



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday,
16th February, 1998 at 10.30 a.m.

OPENING: President Peg Blake welcomed members after our Christmas/holiday break and hoped that all members had a refreshing and happy time. She thanked all those who had sent her greetings and messages of encouragement. Peg welcomed new members, Joyce Liddell from the Salvation Army and Sister Marie Craddock RSJ from the Catholic Church, and welcomed Margaret Jessup back after her eye difficulties. It was a pleasant surprise to have a visit from Beverley Elliott now living at Ettalong Beach. Peg extended congratulations to Helen Stutchbury on the occasion of her 80th Birthday.

Devotions by President Peg were based on Daniel 6 - Daniel's loyalty to God - he was a prayerful man and God saved him - "dare to be a Daniel, dare to stand alone" - the same Lord stands with everyone of us as we walk with Him. Peg committed the meeting to God in prayer, praying particularly for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East, that the Mardi Gras be shunned for the abomination it is, and that Beth Finlay now in Lithgow Hospital would be restored to health.

PRESENT: 50 as per attendance records.

APOLOGIES: Heather Reid, Lucelle King, Beth Finlay and eight others as recorded.

President reported that Rachel McManus would not be able to attend today's meeting as she is living in Ivanhoe for the time being.

Rev. Chris Letcher, President of the Aboriginal Inland Mission will be guest speaker for March.

The Minutes of meeting of November 17 were read and after correction in "Functions Attended" - Linelle Smith attended YWCA function not Prayer Breakfast" and confirmed on motion of Ruth Moore and Heather Badgery.

BUSINESS ARISING/BUSINESS FROM EXECUTIVE:

1. STATE CONFERENCE: 13/15 MAY: Margaret Collier had brochures available - would answer any queries on 9968-1927 - unfortunately Margaret will be leaving prior to conference and President thanked her for all the organisation she had put in hand.
Major Eileen Holley has kindly agreed to take Margaret's position as Functions Convener, for which we are most grateful.
2. NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION - St. Mary's Cathedral - December 10 - Major Joan Tong as President of the Council was very pleased at the large attendance - standing room only. Statement of commitment by representatives of the Churches in NSW to reconciliation, We are all "one in Christ". (Marie McCann is our representative on the Council.)
3. ACWC SERVICE - November 17 - excellent Service - Joan Tong emphasised that it was the most successful we had held. She had sent a report to ACWC Newsletter plus photographs which had been printed.
Joan gave advance notice of the ACWC Quadrennial Assembly to be held in Changmai, Thailand, from 15-20 November 1998 - everyone is welcome.
Registration \$US200 - return air fare approx. \$1200.
Theme "Rejoice, Reclaim, Respond".
Women's position in the Church.

ACWC SERVICE 1998 - will be held on 2nd November (instead of 16th) at the Salvation Army Citadel, Campsie and ACW Council will be held on 16th November at 222 Pitt Street - members to be encouraged to attend both meetings.

4. INSTALLATION SERVICE - REV. ELIZABETH WALKER - 11 MAY 1998: Roseville
Uniting Church, 7-11 Lord Street Roseville at 10.30 a.m.
Invitations available for distribution to Branch members -
Luncheon supplied - \$4.00 donation would be appreciated.
5. 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS - 20TH JULY: 11 a.m. Salvation Army
Congress Hall, Elizabeth Street - luncheon upstairs - speaker from
Salvation Army - Commissioner Lorraine Buckingham, Territorial President
for Women's Ministries - a special leaflet to be printed on our activities
giving history and pertinent information re Australian Church Women -
Committee to be formed with Lucelle King as Convener.
6. THANKSGIVING SERVICE - late DORIS MITCHELL - President Peg Blake and Helen
Richardson had attended Service. Miss Mitchell's name will be sent forward
to National Executive for recording in Bursary Book. Information regarding
her activities would be appreciated from members who had been associated with
her .
7. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN - APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE: A member of Australian
Church Women is required for the Executive of National Council of Women -
meetings 3rd Tuesdays and last Thursdays - 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.
members asked to consider filling this position.
8. NATIONAL CONFERENCE - A file containing Minutes and Reports of recent National
Conference is available from Secretary for members' perusal.
History of Winifred Kiek Scholarship is also included.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inwards)

