

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ACW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE held on  
3rd DECEMBER 1990 at 10 a.m. in ACC BOARDROOM, SYDNEY.

CHAIR: The President, Mrs. Marie McCann, opened the meeting with readings: John 3:16-17 - Why He came, and Luke 2:10-14 - How He came - such good news - such glad tidings! She prayed with thanks for the love and the peace and the joy of Christmas - for ACW - for our Scholars - for guidance in our meeting and continuing responsibilities.

PRESENT: Mrs. M. Baker (Denom.Rep.); Mrs. M. Burtenshaw (Publications); Mrs. Y. Davis (Special Days); Mrs. L. King (W.K.S); Mrs. B. McLaughlin (Minute Secretary); Miss D. Mitchell (Vice President); Mrs. H. Richardson (Secretary); Mrs. Major J. Tong (President NSW Unit); Mrs. E. Walker (Treasurer); Mrs. G. West (F.L.C.).

APOLOGY: Brigadier M. Ward (Vice President).

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting of 12th November 1990 as circulated were confirmed.

BUSINESS  
ARISING: To be dealt with in Reports and General Business.

FINANCE: FINANCIAL STATEMENT for THE PERIOD 1st - 30th NOVEMBER 1990.

Brought Forward: \$ 20,032.32 ✓

Add Receipts:

M. Baker - Badges	52.00 ✓	
ACW ACT Unit - F.L.C.	1,073.17 ✓	
" " " - W.Community Day	190.00 ✓	
" " " - ACWC Partners	91.00 ✓	
Alice Springs Uniting Church F.L.C.	43.00 ✓	
" " " " WKS Donation	150.18 ✓	
ACW S.A. Unit - F.L.C.	4,507.10 ✓	
" " " - Fellowship Day	1,492.79 ✓	
" " " - W.K.S. Donation	105.95 ✓	
" " " - W.Community Day	443.95 ✓	
" " " - ACWC Bulletins	74.00 ✓	
" " " - ACWC Partners	239.00 ✓	
Flo Harris Lodge - Bond & Key refunds	230.00 ✓	
ACW Vic. Unit - F.L.C.	8,500.00 ✓	
" " " - Fellowship Day	3,200.00 ✓	
" " " - W.Community Day	3,000.00 ✓	
" " " - National Travel	294.82 ✓	
" " " - ACWC Bulletins	127.50 ✓	
ACW Q'ld Unit - F.L.C.	4,176.33 ✓	
" " " - W.Community Day	618.55 ✓	
" " " - Fellowship Day	870.36 ✓	
" " " - W.K.S. Donation	20.00 ✓	29,499.70 ✓

\$ 49,532.02 ✓

Less Payments:

G. Birt - printing ACW News	130.00 ✓	
D. Tie - personal allowance 5 weeks	300.00 ✓	
H. Richardson - Secretary's expenses	100.00 ✓	
F. Harris Lodge - Scholar's Board to 26.11.90	220.00 ✓	
CMS - Photocopying Minutes Sept. & Oct.	27.60 ✓	
Perfection Plate - badges	126.80 ✓	
Tax	4.25 ✓	908.65 ✓

Balance at 30th November 1990 \$ 48,623.37 ✓

FINANCE:  
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SUMMARY OF FUNDS:

Admin. & General	4,174.85✓	
F.L.C.	20,613.24✓	
World Community Day	6,501.60✓	
Kiri'bati	2,931.73✓	
National Conference	5,059.15✓	
Overseas Conference	970.46✓	
1990 Scholar	2,373.06✓	
Fellowship Day	5,723.15✓	
W.K.Scholarship	276.13✓	\$ 48,623.37✓

Re Tax File Number (Arising from November Minutes): Treasurer advised that she has enquiries in hand and will advise Units in next Circular.

Treasurer mentioned that she has received letters of appreciation for assistance to attend the Conference in Jakarta from the following: Mrs. Eunice Reidy, Mrs. Marion Dodd, Mrs. Margaret Napier, Mrs. Marie McCann, Mrs. Major Joan Tong.

