

## Australian Church Women National Executive

**Minutes** of meeting held at Yarralumla Uniting Church Centre on Monday 15th January 1996 at 10.00am.

**Present:-** Evonne Sullivan, President; Betty Farrell, Vice President; Olga Scott, Vice President; Jean Thomson, Hon. Secretary; Dorothy McMaster, Minute Secretary; Helen Lloyd, Treasurer; Eileen Holley, Fellowship of Least Coin Convenor; Beth Webb, Publication Editor; Betty Laurie, Special Days Convener; Jenny Jarvis, WKS Convener; and Ruth Burmester, National Life Member.

**Welcome:** Evonne welcomed all to the first meeting for 1996, wished us all well for the ensuing year, and extended congratulations to Betty and Godfrey Laurie on their fortieth wedding anniversary.

**Devotions** were led by Beth Webb, from Psalm 37, a poem and a prayer for the new year which will be included in ACW News.

**Minutes** of the previous meeting were read and confirmed on the motion of Olga Scott, seconded Eileen Holley.

**B/A**

1. No confirmation received as yet as to whether NSW Unit will be able to represent National Executive at Women's Electoral Lobby Conference at end of the month.
2. Report from Eunice Reidy on Peak Body Consultation she attended as ACW representative.. attached.
3. Report on the First National Ecumenical Aboriginal Conference from Jenny Jarvis and Beth Webb .. to newsletter.
4. President to attend the Opening Mass, Official Opening & Luncheon at the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO) World Assembly, Canberra, 3rd February 1996.
5. Secretary will write to L. Green re correspondence item '20' in minutes of November meeting.
6. Discussion centered on representation of ACW National Executive at Conferences, Forums etc, throughout Australia. It was resolved that, where appropriate, representational costs could be minimised if State Units would agree to provide representation of ACW National Executive on request. It would be necessary for the unit concerned to be fully briefed beforehand, and to provide a full report immediately afterwards.

### Reports:

#### **1. National President - Evonne Sullivan**

- a. Letter received from Eunice Reidy, who represented ACW at a further consultation held in Melbourne on 5th December on the 'Feasibility of a Peak Women's Body" Evonne requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Eunice for her informative report.
- b. An invitation had been received from National Council of Churches of Australia to send an observer to the forthcoming Second National Forum in Brisbane July 12 - 16 1996. Meeting agreed that, in this case, the National President should attend as the representative of ACW, and costs will be borne by ACW National Executive.
- c. Evonne was very appreciative of the reports by both Jenny Jarvis and Beth Webb who represented us at the First National Ecumenical Aboriginal Women's Conference in Sydney - 2nd to 10th December.
- d. A get well card had been sent to Tasmanian Unit Secretary - Faye McCormack, following major surgery.

#### **2. Fellowship of the Least Coin - Eileen Holley**

- a. A letter had been received from Shalom College, Queensland, giving information as requested, and including more material about future plans.
- b. A letter from NSW Convenor forwarding a donation of \$15.00 was received.
- c. Tasmanian Unit requested a grant form for FLC grant application. This had been sent.
- d. Letter from Shirin Samuel in Pakistan re promotional supplies, querying whether we actually needed those already ordered. Meeting agreed that these should be re-ordered. Letter also gave details of \$2,000.00 grant sent to Girl's Brigade NSW. (information to go to ACW News)
- e. Letter from South Australian Unit including papers received from previous National Executive re suggested grants. Decision to be made later, after further investigation.

### **3 . Publications Editor - Beth Webb**

- a. SA Unit had sent in a report.
- b. Queensland Unit letter, enc. address for Esther Elkins.
- c. Some material to hand for next issue of ACW News.

### **4 . Special Days Convenor - Betty Laurie**

- a. The second draft of the Order of Service for Fellowship Day 1996 was being worked on, in co-operation with the Vic. Unit; after problems with expense of Copyright as legally required, some changes had been made, to minimise the expense to ACW. Meeting was pleased with the format of the Service. Will be published shortly.
- b. After discussion, meeting confirmed Betty's recommendations that she invite Qld Unit (as laid down in rota) to work on order of service for Fellowship Day 1997, and that she write to invite the Alice Springs ladies, to write the order of service for World Community Day 1997. Moved Betty Farrell, seconded Jean Thomson. Passed
- c. Betty, as Convenor pointed out to the meeting that Copyright provisions are now strict, and that to include a song such as 'How Great Thou Art' in an order of service for use throughout Australia would require a special licence at a cost of approximately \$1,500.00. It is therefore much better to use material readily available in such sources as the AHB, or Good News Bible.

### **5 . Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor - Jenny Jarvis**

- a. Replies to Christmas letters have been received from a number of the scholars.
- b. Jenny spoke about her attendance at the Aboriginal Womens Conference, it had been a most moving experience for her. She voiced some concerns that a number of well known aboriginal Christian women were not in attendance.

