



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday 10 April 2006 at 10.30 am.

WELCOME: President Major Lyn Middleton welcomed everyone to the meeting with particular mention of Jean Drysdale, a new representative to ACW from WCTU.

DEVOTIONS: Based on Luke 22: 31-34 Lyn Middleton spoke of Jesus' prediction of Peter's denial, with the assurance that "I have prayed for you, Simon", then the denial after which "Peter went out and wept bitterly". Cranberries are judged by their bounce, and our strength of faith is judged by how we bounce back after disappointment. Remorse destroys joy and setbacks hurt, but we must show our belief in forgiveness. Jesus saw through to Peter's repentance and knew he would bounce back. Peter had been out of his spiritual depth when he argued with his accusers, and spoke when he should have kept silent. But he accepted the Lord's forgiveness and took hope from the commission to "feed my sheep". He was soon back in service. Christians should erase from memory sins God has forgiven. Easter allows us to have a triumphant faith. Trust and acceptance allow us to bounce back.

PRESENT: 39 as recorded on attendance sheet

APOLOGIES: 16 as recorded.

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of 18 April 2005 having been read at the Council Meeting of 20 June 2005 and initialled were confirmed on the motion of Carmel Keys and Jan Harrison.

REPORTS: All reports were printed in the Annual Report and available to members. President, Secretary and Treasurer presented their reports.

Moved Helen Richardson, seconded Lily Hanlon that the audited financial report to 31 December 2005 be received. Carried

Moved Irene Roberts and Shirley Tapp that the reports be received. Carried

OFFICE BEARERS 2005/2006:	President	Carmel Keys	Catholic
	Past President	Lyn Middleton	Salvation Army
	President Elect		Baptist

ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2005/2006: Members endorsed the appointment of the following office bearers who had been nominated and the nominations seconded:

Secretary	Isabel Hewitt	Uniting Church
Treasurer	Helen Richardson	Uniting Church
Winifred Kiek	Judith Cayzer	Churches of Christ
Fellowship of the Least Coin	Janet Lang	Presbyterian
Membership	Heather Reid	Baptist
Pastoral Care	Olive Edmondstone	Baptist
Newsette	Beryl McLaughlin	Anglican
Publicity	Nancy McLaren	Salvation Army
Special Days	Pamela Freeman	Salvation Army
Social Issues	Joan Bird	Catholic
Asian Church Women's Conference	Beryl Kirkwood	Baptist

Executive members came forward to enable Council members to note who they were, and Jean Porteous, retiring Past President, prayed for them.

COMMITTEES:

Winifred Kiek Scholarship: Judith Cayzer (Convener), Mina Whybourne, Edith Ridge, Norma Dumbrell

Fellowship of the Least Coin: Janet Lang (Convener)

Membership: Heather Reid (Convener)

Pastoral Care: Olive Edmondstone (Convener)

Newsette: Beryl McLaughlin (Convener), Heather Badgery, Jan Harrison

Publicity: Nancy McLaren (Convener)

Special Days: Pamela Freeman (Convener), Jan Harrison, Isabel Hewitt, Dorothy Kenning, Judith Cayzer, Pat Sutton, Shirley Tapp

Social Issues: Joan Bird (Convener), Rosalyn Bemrose, Lily Hanlon

ACWC: Beryl Kirkwood (Convener), Heather Reid, Olive Edmondstone, Winsome Penn, Norma Dumbrell, Ramona Cowle

Jean Porteous was re-appointed as Public Officer on the motion of Jan Harrison and Nancy McLaren.

Brenda Dickinson was confirmed as *Newsette* manager.

It was agreed that Mr Frank Fryirs be Auditor for the coming year on the motion of Cela Cooper and Beryl McLaughlin.

DELEGATES TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

National Council of Women: Shirley Wells, Helen Richardson, Dorothy Kenning as alternate.

World Day of Prayer: Bev Elliott, Judith Baker, Lily Hanlon, Jan Harrison, Julie Bryant

NSW Ecumenical Council: Rosalyn Bemrose

Pan Pacific & S E Asia Women's Assn: Edith Ridge, Mina Whybourne

The Annual General Meeting closed at 11.45 am and the business of April Council meeting followed.

Initialed:

Confirmed:

19 June 2006

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