1. Major Annette Wilson - to President, resignation - moved to ACT.
2. Catholic Women's League - Sister Marie Craddock RSJ - appointed to Council.
3. National Executive Minutes for November and December.
4. National President - Christmas greetings, also from WCTU and Rachel Kanly.
5. Ruth Callaghan - YWCA.
6. Leigh Memorial Uniting Church, Parramatta - Mission Get-Together -
30th March.
7. Sister Marie Craddock RSJ.
8. NSW Parliament - Standing Committee on Social Issues - re Dedicated Seats
for Aboriginal People in NSW Parliament - Tuesday 3 March 1998 at 11.a.m.
(President Peg Blake, Heather Reid and Mina Whybourne will attend).
9. Dr. Sarah Mitchell - unable to speak at Birthday celebration lunch.

CORRESPONDENCE - (Outward)

1. CWL and Sister Marie Craddock RSJ.
2. Mr. Perriam - letter of sympathy.
3. National Executive from President Peg re Mission Statement and PNG relief.
4. Salvation Army (2) re booking Auditorium and Function Centre for 60th Birthday.
5. David Jones - congratulations on Christmas music and display - requesting
Nativity 1998.
6. Premier - congratulations on stand against drugs.
7. Major Brian Watters " " " "
8. Robyn Henry Uniting Church re room reservation for Executive/Council meetings.

TABLED:

1. Awakening 2000
2. Bible Society
3. Department of Women - December/January - February/March leaflet.
4. International Women's Day - UNIFEM - Breakfast 6 March 1998

REPORT: Marie Majoor had attended an Assembly in Manila, Philippines of Catholic women from the Asia/Pacific area - women from Fiji, Japan, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Australia (including two aboriginal women) and others. The theme was "Dignity of Women" - very worthwhile and encouraging Assembly.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED: President Peg attended the National Council of Women "Celebrate being an Australian" Luncheon on 22nd January - an excellent guest speaker, Dr. Helen Irving, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Technology, Sydney. Encouraging to see young women receive the Special Awards for their particular studies. Mrs. Samuels presented the Awards and the Governor also attended. Peg led the singing of the National Anthem.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

National President Aileen Mortensen would be in Sydney on Friday next and will meet our Executive in Salvation Army Board Room for discussion.

President read letter in "Sun Herald" of 22 February re Bimbadeen - very encouraging letter.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Report circulated - financial situation very satisfactory.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells said that the response on World Community Day was good - 150 receipts sent out to all parts of NSW. The network is growing. We lodged four applications for Grants and three were accepted -
(1) Pakistan was successful - Barkat Das" College.
(2) Somali refugee ladies - grant to enable them to pay a teacher.
(3) Cross Roads - granted - but held in obedience at present.
Life after Prison was not granted but we will re-apply.
Shirley took the Devotion from Circle of Prayer¹⁴ written by Rev. Mary Cline Detrick (Chair USA) - "Thanks be to God - we live in hope".

SPECIAL DAYS: Edith Ridge reported that all reports have been received for World Community Day - attendance was 1625 - and offering \$5051.15. Orders for Fellowship Day will be going out in March, packing day probably in May - she would appreciate orders back promptly. W.A. Unit had written the Service - "A Message for All Seasons". World Community Day will be written by Tasmania Unit - "Unity in Diversity" World Day of Prayer Service - 6th March, 1998.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Christmas greetings had been received from Malai Mahamaneerat (Thailand), Rachel Kanly (India), Nighat Gulzar (Pakistan) and Doreen Tan (Sarawak), Doreen enclosing photo of baby Heather.

PUBLICITY: Lucelle King will replace Sr Colleen O'Sullivan as Publicity Convener - her willingness to do so very much appreciated.

NEWSETTE: excellent edition - Marie Majoor mentioned that she often receives complimentary remarks when subscriptions are paid.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Branch reports due March - also Reports from affiliated organisations.
2. Query from National Executive - "Do Branches have fund raising functions?" All Branches answered "no".
3. Nomination forms for Executive positions available.
4. Diary changes for November 1998 - Programme for 1998 available today.
ACWC Service - November 2
November Council meeting - November 16 at 222 Pitt Street as usual.

