

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC.

Minutes of the meeting of the National Executive held on Tuesday, 10th November, 2009 at 1.45pm at SACC Inc. 65 Flinders Street, Adelaide.

Margaret Flint welcomed members and acknowledged that we are meeting on Kaurna land. We also need to keep each other in our prayers. Many of us are suffering illness at this time.

PRESENT: M. Flint; M. Clark; D. Ferrier; M. Greenslade; W. McKeand; C. Barber; P. Walker.

APOLOGIES: J. Burge; K. Smith; J. Brown; B. Dickinson; D. Bryan.

REFLECTION

D. Ferrier spoke on the twelve days of Christmas. Some believe that this rhyme was a way for Catholics in England to help their children to remember their faith at a time when they were not allowed to practice it. Every present was a code for an article of faith.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were accepted with corrections.

1. M. Greenslade was present.
2. Re Common Seal. According to the rules the Secretary keeps this. Christine will give it to Judy. D. Ferrier/M. Greenslade.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Conference venue 2011 – **Dorothy** reported on the Grosvenor Hotel, the Meridien and Immanuel College. She will organise a meeting of as many of the National Executive as possible to visit Immanuel College.
2. Prayer Card – **Margaret** is still working on this.
3. Inc. has been added to the stationery etc.
4. Occasional newsletter – A banner headline has been printed for this. **Dorothy Wright** is interested in writing up short stories about former and present Honorary Life Members for the newsletter.
5. Request from Shu-Wen for ACW Conference report and photos. **Pat** has forwarded a report and **Margaret** will forward photos.
6. ACWC, Asia Pacific Breakthrough Summit Melbourne in December. **M. Flint** will send greetings for the conference.
7. Website – We have had a quote from Ewan, Donna's friend. It is much cheaper than Metro. Prof. Skinner has looked at both quotes and said that they both represented value for money but Ewan's was cheaper. He considers his work part of his ministry. **D. Ferrier** moved that we accept Ewan's quote to host the website. We will require a letter of understanding. Seconded M. Clark. Passed.
8. **Donna** will be in Adelaide from 18th to 21st November. **Wanda** will try to set up a meeting for lunch or dinner.
9. **Judy** is organising a National Directory of addresses.
10. National Conference Minutes. As these have not yet been received by all National Executive Members, they will be considered next meeting with particular consideration to constitutional amendments and related matters...

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11. **M. Flint** is going to the Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast in Canberra. Expenses for attending the functions will be met by National Executive.
12. **Margaret** enjoyed the AWC meeting in Sydney late October. She will send copies of the AWC Annual Report to State Units.

CORRESPONDENCE

List circulated.

1. **Brenda Dickinson** sent a photo for the prayer card.
2. **G. Caspar** sent information on free advocacy workshops. M. Flint attended the one held in Adelaide yesterday. She has emailed information about workshops in other states to the State and Territory Units.
3. **M. Clark** wrote to Mr. Demetriou re his stand on no sport on Good Friday and received a reply.
4. Funding for AWC expires in March, but it will be putting in a tender to the Australian Government for future funding.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT - Margaret reminded us of the importance of prayer support for each other. Judy, Kath, Judith, Pat and Wanda have all been unwell this month.

TREASURER

Balance from National Exec. ACT		\$17,108.37 <i>17,108.37</i>
National Travel Fund	\$3,526.12	
Overseas Conf. & travel fund	2,010.00	
FLC from Conference	572.25	
National Conference fund	7 ,000.00 <i>16,244</i>	
Balance to come		
Administration	3,000.00	
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SA Unit – Sale of Winifred Books		50.00
Queensland – Sale of Winifred books		200.00
		\$17,358.37
Payments – Pending		
Petty Cash – Secretary	22.25	
J. Brown	12.00	
Fee Aust. Postal Box	60.35	94.60
		\$17,263.77
Accounts for payment		
Reimburse M. Flint for expenses for Parliamentary Breakfast Canberra		\$155.00
Petty cash – Minute secretary – stamps, ink cartridge envelopes, paper		38.50
C. Barber/W. McKeand.		
Society cheque account opened.		

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

M. Greenslade had phone request from Rev. Lee Edwards for FLC prayer cards for use at World Community Day. All stocks had gone with convenors at the conference but she was able to send 120 bookmarks.

Margaret G has written to Corozon Tabing Reyes ICFLC General Secretary requesting supplies of Prayer cards, Information leaflets and Bookmarks.

Margaret G has also written to all State Unit FLC convenors, Territory convenors and Alice Springs convenor, introducing herself and asking for reports on any FLC activities, particularly details of World Community Day services conducted in their areas.

A detailed report was received from Administration Officer YWCA Australia of the implementation of the grant received from ICFLC by Women's Ecumenical Accompaniment for Vision and Empowerment in Timor. This will be sent on to ICFLC.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP - Maureen has heard from the current scholars, also from Monique Crabtree and Imelda from the Middle East.

PUBLICITY/NEWSLETTER

M. Flint hopes to send out a circular letter in the next few weeks and a newsletter before Christmas.

SPECIAL DAYS

NSW Unit's Special Days' Judith about including the song "Christ is our Light" in the brochure they are compiling for Fellowship Day 2010. Pamela felt it was most appropriate for the theme for the next two years and was questioning where to place the song. **Judith** suggested that it be placed wherever felt most appropriate remembering that groups have licence to adapt to their particular worship style. She also mentioned copyright of songs used and said that she organised copyright for our two devotions (SA Unit) through CCLI at her Corps – other than "Christ be our Light" which is marked 1993, Bernadette Farrell Published by OCP Publications. All rights reserved. She suggested there could be a Catholic member of ACW NSW who could have this covered by her Parish.

Judith suggested that the service brochure be sent as an email attachment to Aileen Eldridge, who will work on the formatting.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Kath Smith sent copies of a security warning on Hotel Key cards. This was received from the internet. A lot of personal information is stored on these cards.

ACWC

Donna Bryan emailed:

The venue for the 2010 Assembly is still not confirmed. Shu-Wen is visiting Indonesia 22-25 Nov. to discuss the Assembly details;

Applications have closed for the position of ACWC Executive Secretary. A number of applications have been received and Donna is compiling associated documents and correspondence for distribution to other members of the search committee.

AWC

Inter Cultural Bridge Building Program – **Margaret** circulated information of this programme from p. 40 of ACW's Annual Report. Margaret suggested that ACW might benefit from linking with this programme. Initially she will ask the Units if they have made any contacts in the inter faith community or included in past programmes interfaith speakers or visits to worship centres. Discussion was held on whether we visiting a mosque or synagogue, might be considered. Margaret will follow up this idea with ACW SA Unit as a pilot activity.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Public Liability - **Kath Smith** has sent in the name of a contact in Catholic Insurance.
2. In December we will chose a date early next year for a day, partly for reflection and partly for studying incorporation etc.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Wanda circulated a list she has compiled of "Things to do" and related to Conference planning, etc. This includes practically everything one might think of. We plan include a sheet in our first newsletter with questions etc. about what members want in the next conference.

The meeting closed with Grace at 4.00pm.

NEXT MEETING Tuesday 8th December at 1.45pm.

Reflections – M. Flint.

M. Flint
8/12/2007