



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NSW STATE UNIT INC.

Minutes Council Meeting Monday 16th March 2015 at 10.00 am at 222 Pitt Street Sydney

WELCOME: President Natalie McLeod welcomed all to the meeting

Natalie asked Helen Hill to introduce the new Presbyterian member to Council – June Kay.

DEVOTIONS: Natalie read from the Anglican Lenten Book *Power and Promise* by Peter Jensen. Reference was made to Noah and his times. We, as God's creation, have great power and understanding yet lack the righteousness required to live in this world. As it was in the time of Noah, it is now. Noah heard the word of the lord and obeyed. In our times there is resistance to the truth. According to human enterprise, Noah's project was a foolish enterprise. The hearts of men were hardened; not one extra passenger boarded the ark and only one family was saved.

ATTENDANCE: 31 APOLOGIES 10

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING of Monday 16th February were moved and adopted by Helen Hill and Carmel Keys.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. National Executive National President - Major Lyn Middleton reported [A] Registration Forms for Conference are due by end of March to Jennifer Peffer [B] Open Day registration needs to be sent. Open Day is instead of Spiritual Enrichment Day for the New South Wales State Unit Inc. [C] The booklet of essays from the Essay Writing competition instigated by the Forward Group was promoted. Cost \$5. The essay competition is now to be advertised in a school in each state. Carmel Keys is to approach St Scholastica's regarding the possibility of participating in the essay competition. [D] Council members were urged to continue to pray for NE.

2. Archival Materials: Isabel is gathering profiles of National Past Presidents [ACW] for the National Conference 2015. Word was received that Shirley Brooks [Tas] passed away. Isabel is proposing a display of Conference photos and requested help in naming those in the photos.

3. President Elect: President Natalie announced that Commissioner Jan Condon had written saying that the next president from The Salvation Army would be Pamela Freeman. Approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer: Helen Richardson stated that bank interest on investments has lowered. Balance of \$5849.81. Donation to Uniting Church for use of rooms to be raised to \$350 per annum. Payments for the Fellowship Day Order of service. Helen moved that the report be received and the accounts be paid. Seconded Tricia Graham. Passed unanimously.

Fellowship of the Least Coin [FLC]: Major Lillian Hodges reminded those present about the visit to Mums' cottage on Monday 23rd March. A snippet was read from the Messages and Reports from FLC in 2014, telling of the sacrifice of time and the effort made by a young mother in Guatemala to attend the training for pastoral care provided by a grant from ICFLC. Lillian read a devotional piece from Mary Mikhael in Lebanon. This was about Lydia, the first European believer in Europe; a business woman who became a light for the whole history of Europe. Lillian prayed that all may use their homes as lights for the community where we live.

Special Days: Lyn Middleton pointed out the contents of the parcels that had been prepared for Fellowship day 2015. The theme is *Building in Line with God's Design*. Scripture readings are: Luke 12: 13-21 & 1 Peter 4: 8-11. This service has been written by the Tasmanian Unit. Front cover by Juanita Miller. The parcels are available for those present to take. Others have been posted out to the branches. Maitland has indicated that they would like to hold the Special Days in 2015.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship [W.K.S]: Judith Cayzer asked for prayer for the present Winifred Kiek Scholars and displayed the new flyers. – Multicultural Australia - Hendriyane Anthony [NT] and Caryn Rogers [SA]. Leinamau appreciated the time spent as a scholar in Australia; is studying Greek

Social Issues: Rae Goth presented the following for action: [A] Miranda Devine- equity of programs; [B] More than 200 counsellors to be placed in NSW schools. [C] International Women's Day Breakfast highlighted progress made over last 20 years.

Membership Martha – no report.

Pastoral Care: Helen Hill mentioned Jean Porteous; Olive Edmonstone; Jan Jeffrey; Peg Blake; Edith Ridge; Beryl Kirkwood's family following her passing. Prayers were requested for folk in Vanuatu..

Newsette: Articles for next edition by 6th April 2015 to Jennifer Peffer. All conveners to make contribution please. Moved Tricia Graham seconded Shirley Mitchell the adoption of reports. Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE [Inwards]:

From National Executive – listing of unit executives in Sth Australia, West Australia and Queensland.

From Commissioner Jan Condon regarding appointment of representative from The Salvation Army in role of president.

From Olive Edmonstone – re death of Beryl Kirkwood.

From Olive Edmonstone – notice of Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Beryl Kirkwood.

From ACWC – notice of death of Columba Bing Eclipse

From ACWC – prayer request for Pakistan – attack on mosque.

SPAN – magazine from Presbyterian Women's ministries.

From Girls' Brigade – *Brigade Effect Issue 8 2015*

CORRESPONDENCE [Outward]:

To Commissioner Jan Condon re: appointment of representative from The Salvation Army as president for NSW State Unit

To Council members – notes from Forward Group for consideration

To Council members – notice of death of Beryl Kirkwood

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To Sheryl Devine [daughter] – Expressing sympathy on death of Beryl Kirkwood.