CORRESPONDENCE: Inward - from Units:

- 12.11.90 Victorian Unit minutes of 26.10.90 and enquiry re project for 1991 World Community Day.
- 13.11.90 Dr. Kevin Bray re F.L.C. Exhibit at WCC Assembly - advising that Marquee 2.4m x 2.4m would be available at cost of \$275. (action deferred to FLC Report).
- 15.11.90 Priscilla Padolina, WCC Geneva - Telegram, re Fellowships
- 15.11.90 " " " - Letter "
- 19.11.90 " " " " "
- 19.11.90 N.S.W. Unit Minutes of 19.11.90
- 22.11.90 W.A. Unit minutes - advising new Secretary, Mrs. Vera Wilson, 7 Reserve Street, Wembley, W.A. 6014 Tel: (09) 387.1806.
- 27.11.90 Eunice Kim - re suggested Phone Hook-Up - advising many impracticabilities e.g. wide time-zone differences; Private phone difficulties in many countries.
- 28.11.90 Maureen Clark, advising new office-bearers for S.A. Unit.

Other Correspondence:

- 12.11.90 Dept. of Social Security
- 15.11.90 'On Line'
- 19.11.90 Affirmative Action
- 20.11.90 Focus - Office of Multicultural Affairs; Joint Statement re family allowances from 3 Govt. Departments.
- 30.11.90 Amanda Vanstone - Liberal Senator from S.A. with booklets re Status of Women - Women's Perspectives on e.g. Abortion.

Outwards:

- 22.11.90 Priscilla Padolina, re Fellowships
- Arnathaie Abayasekera "
- Rachel Mathew "
- Hildegard Zumach "
- Barbara Grealy - thank-you for being our ACWC Representative. Circular to all Units.
- 26.11.90 Audrey Sherwin
- Barbara Lacy
- Maureen Clark
- Joan Miller
- Edith Ridge

President's Correspondence: Nil Inward or Outward.

Inward Correspondence was received and outward Correspondence endorsed.

REPORTS:

PUBLICATIONS: (Mrs. M. Burtenshaw)

A letter received from Lorna Stevens of Alice Springs advised that World Community Day was celebrated there this year after many years of inactivity. She also advised that new contact person for ACW there is Mrs. Sue Taylor, 12 De Havilland Drive, Alice Springs NT 0870.

Contributions and news ideas are requested by February 7th for next issue of ACW News - March/April.

SPECIAL DAYS: (Mrs. Y. Davis)

A draft copy of the service for Fellowship Day 1991 has just been received from N.S.W. Unit for Convenor's perusal and forwarding in due course to State Units.

Re Special Project for World Community Day 1991 (arising from November Minutes). It was resolved that the 1991 Special Project be donated towards support of Women's Studies at Nungalinga College, Darwin; the Convenor to write to the College confirming this arrangement; also to advise the other three suggested recipients as follows:

Barkat Das, Pakistan: suggesting that a Correspondence Course in Special Education of Children training may be a possibility for her.  
Rev. Mary Au, Hong Kong: suggesting that she frame a definite project to do with the building project in Hong Kong, for consideration at a future time.

Myanmar Council of Churches Women's Programmes: Advise not accepted at this stage. (A more definite 'project' would need to be framed.)

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: (Mrs. G. West)

Correspondence In:

From Anne Green, Queensland - cheque for spoons.

" Shirin Samuel, Pakistan - advising Prayer Cards are on the way.

Correspondence Out:

To Perfection Plate - ordering 50 spoons.

" Margaret Napier, Darwin - Introduction and new address.

" All State Convenors - advising new address.

Re FLC Leaflet for inclusion in World Community Day Services (arising from November minutes). Mrs. West with Mrs. Davis, the President and the Secretary are working on this; they agreed to confer with Miss Jeanne Sutherland, NSW Unit Publicity Convenor, who is a journalist.

