

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. STATE UNIT
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING, held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney
on Monday, 21 March, 1994.

OPENING:- The President P. McKinnirey in the Chair welcomed members. We were sorry to hear that Life Member Mrs Col. Edna Baker is in Westmead Hospital after surgery to remove her leg. Mrs Dorothy Lumb had sent an apology because she was attending the funeral service for Mrs Lorna Money former Vice-President of the Burwood/Concord Branch of ACW. Our sympathy to her family and to the Branch.

DEVOTIONS:- Promotion Convener Peg Blake led our thoughts with her reading of John 3, verses 14-17. 'A New Commandment'. As we approach Easter, we consider that 'God so loved the world, that he gave his Son for us.' The Cross is not the cause of God's love, but God's love is the cause of the Cross. The linking word is FOR (verse 16.) God gave up his only son because of his great love for us. The New Commandment is a NEW COMMAND. How far do we go with Jesus? God's love goes to the limit. Our faith, hope and joy are the signs of the resurrection. Faith, Hope and joy equal Love. It has been said that if all we had were verse 16 of John 3, it would be sufficient. There is enough divine revelation in this one verse to enable us to preach the Gospel. Prayer completed the time of Devotion.

THOSE PRESENT:- As recorded, 37 attended.

APOLOGIES:- There were 21 recorded.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING, 21 February having been distributed were taken as read and CONFIRMED as a correct record.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES:- There was no business arising, but Lucelle King, President Elect reported on arrangements for the Dedication and Installation Service to be held on 16 May.

BUSINESS FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEETING:-

1. REPORTS. Reports will be tabled at the A.G.M. on April 18. To facilitate the printing of the Annual Report, members were asked to send their reports to the Secretary as soon as possible. The Annual Report will be ready for distribution at the State Conference this year.

CORRESPONDENCE:- The Inwards Correspondence was received and dealt with and the Outwards Correspondence was ratified.

BUSINESS FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE:-

1. Invitations. May 12 Churches of Christ Fellowship Day.
2. Breast Cancer Research Petitions. Members were invited to sign the petitions.
3. Invitation to the Governor's Prayer Breakfast. This is the first year we have received an invitation to this breakfast. It is hoped that some members will attend. 9 May at 7.15am. Darling Harbour.
4. The President read a letter from a friend in India, who had been able to personally deliver the baby gift we sent to Rachel's son, Brian. It was good to know that it arrived safely.

REPORTS:-

1. The President. We were delighted to hear Phyl. report that our Life Member Miss Doris Mitchell has been made a Life Member of Pan-Pacific and South East Asia Women's Ass'n. Congratulations were extended to Doris, who was in the meeting. Phyl attended the International Women's Day Breakfast at Parramatta. Our member Hazel McIver was invited to say Grace at the breakfast. Hazel considered it a wonderful opportunity. It was an Open Door.

In the company of business women they felt the atmosphere of caring expressed in their interest in improving the status of women. The speakers were excellent. There are 14 on the committee to arrange the breakfast, Phyl. is one of them.

2. TREASURER. Treasurer M. Majoor presented her report and the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the month ending 28-2-94 was received. Accounts for payment were ratified.

A letter and accounts for Affiliation Fees have gone to Branches. A new collection box for donations to the Flower Festival Fund was recommended to all members for their patronage.

3. CONVENER FOR SPECIAL FUNCTIONS:- M. McCann announced that 25 people have paid their registration fee for the State Conference. New forms were distributed, giving adjusted costs for different categories of attendance. Another 20 people have indicated possible interest in attending some sessions of Conference. Members were asked to try to promote the Conference, even as day visitors. We would like to have a full room on the Friday morning when Dr. Marlene Goldsmith is the speaker. A proposed programme setting out the 4 areas of interest at Conference was available for distribution.

Gift packs are to be given to all participants. If members have ideas for small 'free' gifts to include in the pack, they are asked to tell Marie. Those intending to be at the Conference were asked to pay their deposit today or at the next Council meeting, 18 April at the latest.

4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY. H. Reid endorsed the promotion of both the Conference and the Installation Service. A new list of Members is being compiled. Members were asked to check the master sheets for any mistakes or alterations. Members were invited to take copies of Minutes that they have missed.