To Council members Girls' Brigade Newsletter – *Brigade Effect Issue 8 2015*

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS: Natalie reminded all of the details for Dedication Day to be held at St Alban's Anglican Church, Epping, Monday 18th May – 10.30 am with luncheon to follow.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED / to ATTEND: PPSEAWA Women's Day lunch 13th March ; Mothers' Union Annual Festival Service 27th March; NCW afternoon tea with President Nola Barkl March 18th; last meeting for Sydney Day Mission support Group, Monday 30th March.

OTHER BUSINESS:

AGM in April all positions on New South Wales State Unit Inc Executive (other than president) are declared vacant.

Nomination forms are available and need to be completed by the Council meeting. Pamela read those nominations already to hand.

Forward Group – Carmel Keys has agreed to approach St. Scholastica's School regarding participating in the Essay Competition as proposed by the Forward Group. Lynette Green [Vic] will remain in contact once the initial contact has been made.

Honouring Australian Church Women [HACW]: Suggestions for names to be proposed are welcome. Council members to consider and contact Pamela by April meeting.

Voting Delegates from New South Wales State Unit Inc for National Conference in September 2015 are the President and Secretary, with the Treasurer and the President Elect to be observers. All Conference accommodation costs are paid by New South Wales State Unit Inc.

Reports for Annual Report 2015 These need to be to Pamela today.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Bible Society: No report.

Girl's Brigade Elizabeth Neale reported that they attended the *Kidsreach Conference* and held a leaders training day on the same weekend. Bel Air GB Company has held Affiliation Service. GB attending the Sydney Easter Parade – theme: *Choose Hope*. Youth Conference in July at Katoomba with several youth organizations. New materials being produced which can be viewed on website and Facebook. Term 2 sees fund raising effort using the '2 cans'.

Ecumenical Council: No report.

National Council of Women [N.C.W] Tricia Graham reported that NCW Council meeting was held on February 26th with the guest speaker being Gemma Rygate, CEO for the Centre of Volunteering. 23rd Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon is to be hosted on Friday 8th May where NCW honours women in their 90th year or older who have worked in the community over many years. Tricia has information and booking forms. NCW'S President Nola Barkl is holding an Afternoon Tea in the garden of her unit on Saturday 28th March for presidents of affiliated organizations. Natalie has been invited.

PPSEAWA Edith Ridge Apology. Helen Richardson reported that 25th March there was a speaker from 'Delta Dogs', whose owners take them to institutions and prisons, where Dog Day has a calming effect. Women's Day Luncheon on 13th March, Jenny Stanger spoke of slavery in Australia.

World Day of Prayer Shirley Mitchell brought news greetings from the New York Day of Prayer – 'We have learned with our sister in the Bahamas', especially about deep and radical love. In the Bahamas, prayer gatherings were organized across all main islands so that there was a 24 hour chain of prayer with the message of cleansing and healing. The Government of the Bahamas issued 3 commemorative stamps to recognise *World Day of Prayer*. Rae Goth, Yvonne Coorey, Janice Willis and Carmel Keys reported on local situations, encouraged by the numbers attending the services.

Thanks to the Baptist ladies for Morning Tea and the Anglican ladies for setting up the chairs.

NEXT MEETING Monday 16th March 2015

Morning Tea: Anglican ladies Chair Duties: Uniting ladies.

Trading Table: Churches of Christ.

PRESIDENT Natalie closed meeting with prayer thanking God for all that had been achieved. The Bahamas, Vanuatu and the family of Beryl Kirkwood were particularly remembered.

Signed: N. MeLeod

Date: 20/4/15

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
1 - 28 FEBRUARY 2015

CREDIT BALANCE AT BANK 1 February 2015		5548.60
INCOME 1 - 28 February 2015		
Newsette	170.00	
Fees	30.00	
Travel Fund	87.40	
Fellowship of the Least Coin	529.80	
Bank Interest	<u>0.06</u>	<u>817.26</u>
		6365.86
PAYMENTS 1 - 28 February 2015		
L. Middleton - Postage	9.15	
J. Peffer - Newsette	258.80	
Shared Rent Space for Archives	150.00	
M. Noel - Postage	17.50	
Int. Womens's Day Lunch - PPSEAWA	35.00	
PPSEAWA - Annual Fee	<u>45.00</u>	<u>516.05</u>
		5849.81
Bank balance		5849.81

ACCOUNTS PAID OR TO BE PAID:

Uniting Church - Use of Rooms		350.00
<i>Deposit for 4 people to attend National Conference</i>		<i>200.00</i>
<i>Salvation Army Dubuick Hill Lenting Fellowship Day</i>		<i>59.40</i>