouraged to take Annual Reports for denominational groups to save on postage.

4. Trading table items were available for purchase and a reminder was given to members to check it out.

CLOSE & BENEDICTION: Lyn Middleton closed the meeting with prayer

NEXT MEETING: 20 June 2005

CHAIRS: Uniting Church
MORNING TEA: Baptist

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____