Re F.L.C. Exhibit at WCC Assembly (arising from November minutes) and following letter from Dr. Kevin Bray. It was resolved not to take up the offer of a marquee at the cost of \$275.00, but to accept the offer to send 200 leaflets as approved by WCC, also that extra leaflets be taken by members attending for possible handing out. Mrs. Lucelle King offered to provide a framed F.L.C. Logo (approx. ½ foolscap size) for placing with the leaflets, possibly in Pilgrim Church with other displays. The Leaflet being produced for World Community Day could be suitable.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: (Mrs. L. King)

Correspondence In:

13.11.90 Cooma Hospital agreeing to have Rachel Sobana (1991 Scholar) for work experience next March/April.

27.11.90 Rachel Sobana acknowledging receipt of FAX re air ticket and visa.

28.11.90 Elizabeth Walker (National Treasurer) enclosing copy of sponsorship form for Rachel's visa.

REPORTS:  
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WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP (continued)

Correspondence Out:

- 25.11.90 FAX to Rachel Sobana enclosing information re air tickets, visa and travel in Australian States.  
26.11.90 FAX to Elizabeth Walker, with copy of sponsorship form, the original being sent by registered mail.

Application Forms for 1992 for Area No. 3 (Pacific) need to be approved and finalised as soon as possible. They will need to be received back by Friday April 5th and applicants notified by July 31st.

Doreen Tie: Doreen left Sydney for Brisbane on Wednesday 14th November and returned Monday 19th. She attended lectures 20th to 23rd and left Sydney for home via the States on Monday 26th. No news as yet so we presume all is going well - in Melbourne Monday 26 to Thursday 29 then Launceston 29 to March 3rd; Adelaide 3rd to Thursday 6th then Perth 6th to 10th, then home to Malaysia. .

A letter has been received from Doreen expressing her great appreciation of all that has been done for her, her course, work experience, loving care and hospitality and the great benefits from her course and having been the recipient of the Scholarship.

Rachel Sobana: Sponsorship Form obtained for visa. Sent to Rachel with suggestions re air ticket. It seems cheapest fare is from Trivandrum (100 miles from her home) to Madras; Madras to Kuala Lumpur (with over-night package special at Airport Hotel) then K.L. to Sydney - February 25th and 26th. Return ticket Perth to Madras via K.L. Travel within Australia best done by coach and plane. As soon as dates are finalised decisions can be made. Verbal agreement has been received from W.A, Tasmania and Queensland regarding Rachel's visit.

GENERAL  
BUSINESS:

W.K.S. Fellowships following WCC Assembly: Some tentative plans have been framed and notified to State Units in Circular of 22nd November. No replies as yet from three women to whom Fellowships have been offered.

A.C.W.C. QUADRENNIAL ASSEMBLY, JAKARTA - Report from President Marie McCann.

Attended by 140 women of 16 countries, from Korea through to New Zealand; held at Kinasih Conference Centre, in the hills 40 km from the city; the climate, though humid, was breezy and very pleasant.

The Indonesian politeness was outstanding and the spirituality and the fellowship between all the nationalities was very special. The Business Sessions, Bible Studies, Devotionals, Special Events, Cultural Evening, Church Services were all magnificently planned. On the Cultural Evening, before our Australian presentation of a dramatised version of Waltzing Matilda, Muriel Olsson made a great impression, emotionally telling in her life-story of being taken from her family by the police when she was 5 years old.

It was a great privilege to participate in sharing the concern of women who are heavily burdened in their efforts to free women from their heavy burdens of oppression in their homes, their work, and sadly, their churches; also to gain this knowledge and concern to bring forward to our own 1991 National Conference.

The new ACWC President is Mrs. Monika Mannan of Bangladesh. Margaret Napier, who has replaced Barbara Grealy as our National Representative, was appointed as Conference Secretary of ACWC, the position from which Dorothy Haensel has retired. Joan Tong was elected to the General Committee

NEXT MEETING: Extra Meeting on Monday, 21st January 1991 for firming of National Conference arrangements, programme etc; regular Executive Meeting on Monday, 4th February 1991. Both at 10 a.m. in ACC Boardroom, 379 Kent St. Sydney.

The Meeting closed with sharing of the Grace together at 1.30 p.m.

Confirmed

Date