The meeting adjourned for lunch, when National Executive entertained two women from World Federation of Methodist Women visiting Australia from Virginia, USA. Ethel Bourn and Mary Jordan are also members of Church Women United US. They were passing through Canberra on a research trip and we all found it most interesting to exchange views on a number of subjects. We also welcomed Edith (NCW National Archivist) and Barry Ridge, who were transporting the two ladies. National President presented an ACW tea towel as a memento of the occasion.

The meeting resumed at 1.45pm.

### **6 . Treasurer - Helen Lloyd**

Helen moved the acceptance of her report as attached, seconded by Beth Webb. Passed.

Money has been forwarded to FLC Geneva, and the subscription sent off for ACWC Bulletins, though cost of these has apparently increased to \$10.00 per Bulletin, so money received from State Units has not actually covered this. Helen will attempt to clarify this matter.

Project funds will be sent to Mr Khampon Khuntapany, Laos Evangelical Church, (World Community Day Collection Funds October 1995)

Accounts for payment, submitted by the Secretary and others, were passed for payment, on resolution of the meeting.

President expressed our thanks for all the work done by the treasurer.

Wide ranging discussion followed on a suggestion to send the Disaster Fund Residue Money to a Uniting Church Overseas Mission Support group in South Australia to help in the replacement of a bus destroyed by the eruption in Rabaul. The bus, belonging to Malmaluan College, where the TIMAL training course is held, was in Rabaul getting serviced at the time of the eruption, and no insurance can be paid to replace the bus, as the eruption was deemed to be 'an act of God'. Secretary to make further inquiries..

**Correspondence** as per list attached was dealt with, as Secretary read through list.

Moved Beth Webb, seconded Jenny Jarvis that Inwards correspondence be accepted & Outwards endorsed. Passed.

**General Business:**

- a. It was agreed that all Units be asked for suggestions as to worthy projects to be funded by World Community Day Grants.
- b. Representation. National Executive expressed appreciation to those who represented ACW - Eunice Reidy to the meeting about Peak Body on 5.12.96; and Beth Webb and Jenny Jarvis to the Aboriginal Conference. No report has been received from Victorian Unit regarding representation at Forum on Violence and family Law held in Melbourne on 29.11.95.
- c. Betty Farrell reported on inspection of venues for the ACW Conference to be held in Canberra, 1997.

After discussion: the date of **22nd September to 27th September 1997** was decided upon. The venue will be **John 23rd College at the Australian National University**, where suitable conference facilities as well as accommodation are available.

A provisional booking will be made and enquiries made as to concessions available from the airlines.

**The next meetings will be on Monday 26th February, at the same venue, at 10.00am.**

Devotions will be led by Jean Thomson, hostess will be Helen Lloyd

 National President

Date: 26.2.96

Correspondence for ACW National Executive Meeting on 15.1.96

**Inwards**

29. 11. 95 1. To Beth Webb from M. Dodds, enclosing a report from Qld FWD  
2. From J. Stott, enclosing a report re Beijing - fwd to NCWA  
3. to H. Lloyd, Treasurer, Cheque from Victorian Unit FWD
30. 11. 95 4. J. Tong, NSW ans to queries, also re stock held,  
enc minutes 18. 9. 95,  
ACWC Order of Service, in November,  
flier re book on Mary Andrews.
1. 12. 95 5. Minutes of SA Unit Meeting  
2. 12. 95 6. Minutes of ACT Unit Meeting 24.11.95 enc. Financial report, list of stock held  
7. 12. 95 7. CAPOW! November 95 Bulletin - tabled, & receipt (to Treasurer)  
8. ACW Unit WA Minutes of 10.11.95 meeting, enc.  
copy of constitution;  
List of office bearers (to data base);  
answers to circular 2
8. 12. 95 9. Qld Unit, Minutes of 27. 11. 95 meeting, and Christmas Card.  
10. Qld Unit, re number of newsletters (B. Webb)  
11. NCWA thanks for 3 reports on Beijing sent. Christmas greetings.
11. 12. 95 12. 'Agenda' from OSW - tabled  
13. What Figures from Aust. Bureau of Statistics.(ABS) - tabled
14. 12. 95 14. Women's Electoral Lobby - Conference Registration Forms  
15. Christmas greetings from NCCA
18. 12. 95 16 Christmas greetings from NCWA
21. 12. 95 17 Office of the Status of Women re Round Table Meetings etc  
18 Christian research Association Catalogue - tabled  
19 Tasmanian unit ACW Minutes, Greetings ,  
suggested themes,  
stock held etc.
23. 12. 95 20 OSW Update, address needs etc.- tabled
29. 12. 95 21 Affirmative Action Agency News December 95 - tabled  
22 Bureau of Immigration, Multicultural & Population Research - re support  
23 Women with Disabilities Australia Newsletter Summer 95 (2 copies) - tabled
2. 1. 96 24 CAPOW! Bulletin December 95 - redirected from M. Dodds
8. 1. 96 25 Criminology Aust. Summer '95 - tabled  
26 Info re Women in Migration Conference - tabled  
27 Sec UC Adult fellowship re  
\* Minutes from National Conference, omission of report;  
\* suggested project in Rabaul;  
\* change of address for ACW News
10. 1. 96 28 Shalom College - E Holley -- FWD
12. 1. 96 29 ACW Vic Unit re appointment of Social Justice Convenor  
30 Bureau of Immigration, Multicultural & Population Research re conference.
15. 1. 96 31 ACW SA Unit re  
projects for WCDay 1996, material on same fwd to us.  
32 To Helen Lloyd re Ecumenical Friends from NCCA