ANY FURTHER BUSINESS:

1. Edith Ridge had attended Linda Perriam's Funeral Service - she had been a member for fourteen years including some years as Treasurer.
2. Phyl McKinnirey and Carmel Emmett are involved with cottage near Westmead Hospital where people may stay while attending clinics at the Hospital - a caretaker is required urgently - free accommodation - no salary - from 3.30 to 9.30 each day.
Members asked to have interested persons apply to Phyl or Carmen for details.

NEXT MEETING: Monday March 16, 1998. Morning Tea - Uniting Church.
Chairs - Catholic

Loaves from Baulshan Church were donated for morning tea.

President Peg Blake closed the Meeting with the Benediction at 12.15.

Confirmed -----

Date _____

BLESSED ASSURANCE

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus :

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Chorus:

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Chorus:

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

for two months ended 31.12.97

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.11.97		15426.42
ADD RECEIPTS FOR TWO MONTHS		
Affiliation	20.00	
ACWC Endowment Fund - C'mssion L King for sale of craft	22.00	
Sale of promotional items	2429.10	
Newssette	355.00	
O/seas Travel Fund - Trading Table	76.35	
F.L.C.	8000.34	
" - Interest Re'cd from Call A/c	71.22	
Transfer from Call A/c - FLC (Contra)	2000.00	
WKS	49.90	
World Community Day Service	2861.40	
ACWC Partners	325.20	
" Bulletins	120.00	
Nat. Ccl Women - Luncheon - Contra	35.00	
5% entitlement - FLC, WKS, F'ship Day, Wld Comm.Day	1132.79	17498.30
		<u>32924.72</u>
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS		
Marie Majoor - Stationery	1.75	
Newssette Postage	<u>76.06</u>	77.81
Board Finance & Property - Printing Newssette		57.60
Salvation Army - Deposit for State Conference 1998		150.00
ACWC WA Unit - Circle of Prayer		50.00
Jan Harrison - Secretarial Expenses - Print/Stat	32.00	
Postage/Phone	<u>42.25</u>	74.25
ACW Nat.Exec - FLC	12859.23	
F'ship Day Service	4198.52	
WKS	173.75	
World Community Day	4291.39	
ACWC Partners	500.00	
" Bulletins	225.00	
" Endowment Fund	500.00	
Overseas Travel Fund	150.00	
Circle of Prayer	<u>225.00</u>	23122.89
^CW NSW 5% Entitlement - FLC	676.80	
F'ship Day Service	220.98	
WKS	9.15	
World Community Day Service	<u>225.86</u>	1132.79
Edith Ridge - Special Days Expenses		34.51
ACWD Service Expenses - Rev Ting		30.00
Beth Finlay		20.00
Lakemba Uniting Church		40.00
Nat. Ccl Women - Affiliation fees 1997		40.00
" " " Australia Day Luncheon - President	35.00	
" " " Contra	<u>35.00</u>	70.00
Marie Majoor - Postage - FLC	22.50	
Treasurer	<u>22.50</u>	45.00
Government Charges		16.33
		<u>24961.18</u>
		7963.54
CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT		
Rev Ting - Guest Speaker - ACWC Service		30.00
Beth Finlay - Expenses " "		20.00
Lakemba U.C. Use Church/Hall " "		40.00
Nat Ccl Wmn - Affiliation Fees 1997		40.00
" " " Aust. Day Luncheon		70.00
Marie Majoor - Stamps - FLC Convener	22.50	
Treasurer	<u>22.50</u>	45.00

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for one month ended 31.01.98

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.01.98		7963.54
ADD RECEIPTS FOR ONE MONTH		
Affiliation	20.00	
Interest received from Glebe Board	89.24	
Sale of promotional items	102.00	
Newsette	50.00	
F.L.C.	560.30	
ACWC - Bulletins	<u>15.00</u>	<u>836.54</u>
		8800.08
 DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR ONE MONTH		
	45.00	
Marie Majoor - FLC Postage	1500.00	
Uniting Church Finance & Investment - Tsfr FLC Funds Call A/c	<u>8.38</u>	<u>1553.38</u>
Government Charges		7246.70
 CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT		
Marie Majoor - Stamps - Re-imburement FLC Convener	45.00	
Uniting Church Finance & Invest.-Tsfr FLC Funds to Call A/c	1500.00	
Newsette - Board Finance & Property - Printing	49.35	
Carmel Emmett - Postage		
<i>National Council of Women NSW (of Great Lakes)</i>	<i>40.00</i>	