

Minutes of the Council Meeting, held at 222 Pitt St. Sydney on Monday, 20 November, 1989.

The meeting opened with the President, Mrs Marjory Baker in the Chair. There were 48 present as recorded in the attendance book and apologies were recorded for 12 people.

The President welcomed two visitors, Barbara Whimshurst, a friend of Mina Whybourne and Gwen Morris, Shirley Wells' friend who had attended the National Conference as a visitor.

The Council heard with regret of the accident to member Peg Cameron, who has broken her leg. The Secretary was asked to send greetings to Peg and members were encouraged to contact her by phone during her enforced period of rest. Prayers also for June Graham.

We were sorry to hear of the resignation as a Uniting Church delegate of Dorothy Harris, but all members wished her and her husband a happy time of retirement in Armidale.

After a short prayer to open the meeting, devotions were given by Mrs Doreen Moore, who led the group in a time of singing Christmas carols. We enjoyed singing 'Joy to the World', 'O Come, all ye faithful', and 'Angels from the Realms of Glory'.

Doreen then 'decorated' a Christmas Tree, using symbols such as bells, lanterns, harps, horns, staw goats, greeting cards and a star, each symbol being explained as it was placed. Thanks were expressed to people of other nations for the beauty of their customs and traditions. Appreciation was expressed to Doreen for leading our thoughts towards Christmas in this way.

The Minutes of the meeting held on October 16 were read and confirmed. There was no business arising from these minutes.

Report from the Executive Meeting, 13 November. The Executive had dealt with business not done in October and reported on the Correspondence thus dealt with.

Correspondence. Lists of the Inwards and Outwards Correspondence since the June meeting were tabled. It was resolved that the Correspondence be read and received and dealt with as read.

Business arising from the Correspondence.

1. 'Friends of A.C.C.' Affiliation with this group is due at the increased cost of \$50 (was \$25). The Executive did not recommend paying this affiliation this year, in the light of the current financial position. After discussion, the members of Council agreed that at this time A.C.W. will not affiliate with 'Friends of A.C.C.' To be reviewed at a later date.
2. St. Andrew's Flower Festival, 1990. Delegate, Mollie Craig offered to assist with the arranging of the A.C.W. display at the 1990 festival. Members of Executive had also offered.
3. St. Mary's Flower Festival, 1990. Marie McCann offered to assist Executive members in arranging this display. Because of the cost of flowers for these two festivals, it was resolved that during 1990 a box be placed on the meeting table for members to leave small monetary contributions towards the \$100 plus that it is estimated will buy the flowers for two displays.
4. Delegates were invited to the end of year meeting of N.C.W. Miss Shirley Wells agreed to attend with the two delegates. An apology from the President at this meeting.
5. The office of Children's Films and T.V. Association offered us sufficient copies of their document 'How to Make a Complaint About a T.V. Programme' for each member to have one at home. They will be distributed at the February meeting.
6. National Newsletters and Minutes.
In noting that the deadline for the A.C.W. News is now the 7th. of the month before the paper is published, Council was also reminded that the deadline for Newsette is also now the 7th. of of the month.
A.C.W. News will be published each two months, not monthly.

Council was given the dates for the next National Conference. It will be held at the Salvation Army Conference Centre, Collaroy, from 9-13 September, 1991.

Our President, Marjory Baker was congratulated upon being co-opted to the National Executive of A.C.W.

Problems caused by easy credit.

The Secretary reported that her enquiries about the Consumer & Credit Education in N.S.W. schools resulted in the information that Maths, Economics and Home Economics teachers are required to cover this subject in the current curriculum.

The Council expressed concern about this matter of easy credit particularly from banks and other lending societies and asked the Executive to arrange for a time of discussion during 1990.

REPORTS.

Treasurer's Report. The financial statement as attached to these minutes was received & adopted.

Accounts presented for payment were ratified.

Resolution. It was moved by Dorothy Lumb, seconded Peg Blake "That the donations received from the Church of Christ, Baptist Women's Fellowship, the Salvation Army, and the Uniting Church, amounting to \$1,550.00 be applied to re-imburse the 6 members of the new National Executive for extra fares and expenses caused by the strike in travelling to and from Perth at the time of the National Conference." CARRIED

Promotions Convenor. Members were asked to notify their branch secretaries that the information slips for World Community Day and for Fellowship Day need to be sent to her as soon as possible after the services are held.

A new Branch has been formed at Beecroft, where 70 people attended a meeting about A.C.W. addressed by Past President, June Graham.

W.K.S. The Convenor reported on the visit to Sydney of scholar, Failautusi. She addressed a very good meeting on World Community Day at Sutherland. A trip to the Blue Mountains was greatly enjoyed by both Fai and the ladies who went with her. She participated in Sunday worship at the Central Baptist Church in the City and at a Presbyterian evening service at Bexley. On a visit to the home of Mavis Burtenshaw at Terrigal, she met Church Women of that area and climbed the Skillion at Terrigal. After her departure for Fiji there was to be a three day stay over before the last leg of the home journey to Kiribati. Everyone agreed that this visit had been most enjoyable and highly successful and thanks were expressed to Mina and to all who participated in it.

The scholar for 1990 was announced as Doreen Tie Chin Bing of Sarawak, Malaysia, who is at present in England doing a course, and will not arrive in Australia to take up our Scholarship until July, when she will do some short courses in training for Mentally retarded Children. The National Convenor is looking for some courses at Lidcombe Hospital.

Publicity. The attendances at the World Community Days Services were good, due in part to the good publicity we received through church newspapers and some radio stations.

F.L.C. In the absence of the Convenor, Joan Tong read from the Circle of Prayer, Japan's contribution, 'Creations, Hope for Glorious Freedom. We were reminded of the words found in Romans 8.

General Business. A.C.W. News copies were distributed. Notelets were advertised for sale at 10c for one (plus envelope), these notelets are to raise money for ACWC and F.L.C.

Fridge magnets at \$1 each are being sold on behalf of N.C.W.

Programmes for the 1990 meetings will be distributed at the February meeting, on Feb. 19.

World Day of Prayer orders of service were available for anyone needing spare copies. The city service will be at 12 noon, March 2nd, 1990 at the Scots Church, Margaret St.

Order of the Day. Reports of the National Conference.
Deaconess Andrews gave a comprehensive report on the Bible Studies and special services of the Conference.
Brigadier Ward in a lighthearted manner told of the traumas of the travelling in a time of a national Air strike.

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Acknowledgement was made of the efficient manner in which our air bookings had been arranged by the Treasurer in the first place, and thanks expressed to all who helped to get the delegates on planes to Perth. During the time of our enforced stay in Perth after the Conference, the hospitality of the College authorities and the women of A.C.W. in Perth was praised.

The President counted as one of the highlights of the Conference, the final service, when the new Executive members were installed.

The Secretary reported on business sessions of the Conference and told of alterations to the Constitution and Guidelines. A list of these matters is attached to these minutes.

The National President, Marie McCann was invited to make a report on the work of her Executive. Fellowship Day 1990 order of service has arrived and is in the process of production. The theme of the service is 'In the Beginning'.

Marie spoke with enthusiasm about the arrangements being made for the 1991 Conference, when it is hoped that many N.S.W. women will be able to participate.

Thanks were expressed to the Baptist ladies for their hospitality at this meeting. They were reminded that they will set up the room for the February meeting. The Churches of Christ ladies were thanked for preparing the room today.

The Presbyterian delegates will be the hostesses at the February meeting.

The President wished the members a joyful Christmas and a good holiday break and the meeting closed with the saying of the Benediction.

Confirmed.