

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN**  
**MINUTES OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING, 10am 20th March 2001,**  
**held in Koorong Bookstore Staff Room, 198 Waymouth Street Adelaide**



- WELCOME** President Mrs Marj Dredge welcomed all present.
- DEVOTIONS** Our President spoke of 'growing in faith' and how this is expressed in the reading, Psalm 80, Leslie Brandt's 'Psalms Now'. Then Marj led in prayer.
- PRESENT** Marj Dredge in Chair, Shirley Birch, Laurice Smith, Maureen Clark, Dorothy Chapman, Dorothy Ferrier, Margaret Greenslade, Mavis Ellis, Shirley Sampson & Marj Crawford.
- APOLOGY** Barbara Greal.

**MINUTES** of the meeting of 20/02/01 were signed as correct.

**BUSINESS ARISING from the Minutes**

- 1 **Fellowship Day 2001 Order of Service** - sent to all State Units & Branches.
- 2 **World Community Day 2001 Project** - from the 4 submissions **Talitha Kumi Welfare Center** in Pakistan (Women Empowering Women to Overcome Violence) was selected. **Agreed**
- 3 **Fellowship Day 2002 Theme** - 'Rejoice in the Lord'. Tasmania to be asked to prepare this service. **Agreed**
- 4 **Launch of Sweat Shop Label** - Carmel Blanton from the Victorian ACW Unit represented the National Executive at this.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - on Page 3. Inwards received, Outwards endorsed.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1(4) Responded and asked that further information be forwarded.
- 2(8) The letter introduced the new Commissioner
- 3(10) Barbara Lacy advised she will not be seeking re-election as ACW National Representative to ACWC at the ACWC Assembly in August 2002 but as the former holder of this position will be one of the 4 voting delegates each country is allowed. At ACW National Conference 3 voting delegates will need to be appointed and the delegate obtaining the highest vote becomes the new ACW Representative to ACWC. It would be good if one indigenous and one woman under 35 could be among the nominees for appointment at ACW National Conference. Units must obtain the consent of each nominee & her profile must reach National Executive **NO LATER THAN 29TH JUNE 2001**. National Executive will issue a personal invitation to each member of the ACWC Executive Committee (it enables the bearer to obtain the necessary visas for her travel) and our letter-head will have 'Affiliated with Asian Church Women's Conference' on it. The invitation will state that 'full accommodation will be provided by Australian Church Women' and that 'Asian Church Women's Conference is providing travel arrangements'
- 4(14) Information sent to Queensland Unit - if you are interested it is up to you.
- 5(15) Ansett - National Conference registration forms will be printed on the shells provided and a pro forma will be presented at next Executive meeting. The telephone number is 131300 and the Masterfile number is MC06877.

**TREASURER - Financial Report for month ending 28th February 2001 - Page 3**

- m. D Chapman, s.L Smith that report be adopted. **Agreed**
- A/cs passed for payment** - Minute Secretary \$59.30, WKS \$67.92, Shirley Plaise (Conference Expenses) \$12 m.D Chapman s. S Birch. **Agreed**
- GST** - Apply to De-register as from 31/03/01 - Treasurer to sign - m.D Chapman s. S Birch **Agreed**

**REPORTS**

- 1 **WKS Convener** - Dorothy Ferrier  
Leaflets have been despatched

- 2 **FLC Convener** - Margaret Greenslade

I have received from Esther Byu a copy of the March 2001 "FLC Moves and Touches" together with list of allocated FLC Grants for Projects 2001. Copies of both of these are being sent to the FLC Conveners in the various State Units & Branches.

**REPORTS - cont**

**2 FLC - cont**

From Margaret Florence and Juanita Miller I have received reports submitted by three recipients of 2000 grants. The Girls' Friendly Society in the Diocese of North Queensland, through the Diocesan Chairman has provided a comprehensive outline of the way the grant was used to provide seminars and information days covering a large area of Q'ld, photos also supported the report. From Northwest Regional Hospital, Tasmania, a report provided by the hospital chaplain detailed the way this grant was used particularly in providing Christian literature to the hospital library, providing Bibles - also translations - so that more patients are catered for. Music through CDs and a tape recorder are also being purchased. The Chaplain at Creca/Campbell Town Primary & High Schools also submitted her report detailing activities she has instituted and seminars and meetings attended to extend her expertise.

