

## **Australian Church Women National Executive**

**Minutes** of meeting of National Executive held at Yarralumla Uniting Church Centre Monday 23rd September 1996 at 10am.

**Present:** Evonne Sullivan, President; Betty Farrell, Vice President; Jean Thomson, Hon. Secretary; Helen Lloyd, Treasurer; Eileen Holley, Fellowship of Least Coin Convenor; Beth Webb, Publications Editor; Betty Laurie, Special Days Convener; Jenny Jarvis, Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor; Ruth Burmester, National Life Member.

**Apologies:** Olga Scott, Vice President. A minute of Sympathy was accorded Olga and Bob Scott following the death of their great grandson Joshua (aged 6 months)

**Devotions:** led by Ruth Burmester, based on Ephesians 4: 1 - 3; we all joined in the Lord's Prayer.

**Minutes** of meeting of 26. 8. 96. Confirmed on motion of Beth Webb, Betty Farrell.

### **Business Arising**

1. Amended Constitution has been completed, awaiting Guidelines - still to be scanned and typed.
2. The ACW spoons which were ordered have arrived - order forms for crested items were sent out with National minutes of 26. 8. 96. All agreed that the fluted spoons were most attractive.
3. FLC crested Spoons have also been ordered from Perfection Plate.

### **Reports:**

**1. National President** - Evonne reported she had had consultations with Winifred Kiek Scholarship National Convenor regarding the 1997 scholarships. She extended compliments to the WKS Trustees for their careful consideration of all applicants and in the final choice of scholars. Appreciation also to Jenny for her liaison with the WKS Trustees prior to the announcement of the 1997 Scholars.

Evonne reported telephone consultations with

1. Major Wilga Morris, Co Convenor Darwin Branch, re
  - a) Publicity and the directory of the branch for next newsletter, and
  - b) the projected setting up of a reconstituted National Council of Women of the Northern Territory

2. Deaconess Frances McKechnie in Alice Springs who has decided to invite the Ministers Fraternal to send representatives from each denomination to a meeting on a date yet to be decided. Evonne expressed appreciation of Deaconess McKechnie's efforts on behalf of ACW.

**2. Fellowship of the Least Coin - National Convenor Eileen Holley** - had sent off the order for FLC crested spoons to Perfection Plate.

Eileen reported that she has now received a number of parcels of promotional material from Pakistan, including 40th Anniversary booklets; some of the material arrived in poor condition but most is in good order. A parcel of this material was sent to Darwin Branch and also to Alice Springs. Material will be forwarded to the State Units as required. Wilga Morris had already replied - very appreciative.

A letter had come from Christchurch, detailing the cost of accommodation for the Conference. The national Treasurer and Eileen will arrange payment of Eileen's accommodation.

A letter from Shirin Samuel telling of despatch of parcels, and enquiring re activities in Sydney, this request has been forwarded to NSW Unit. A letter has been sent to Shirin to facilitate her Visa for entry to Australia.

Eileen recommends that a brochure be produced about Fellowship of the Least Coin, similar to the WKS brochure Jenny and helpers recently produced. Executive agreed that this be done as soon as possible.

Eileen leaves for New Zealand on Saturday 28th September, after attending the NSW Unit Function in Sydney on Friday 27th.

National President expressed our good wishes to Eileen, who goes to the International Fellowship of the Least Coin Conference in Christchurch with high expectations. She will be in our thoughts and

**Treasurer - Helen Lloyd** - No report this month as all books are with the Auditor at present. Accounts for payment (as below) were moved Helen Lloyd, seconded Betty Laurie and **accepted**.

Reimburse J. Thomson Postage of August Minutes	18.15
Photocopying of August Minutes	31.00
Cost of ACW crested Spoons	225.90
Subscription to 'Ecumenical Friends' of NCCA	60.00
Accommodation for Eileen Holley in New Zealand a bank draft for Approximately	NZ\$350.00

The Audited financial statements of the Winifred Kiek Trustees for the year 1995/96 had been received.

Nothing further to report about the matter of badges to be bought for ACW.

There was a mistake in price quoted in the Order Form sent out with August Minutes.