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**Outwards**

27. 11. 95 Reply to L Harris - SA Unit re World Community Day Offerings  
NCWA enc 2 reports from Beijing
2. 12. 95 NCWA enc J Stott's report from Beijing  
Mr Adrian Nicholls WKS Trust Auditor enc gift voucher \$80.00
9. 12. 95 World Union of Catholic Womens Organisations reply - E. Sullivan to attend.
11. 12. 95 Office of the Status of Women re change of address  
Australian Bureau of Statistics re change of address.
14. 12. 95 J. Stott - thanks for report  
WA Unit re use of initials etc.  
Minutes to all on list
16. 12. 95 Christmas greetings to NCCA  
SA Unit congrats to new office bearers etc.
18. 12. 95 Christmas Greetings to NCWA
23. 12. 95 Aileen Fitzgerald re Change of address  
Office of the Status of Women (OSW) re change of address
29. 12. 95 Affirmative Action Agency re change of address  
Bureau of Immigration, Multicultural & Population Research re change of address  
Women with Disabilities Australia re change of address
2. 1. 96 CAPOW! - re change of address.
6. 1. 96 OSW re Round Table Discussions .
6. 1. 96 NSW Unit re representation at WEL Conference
8. 1. 96 Criminology Aust - re change of address  
Bureau of Immigration, Multicultural & Population Research re change of address
12. 1. 96 Get Well Card to Fay McCormack from President.

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Treasurer's Report 27 November 1995 to 15 January 1996

CHEQUE ACCOUNT.

Balance at 27. 11. 95			\$8091.82
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Acw - S.A. Unit	Acwc Bulletins	48.00	
	Acwc Partners	70.00	
	F.L.C	4940.00	
	FELL. DAY (WKS)	1840.00	
	WCD	640.00	7538.00
Acw. WA unit	Acwc Bulletins	120.00	
	FLC	1784.84	
	WKS	551.75	
	WCD	447.30	2903.89
Acw - ACT unit	Acwc Bulletin	8.00	
	F.L.C	1442.14	
	WKS	220.00	
	WCD	380.00	2050.14
Acw - Q'land Unit	Acwc Bulletin	8.00	
	FLC	3892.58	
	WKS - Donation	30.00	
	WKS	1380.50	
	WCD	1088.75	
	Nat. Conf. Fund	200.00	
	O/S/AS Conf. Fund	200.00	6799.83
Acw. NSW Unit	Acwc Bulletins	152.00	
	Acwc Partners	500.00	
	FLC	11010.77	
	WKS Donation	231.00	
	WKS	4709.77	
	WCD	4418.81	
	O/S/AS Conf. Fund	150.00	21172.35
Acw - Vic. Unit	Acwc Bulletins	88.00	
	FLC	8376.37	
	WKS	3151.52	
	WCD	2563.81	
	Nat. Conf. Fund	271.23	14450.93
Acw - Tas. Unit	Acwc Bulletins	40.00	
	Acwc Partners	31.00	
	FLC	1598.32	
	WKS	700.00	
	WCD	471.60	2840.92
Acw - Tas Unit	Circles of Prayer		100.00
Acw - Vic. Unit	Circles of Prayer		78.00
Interest			57.86
Transfer Balance Nat. Conf A/c Belmont Vic			95.44
Transfer balance Nat Exec A/c Belmont Vic		144.40	<u>58231.76</u>
			66323.58
<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
Reversal entry report 27/11/95 re cancelled chq.		75.00	
	CAPOW!		
'Women's Business' Conference - Fares delegates		95.30	
Life Members Book		29.45	
Publications Editor - Stationery		21.80	
Jean Thomson - Postage Mins.		16.30	
Nth Woden Parish - Photocopy Mins.		12.00	

Acw - S.A. Unit Refund Postage <sup>File</sup> Reports Returned	7.50	
David Jones Ltd. Gift Vouchers WKS Trust Auditor	80.00	
WKS Trust - 1995 Contribution	12186.86	
Fellowship of the least coin	31533.21	
Acwc	5355.87	
Acwc Bulletin Subscriptions 1996	910.94	
Bank Draft Fees	20.00	
	<u>          </u>	<u>50344.23</u>
Balance at 15.1.96		<u><u>15979.35</u></u>

CASH SUMMARY 15.1.96

CHEQUE A/c	\$ 15979.35
TERM DEPOSIT (due 7.5.96)	<u>5000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 20979.35</u>

SUMMARY OF DESIGNATED FUNDS 15.1.96

Administration	4822.74
National Conference Travel	2921.81
Overseas Conference Travel	1822.37
Disaster Fund	1597.55
Special offering Laos Evan. Church	<u>4754.88</u>
	<u>\$ 20979.35</u>