

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - N.S.W. STATE UNIT

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street Sydney on Monday, August 19, 1996.

OPENING: President Peg Blake welcomed members and especially Fiona Collins "our scholar" and new members to Council. Members joined in singing the chorus "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" and Peg led devotions based on Hebrews 12:1. Sympathy was expressed to our Secretary, Joan Tong on the recent death of her dear mother.

Lucelle King introduced Fiona Collins, a most talented and charming young lady (the recipient of our Grant together with Microsoft in the NCW Centenary Awards). Fiona is studying for her Arts degree majoring in Religious Studies which she has found very interesting. On completion of this degree she intends to apply for Post Graduate Medicine in 1997. She expressed appreciation to the Council for their Grant to her which assisted with the purchase of text books.

PRESENT: 58, as recorded.

APOLOGIES: 14 " " including Deaconess Mary Andrews, Mesdames Doris Haberfield, Molly Gilchrist and Molly Craig.

THE MINUTES of Meeting of June 17 were confirmed, after corrections - new member Mrs. **Norma Harrop** (not Harris) and \$145 given to Deaconess Barkat Das (not \$140), by Margaret Andries and Margaret Jessup.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. ASIAN CHURCH WOMENS CONFERENCE (ACWC) VISIT: Friday September 27 - Iluminada Domingo (Executive Secretary), Woranut Pantupong (President) Rita Wong (Vice President). Scots Church (2nd Floor), 10.30 a.m.
Members to bring a plate - visitors are welcome.
2. FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN 40 YEARS CELEBRATION - Friday October 11 -10.30 a.m. Salvation Army Elizabeth Street Function Centre, 4th floor. Luncheon \$10.
Visitors - Shirin Samuel (executive secretary ICFLC), Mary Cline Detrick, U.S.A., Dorothea Dilschnieder from Geneva.
Publicity to denominations and branches - to local papers.
Special FLC 40th anniversary gift suggested - 40 coins from each member to be presented at this function.
Members of National Executive are planning to come.
Luncheon to be paid for at September Council meeting.
Members of Kuring-gai Partners and Girls Brigade (recipients of FLC grants) to be invited to attend.
Shirley Wells and Heather Reid to present FLC as a dialogue.
3. NCW THANKSGIVING SERVICE - ST. JAMES KING STREET- December 3 -
Order of Service is prepared for discussion at further meeting today with NCW.
4. FLOWER FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 6/9 ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL - details to hand -
Major Heather Merrick of Salvation Army will attend to our arrangement.
Margaret Jessup and Pat Sutton will assist.
5. ACWC SERVICE - MONDAY NOVEMBER 18 - ST. JOHN'S CAMPSIE - denominations to contact relevant Churches in area - publicity available -
Hymns to be printed in Korean, Cantonese and Vietnamese.
November Council meeting will follow after lunch - members to bring lunch.
6. Token of appreciation for retiring Executive Secretary FLC Shirin Samuel - to be received today and at September Council.

7. NEWSETTE - congratulations to Beryl McLaughlin on yet another excellent publication.

8. List of speakers available for Special Days - will be revised.

FROM EXECUTIVE:

1. WOMEN OF THE LAND CONFERENCE: to be held in Cobar in open-cut mine. Each denomination to send a greeting on A4 paper to the Rural Women of N.S.W. in the form of a prayer and message. To be handed in at Council meeting September 16.

2. STATE CONFERENCE: videos available at \$15 each from Lucelle King. One is available to borrow.

Reports from the Conference available at \$3 each, from Secretary.

3. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN: President Peg Blake had attended the launch in N.S.W. Rooms of the special stamps produced for the Centenary of NCW - Dr. Martha Sears gave a brief history of formation of NCW by Miss Margaret Windeyer and Miss Rose Scott in 1896 (the ladies depicted on the stamps.). President had also attended the Re-enactment Day in Town Hall vestibule and received a special plaque for Australian Church Women as an affiliated member of NCW.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

1. National Executive: Minutes of meeting of July 19
From Secretary: National executive to attend special meetings
Mabel Wylie is in bursary book.
ACW News - August/September.

2. Copies to FLC Convener regarding international visitors.

3. PWA - list of representatives to Council.

4. Bush Church Aid Society - invitation to Rally on August 22.

5. Yass Branch - \$42. for promotional items.

6. St. Mary's Cathedral flower festival details - September 6/9.

7. Girls' Brigade - contribution for Rural Women's Conference.

8. In Unity (NCCA)

9. Habitat for Humanity

10. Magazine diocese of Madras.

11. ABM - list of office bearers for coming year.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Marie Majoor presented her Report - finances very satisfactory - \$100 gift to Girls Brigade to assist with purchase of Bibles was ratified. Report seconded by Ethel Wladysiuk. Report attached.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Many requests have been received to speak regarding FLC. Shirley Wells (Convener) and Mabel Ward are going to Ettalong to a meeting. An application has been received for a FLC grant for 1997 from "Life after Prison" Ministry. Will submit to Eileen Holley, National Executive. Shirley's devotion and prayer taken from Volume 8, Circle of Prayer 8 - John 14:27.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Lucelle King had received a letter from Rachel Sobana (1991 scholar) - she is now Principal of the School of Nursing, Catherine Booth Hospital, Nagercoil - teaching fundamental nursing. Brian (her son) was three on 28/6. She asked for our prayers in her very demanding position.

SPECIAL DAYS: Edith Ridge reported that out of 35 centres, 28 had replied with orders for World Community Day. Packing Day is 26 August, 10 a.m. Some Branches have not indicated their quantity - more or less!