**Circle of Prayer No 13 should be \$1.30** - Secretary accepted that it was her mistake, and requested that price lists be amended accordingly.

**Correspondence** as listed - received/endorsed on motion of Betty Laurie/Jenny Jarvis.

#### B/A

1. Darwin Branch letter about language used in all Orders of Service. "*They should be gender free and all inclusive of men and women*" Executive decided that this matter will be looked at in all future preparation of Orders of Service
2. Secretary to write expressing our thanks to Qld Unit for information about a project for 1997 World Community Day.
3. Secretary to write to Major Lynette Green asking for clarification of some points raised in her recent letter.

#### General Business

1. Appointment of National Minute Secretary - An appointment had not yet been made, although several approaches had been made.
2. National President suggested that the conclusion of the 60th Anniversary Year of ACW in South Australia would be an appropriate time to invite South Australia to accept responsibility of National Executive in 1999, following Queensland's Term in National Office. It was agreed that National Secretary write to the South Australian Unit extending the invitation.
3. A special meeting of National Executive to plan for 1997 Conference preparation has been set for November 15th at the usual venue.
4. During the two week absence of the National President the Secretary will open the PO Box as usual, and confer with the National Vice Presidents on any urgent matters.
5. A draft brochure will be produced for National Executive to view next meeting, based on an update of 'ACW Who are We'. ✓
6. National secretary will write to the Governor General and Lady Deane inviting them to attend the Ecumenical Service on 23rd September 1997, during National Conference week.

**Next Meeting:** 28 October at 10am at Yarralumla Uniting Church Centre.

Devotions: Jean Thomson

Hostess: Betty Farrell

*Robene R. Sullivan*

National President

Date 28.10.96

Correspondence for ACW National Executive Meeting on 23. 9 96

**Inwards**

27. 8. 96      1. WA unit Minutes 9.8.96 - filed  
                  2. WKS Trustees record of meeting 14. 8. 96 - filed
- 30.8.96        3. 4 parcels for Eileen Holley - FWD  
                  4 Parcel of Souvenir Spoons from Bartel/Collectors World Inc. Invoice (Treasurer)  
                  5. Tas Unit Minutes 29. 7. 96 - filed  
                  6. Freedom, Justice & Peace Society - Prayer days for Human Rights - Tabled
2. 9. 96        7. 14 parcels for Eileen Holley FWD  
                  8. fwd from Aileen Fitzgerald - information about a book - tabled.
3. 9. 96        9. 5 parcels for Eileen Holley FWD  
                  10. CALL - magazine of Churches of Christ Women in SA - tabled
6. 9. 96        11. Shalom Newsletter - September 96 - tabled  
                  12 To E. Holley from Christchurch - FWD  
                  13 To E. Holley from Shirin Samuel - FWD  
                  14 Major Wilga Morris re Darwin Fellowship Day enc cheque FWD Treasurer.
9. 9. 96        15 Qld Unit Minutes of meeting 26. 8. 96 - filed  
                                enc report on Anglican Aged Care (FWD to L. Green)  
                  16. ACT Unit Minutes of meeting 30. 8. 96 - filed.
11. 9. 96       17. Christian Research Organisation re update for 1997 (Secretary to answer)
13. 9. 96       18. To E. Holley from Shirin Samuel FWD  
                  19. Darwin Branch report of meeting 9. 9. 96 - filed  
                                enc order for spoons (FWD to Treasurer)
16. 9. 96       21 Darwin Branch to E. Holley FWD
19. 9. 96       22 SA Unit Treasurer payment for A/C for Circles of Prayer etc FWD to Treasurer  
                  23 Qld Unit re project for WC Day 1997 (to Special days Convenor)  
                  24 Frances McKechnie re Alice Springs branch  
                  25 L. McDonald Editor CALL re subscription (Secretary to reply - No)  
                  26 Major Lynette Green re ACWC matters (Secretary to reply)
23. 9. 96       27 Vic Unit Congratulations on formation of Darwin Branch

**Outwards**

3. 9. 96        Deaconess McKechnie re Alice Springs Branch
6. 9. 96        Minutes and order form to all on list
16. 9. 96       B. McLaughlin - acknowledging information re Bimbadeen.