5. NEWSETTE EDITOR:- Deadline for the May copy, 11 April.

6. FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN:- Convener S. Wells showed a very good feasibility study on Shalom Christian College. The grant application on behalf of Shalom is proceeding.

Volume 13 of Circle of Prayer has reached the printing stage. It will be titled 'Partnership in a Changing World.'

Using the passage from Nigeria in Circle of Prayer, Shirley read the story from Matthew 16 about the healing of the demon-possessed daughter. The passage was titled 'Women Empowering One Another'.

7. WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP:- Convener M. Whybourne reported that the 1994 Scholar will study in Adelaide. She is from Pakistan and her name is Nighat Gulzar an accountant in the women's office of the Raiwind Diocese. She aims to gain skills in office management. A letter to Sadie Simmonds from Doreen Tie included some photos of the Toy Library, which we were able to circulate in the meeting. Mary Andrews had a recent photo of Dien, with her new baby. Mina sent Doreen a card with greetings from us all on the occasion of her marriage on March 19.

8. PROMOTIONAL ITEMS:- An order form for these items will be included in the parcels of services for Fellowship Day. Pens are always available, especially the Partners With ACWC pens. People holding stock were asked to tell Joan Tong, as we need to know these numbers for the Annual Audit of accounts.

9. ACWC:- The second term of office as Executive Secretary of Asian Church Women's Conference (8 years) that Eunice Kim of Korea has served will finish in October. It is now announced that a new Executive Secretary has been announced. She is Professor Rev. Iluminada Domingo from the Philippines. We are asked to pray that the Conference will ratify this appointment and prayers for Iluminada were asked too.

10. PROMOTION:- Convener P. Blake asked that order forms for Fellowship Day be returned as soon as possible.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:- Deaconess Mary Andrews has received a letter from the Chair and Liaison Person of the Ethiopian Committee of W.D.P. Because of the conditions in Ethiopia it seems unlikely that women from that country will be able to find the money needed to bring them to Melbourne in 1995 for the International Committee meetings of W.D.P. Support in any way possible and prayers for the Ethiopian women were asked.

World Day of Prayer services were held in 440 centres in N.S.W. The service in the City was in the Crypt of St. Mary's Cathedral, where 150 attended. ~~and the Governor's wife read the lesson.~~ It was a very moving service, well received by the people attending, who expressed sympathy and love for the Palestinian who wrote the service.

Sisiter Norma Clare McKay was the speaker at the Chatswood Willoughby service.

At the Leura service there were 75 present to hear the speaker, Vi Minty pronounce the Benediction in Arabic.

Our Killara Branch now has 13 churches participating in Ecumenical services. Every church is represented except the Baptist Church which has just closed its services in that area. 120 people attended for W.D.P.

At Penshurst W.D.P. service the Curate, an Arab, said the Benediction in Arabic also. People at Goodwin Village pleased with their service.

UKRAINIAN SISTERHOOD:- Helen Danko apologissd for the Ukrainian women who will be unable to attend our Conference as the Orthodox Easter comes at that time.

GENERAL BUSINESS:-

1. A.G.M. and Election of Officers. At the meeting on April 18, all offices will be declared vacant. Nomination forms for the officers of the Executive of ACW were available and members were asked to carefully consider nominations. Nominations will close on Friday, 8 April for postal nominations and on 11 April for those brought to the Executive meeting.

2. Chatswood- Willoughby Branch was congratulated on receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from their City Hall, for the Branch's community work. This Branch has for many years raised money which has been given to local projects.

3. Dr. Hamlin who has served for 30 years in Addid Abbaba is in Sydney and will be speaking at the Salvation Army City Citadel on Wednesday 23 March at 7.30pm. All invited.

NEXT MEETING:- The Council will meet for an ordinary meeting & for the A.G.M. on 18 April. The Uniting Church delegates will provide morning Tea.

CLOSING:- The Catholic delegates were thanked for Morning Tea. The President closed the meeting with Prayer and the BENEDICTION.

A. McInnis
CONFIRMED:-

18.4.94

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for one month ending 28-02-1984

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"Newsette" Subs	213-50	
F.L.C.	289-13	
Associate Members	40-00	
Sale of Souvenirs	61-00	
Overseas travel - Trading Table	12-00	
Tea Money	28-10	
State Conference	155-00	1018-73

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