



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 10th floor 222 Pitt Street, Monday 18 April 2011 following the Annual General Meeting.

DEVOTIONS: As per AGM

PRESENT: 38 as recorded. APOLOGIES: Pamela Freeman, Judith Baker, Mina Whybourne, Denise Secombe, Jean Porteous and Val Neilson.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21st March 2011 were passed with corrections, in ACWC report substitute Seoul for Bangkok, then delete between "Lyn and communications", on the motion of Lily Hanlon and Heather Badgery

BUSINESS ARISING:

- 1) Dedication Day Order of Service discussed and number of committee likely to attend.
- 2) Spiritual Renewal Day booked at Scots Church, Margaret St Sydney

REPORTS

TREASURER: Helen Richardson reported \$2,951.84 cash book balance at the end of March. Report passed on a motion of Pat Corey and Peg Cameron, carried.

It was agreed to close the Glebe Income Account to free up money for cost of the conference, passed on a motion of Jennifer Peffer and Isabel Hewitt, carried.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Lillian Hodges has speaking engagements at Jannali U/C, St Johns Anglican at Sutherland and Beecroft U/C in April/ May. Her devotion was from India and based on Jeremiah 29: 11-13. "A future with hope is a dream of all people. God, who can turn and convert every hopeless situation into one of hope, promises a future of hope." The everlasting assurance of the liberating and sustaining love of God is the promise. Lillian followed this with a prayer :- The light of God surrounds you; the love of God enfolds you; the power of God protects you; the presence of God watches over you; wherever you are, God is!

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Lyn Middleton told the meeting the date for the Multi Cultural Concert this year is Sunday 11th September, at Eastwood Baptist Church, at 2-30 pm. Lyn would like names of any choir etc willing to participate.

SPECIAL DAYS: No report

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Judith Cayzer asked us to keep the two new students in our prayers. Arpena in Assam doing her final year of Bachelor of Divinity course. Sisaret in Cambodia, preparing to come to Alan Walker for her course in June.

Leinamau (2007) At her next General Assembly in August, her position is up for 3rd term. She would like to do further studies to keep up to date. Imelda(2008) Pray for her daughter back from USA, Imelda still teaching Arabic language to a Muslim community in Manila while waiting placement back at Mid-East. Inise (2009) Finishes her course this year and doing well, her AMP work is less stressful now the 4 year project is complete. Family and church all well. Christy (2009) continues to prepare for overseas placement mid-year, much to do, security surrounds finer details. From Nat. WKS Convener, Christmas replies from Tania Eichler (2006), Susan Liersch (2003), Dorren Tang (1990) – more details in Newsette. 2012 applications due into Trustees by 31st may, Pray for wisdom and discernment.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Carmel Keys reported on Education: danger of charter schools model that would see all non-government schools become fully funded by government, resulting in catholic and other denominational schools no longer being able to fulfil the purpose for which they were founded. PM Julia Gillard has affirmed her support for traditional values, eg. Marriage between male and female, no euthanasia, freedom of religion, good points to keep in mind when these subjects arise in parliament again. New facilities proposed for high care and dementia patients,. Adequate wages are needed to meet the basic needs of family, the Nat. minimum wage of \$569.90 is inadequate. Child safety, Email, chat rooms, face book and internet must be monitored by parents to protect the young. Rights of the child to be protected from narcotics drugs and psychotropic substances (alcohol) includes the unborn child. Selfish stand on refugees. Australia has very few asylum seekers yet we have land, schools that could easily cater for them, and we really need them as we do not have enough people. Organ donation: vital organs can only be removed once death of patient has been reliably diagnosed and the family of the deceased are able to see that death has occurred. Does your church support the current definition of death and organ donation? Have you considered organ donation? If so, tell your family. The elections are over, but you need to keep your politicians informed of your thoughts. Remind them they represent you!

PASTORAL CARE: Karen Ross's father has been Promoted to Glory, Jean Porteous is not at all well and Shirley still feels a part of us, but needs our prayers.

NEWSETTE: Jennifer Peffer needs all items for the next Newsette in by Good Friday.

The reports were received on the motion of Lily Hanlon and Jan Harrison.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

National Executive: Minutes 9/3/10
National Executive: response on ACWC donation
National Executive: Proposed Special Days Project; Insurance
Pam Barber Armidale Branch – ACW website address
Judy Caldwell – Gloucester church women
NCW – changes to constitution – 6 year limit as Editor, Minute Secretary
Major Nancy McLaren – report from Armidale
Olive Bolliger – change of address, contact re North Ryde Branch
Prison Fellowship – Camp Werx
Domestic and Family Violence papers

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

National Executive – ACWC donation
Pam Barber
Judy Caldwell
Invitations for 17/5/10

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

UCA Sydney Day Mission Support Group was attended by Lyn Middleton and Brenda Dickinson. Jennifer Peffer had attended the M U Cathedral Service. Nola Dickson will attend the NCW Jean Arnot Luncheon where Beryl McLaughlin will be honoured in her ninetieth year.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

Noting that it was her last Council meeting as President, Jennifer reflected on her two years in office which had gained momentum and offered insights at Executive, Council and at Branches she had attended. Functions where she had represented ACW enabled her to gain ideas that could be used in ACW, whether from speakers or from table conversation at luncheons. Jennifer expressed her thanks that public liability insurance for the Unit is in place. In thanking Council members for their continued support she commended those who travel long distances to attend. She also asked for support for Nola Dickson as she takes up office.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Bev Elliott expressed the pride and support of the Presbyterian Women for Nola.

Carmel Keys, on behalf of Council, assured Jennifer that her time as President had been appreciated by all members.

Trading Table will be held at June, August and November Council meetings and the Catholic ladies will be in charge of it. Anyone is free to bring goods for sale, and Council members were encouraged to patronise the stall.

Thanks to the Uniting ladies for morning tea, and to Anglicans for setting up the room.

CLOSING PRAYER: Thanks for each member and for their churches. Guidance was sought for coming events, for Nola, and for the Service of Installation and Dedication.

NEXT MEETING: 21 June 2010

CHAIRS: Presbyterian

MORNING TEA: Anglican

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____