These reports will be forwarded on to Esther Byu - ICFLC Secretary.

**ACWC REPORT - Barbara Lacy**

I am not seeking re-election because I believe it is important this wonderful experience and privilege should be shared among our women. The year between our Conference and the ACWC Assembly is a time of education for the new national representative.

It remains to be seen if I will be chosen to remain on the ACWC Executive Committee for another term. I leave that to the Lord.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**1 Web Site - progressing**

**2 Update of ACW Leaflet - continuing**

**CLOSURE** Marj Dredge closed the meeting with prayer.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 23 APRIL at 10am at Koorong Bookstore**

National President.....

Date .....

Inwards:

20/2/01	1. Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation forwarding 3 booklets (to M. Ellis)
22/2/01	2. NCCA advising funding request from Bangladesh forwarded to relevant dept.
23/2/01	3. ACW (Vic Unit) suggesting Talitha Kumi Welfare Centre for WC DProject
27/2/01	4. OSW re Capacity Building Workshops in Adelaide and Brisbane
1/3/01	5. Dept. Foreign Affairs & Trade advising letter re Operation Morocco forwarded to appropriate departments
1/3/01	6. ACW (QLD Unit) minutes meeting 27/11/00
2/3/01	7. ACW (SA Unit) minutes meeting 9/2/01
2/3/01	8. Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commissioner Dr Sev Ozdowski OAM
7/3/01	9. Australian Republican Movement re membership
7/3/01	10. Barbara Lacy (ACWC rep.) report for meeting 20/3/01
8/3/01	11. ACW (WA Unit) minutes meeting 16/2/01
8/3/01	12. NCWA(to Lee Edwards WA Unit) advice cancellation of 'You and Your Future' Conference
9/3/01	13. ACW (SA Unit) updated Unit Constitution
9/3/01	14. Connecting Communities Festival
9/3/01	15. Ansett advising conference masterfile number
12/3/01	16. Senator Bill Heffernan re Aust. Fed. Police investigating paedophilia.
3/3/01	17. ACW (NSW Unit) minutes meetings 16/10/00, 20/11/00 and 19/2/01
19/3/01	18. ACW (NSW Unit) suggesting AEF Bimbadeen College Inc. and Prem Sewa, India for ultrasound equipment for WCD Project

## PUBLICATIONS:

Final report Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation to PM and Commonwealth Parliament

Final edition of Walking Together

CWLA Newsletter February

NEWS#1/2001

Working together 2001/1

BPW Aust. Chat Page; Rural Business Women in Western Victoria re 2 projects

Outwards:

21/2/01	1. Circular 2001/12 re information required for Conference Working Papers
21/2/01	2. Ansett re Conference
21/2/01	3. NCWA change of address
23/2/01	4. Reverend Cathy Thomson re conference
23/2/01	5. Dr Deidre Palmer re conference
27/2/01	6. Sr Christine Burke IBVM re conference

**Financial Report for month ending 28<sup>th</sup> February 2001**

Balance 1-2-01		6,030.65
<b>Receipts</b>		
Postage Reimbursement	5.80	
Sales - "Many Prayer, One Prayer" (Incl GST)	<u>19.80</u>	<u>25.60</u>
		6,056.25
<b>Payments</b>		
Australian Tax Office - GST	51.00	
Office Works - National Conference	<u>204.00</u>	<u>255.00</u>
Balance 28-2-01		<u>5,801.25</u>
Balance cheque account as per bank statement	5,801.25	
Term Deposit for \$5,151.29 matured 31-1-01		
Reinvested plus \$178.91 interest	5,330.20	
Term Deposit for \$6,162.04 matured 23-2-01		
Reinvested plus \$186.26 interest	<u>6,348.30</u>	
Total Balance 28-2-01	<u>17,479.75</u>	
<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS SUMMARY</b>		
Administration	4,129.79	
WKS Bursary Book	25.00	
National Conference Fund	10,106.86	
Overseas Conference Fund	<u>3,218.10</u>	
	<u>\$17,479.75</u>	