SOCIAL ISSUES: Heather Reid reminded members that telephone numbers of State and Federal Members of Parliament are available - refer page 3 of June Council minutes.

She had written to four members of Parliament - to Mr. Carr commending him on his support for gun control and to Senator Alston regarding violence in media.

She had attended NCW Seminar where Senator Jocelyn Newman was one of the speakers - she had written to Senator Newman with a petition.

President reminded members that individual letters should be written to Members of Parliament re matters that are disturbing - violence on T.V., in the news and movies shown, videos available for sale or hire of a violent nature.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Bev Elliott reported 58 members present, 14 apologies. ACW News and Annual Reports available.

NEWSETTE: Beryl McLaughlin had received phone call from National President requesting that Newsette be sent to Darwin and Alice Springs Branches and also requesting information re Bimbadeen College, Cootamundra.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Ethel Wladysiuk asked if any member would have the words and music of the hymn "My Lord loves me".

Avis Stretton had visited Nungalinga College, Darwin and had been very impressed with College activities especially the women involved in Textile Art. She had received some interesting literature from the College for members' information.

Branch Reports to be available for next meeting.

President thanked the Anglican ladies for providing the morning tea - and the Salvation Army ladies for setting up the meeting room.

She then closed the meeting with the Benediction at 12.45 p.m.

Confirmed 

September 16, 1996.

CHORUS for Meeting 16.9.96

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
for one month ended 31-08-1996

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1-08-1996 10275.78

ADD RECEIPTS FOR ONE MONTH

Associate Member	10.00	
Sale of Souvenirs	270.50	
Newsette	15.00	
O/Seas Travel Fund - T/Table-M Tea	14.65	
State Conference - Sale Tapes/Papers	57.00	
F.L.C.	331.83	
" Luncheon	60.00	
Fellowship Day Services	2095.80	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	83.10	
Offering for Shirin Samuel	32.35	2970.23
		<u>13246.01</u>

DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR ONE MONTH

S retary Exp. J Tong - Photocopying	25.10	
Postage	70.15	95.25
Sal.Army - Printing Annual Report		217.00
Brd of Finance & Property - Newsette - Printing		40.00
" " " - F'ship Day "		300.00
Nat.Ccl Wmn - Annual Membership		40.00
L King - Video tapes of Conference		65.00
Girl's Brigade Glebe - Gift of Bibles		100.00
Beth Finlay - Flowers for Joan Tong		50.00
Govt. Charges	2.93	910.18
		<u>\$12335.83</u>

Cheques for Ratification/Payment

Nat. Ccl Women - Annual Membership	40.00
J Tong - Flowers for St Mary's Flower Festival	150.00
Alice Graham - Making of cake for 40th Ann. FLC	80.00
YWCA - AGM & Luncheon	15.00
PPSEAWA - Luncheon	14.00
S ells - Photos for presentation at FLC Intern.Conf	19.90
Brd of Finance & Property-Printing World Com.Day Ser	375.00
C Emmett - Postage Newsette	65.14
E Ridge - Promotions Convenor Expenses	29.76
World Day of Prayer - Contra - Chq pd to ACW	179.85
Boon of Education - Photocopying - Promotion	5.75
" Finance & Property - Postage World Community Day Ser	115.70
B Finlay - Card for Deaconess Andrews	3.50
Bes Elliott - Memberships Secretary - Photocopying	17.30

1. IDENTIFY ROLE FOR EACH REPRESENTATIVE.

1. Co-ordinator
2. Assistant Co-ordinator
3. Promotion/Special Days
4. Assistant Promotion/Special Days
5. F.L.C.
6. W.K.S.
7. Publicity/Newsette
8. Assistant/5,6,& 7.

2. COMPILE DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

Using a street and/or telephone directory, compile a list of all the churches of your denomination in the metropolitan area. (Or in the area relevant to your personnel.)

Compile a list of churches for each ACW branch - those 'closest' to each branch.

The co-ordinator should use the full list of churches to arrange for information regarding ACW activities to be sent to them, at least annually.

Where possible, compile a list of contact persons for each church. Ideally, this would be the secretary for women's ministries within the church, or at least the church secretary.

All reps should have these lists. The FLC and WKS persons should contact as many churches as possible and offer to speak for a short time at any of the ladies meetings, in order to inform them of these projects and how they can be involved.

The Promotion/Special Days persons should ensure that notices of each service is sent to the church for announcement in the church.

The co-ordinator should ask for time to speak at each annual meeting of any women's groups within the denomination, for the purpose of spelling out ACW affiliation loud and clear!

3. SET GOALS FOR ACHIEVING THE ABOVE.

All the forgoing cannot be achieved in 'one sitting'. Do some "FORWARD STRATEGIC PLANNING".

Set in motion any other move you see as being practical and helpful in achieving the above.

Share your ideas.

(One idea I have as I prepare this, is that each denomination should carry its own 'manual of guidance for representatives'.)

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ROLES FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO COUNCIL

1. Co-ordinator: to be responsible to motivate the group and direct its activities.
2. Assistant co-ordinator: attend to any 'secretarial' work, ensure annual affiliation fees for the denomination are paid.
3. Promotion/Special Days: responsible for advising churches of the services, provide information regarding ACW for the churches.
4. Assistant Promotion/Special Days: share the load!
5. F.L.C.: inform the denomination about the Fellowship. Provide up to date information, and encourage support of as many groups as possible.
6. WKS: as for F.L.C.
7. Publicity/Newsette: co-ordinate publicity for the denomination. Ensure that ACW is informed of special functions and conferences within the individual denomination. Promote Newsette at every level. Reprint any news or item in your own church papers.
8. Share the load for 5,6, & 7.

Add to these as you discern the needs.