

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - N.S.W. STATE UNIT

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday 21 April 1997 at 11.15 a.m. following the Annual General Meeting.

PRESENT: 47 as per Attendance Sheets.

APOLOGIES: Janet Harrison, Heather Reid, Elsie Cox, Marie McCann, Helen Stutchbury (13 in all).

A short video on Bimbadeen College, Cootamundra was shown giving an insight into the activities of the College. Mrs. Beryl Burke, the Librarian at the College is to be the speaker at the Annual Service of Dedication on May 12 and Bimbadeen is to receive 50% of the offering at World Community Day Services.

The MINUTES of Meeting of March 17, 1997 were read and confirmed on motion of Doris Haberfield and Edith Ridge. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. DEDICATION SERVICE - MAY 12 - All arrangements in hand -
Ushers/offertory: Ruth Smith, Jan Harrison, Robin Phillis, Beryl Kirkwood, Heather Badgery, Val Wrenn, Ruth Moore, Cela Cooper.
Judith Baker - will co-ordinate kitchen.
Sandwiches/slices - contribution list circulated.
Trading Table - Churches of Christ ladies.
Invitations available today for distribution at Churches.
Information leaflets will be available from Bimbadeen, for distribution with Service sheets.
2. ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON - JULY 7 - Invitations will be available on Dedication Day - Luncheon \$10 - to be booked and paid at June Council meeting.
3. ACWC ENDOWMENT FUND - this matter to be discussed further
4. ACW GUIDELINES & CONSTITUTION - copies available today for those who indicated their need.
5. ANNUAL REPORT - Conveners and Branch reports due today.
6. NATIONAL CONFERENCE - copies of draft program available today - should be an excellent Conference - application forms for enrolment due shortly.

FROM EXECUTIVE:

President reported that we were to have the pleasure of a didgeridoo player at the Dedication Service, plus two singers - Judith Rough and Rose Cox from Bimbadeen College.

It was proposed that Marie McCann should be granted Life Membership because of her contribution to Australian Church Women as National President, State President, State Secretary, Functions Convener - a special plaque had been prepared by Lucelle King for presentation to Marie at the Dedication Service. Endorsed with acclamation by Council members.

NCW "SEAT" proposal: It was decided not to contribute to the NCW Seat Appeal.

ST. ANDREW'S FLORAL FESTIVAL - 12-15 SEPTEMBER - Organising Committee to be formed. Heather Merrick is considering possible involvement.

AUSTRALIANS FOR RECONCILIATION Marie Majoor to attend meeting in Melbourne as our representative - we will pay \$125 towards her registration. (C.W.L. to pay \$125 also.)

President had met the Director of Women's Ministries, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mrs. Ferch-Johnson at the WCTU President's Reception. She was very interested in activities of ACW and an Information Kit has been sent to her.

It was decided that we should write Congregational Church again inviting up to eight ladies to join us as Council members.

Beth Finlay would like to step down from NCW Executive - Phyl McKinnirey expressed interest as her replacement.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED:

President attended World Day of Prayer, Caringbah, as speaker

Also attended WCTU President's Reception as speaker.

" " Anglican Mothers Union Festival.

NCW Jean Arnott Memorial Luncheon at Parliament House.

" " Anglican Home Mission Society Service at St. Philips, Church Hill.

Lucelle King attended ABM Annual Meeting on our behalf.

CORRESPONDENCE/BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Mavis Burtenshaw. Inability to attend Dedication Service.
2. Dorothy Woodhouse - acceptance Dedication Service.
3. National Minutes - February 24 - Rev. Iluminada Domingo will probably attend National Conference.
World Community Day Service prepared by Alice Springs Unit.
Fellowship Day theme 1998 - "A Message for all Seasons" and World Community Day 1998 - "Unity in Diversity".
4. Catholic Women's League - list of representatives.
5. Women's Reconciliation Network - newsletter.
6. Shalom Newsletter.
7. National Minutes - March 24 - we learned with regret that Betty Laurie's husband, Godfrey, had died very suddenly. A message of condolence to be sent from Council.
World Community Day Service to be prepared by NSW - 2000 - Olympic Games year.
Fellowship Day Service " " " " " - 2004.
8. WCTU - President's Reception - May 5 - 2 p.m. - Salvation Army Centre.
Guest speaker - Dr. Marlene Goldsmith. Korean Choir.
Launch of Non-Al Recipe book.
9. National Secretary - reply to queries:
 - (a) National Conference Fund is intended to cover the expenses of National Conference over and above the expenses covered by the amount of registration fees. (Page 8 Guidelines.) The amount contributed by State/Territory Units is the prerogative of each individual unit. National Treasurer indicated that \$200-\$300 appeared to be the norm.
 - (b) Ratification of Action initiated by National Executive - In filling a vacancy, National Executive was obliged to act in conformity with ACW Constitution 6.2.3 which required that the replacement be notified to State/Territory Units for ratification.
 - (c) World Community Day Special Project - National Executive required to submit the name of the proposed recipient to State/Territory Units for endorsement, (Page 2, ACW Guidelines.)
10. June Angus - Presbyterian PWA - acceptance to Dedication Service
11. Winnie Hall - Strathfield Homebush report.
12. Church of South India newsletter.
13. Austcare.

PRESIDENT'S CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from St. Andrew's Cathedral Flower Festival Organiser re formation of Committee.
2. Easter letter from Woranut Pantapong ACWC.
3. Easter greetings from Nighat Gulzar, Pakistan scholar.
4. Letter from Director of Women's Ministries, Seventh Day Adventist.

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TREASURER'S REPORT: Marie Majoor reported that finances were very satisfactory.
(Report circulated.)

Regarding the National Conference Fund, Marie Majoor moved Edith Ridge seconded that we pay the Fund the sum of \$500.00 forthwith. Carried.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells reported that she had received an application for a Grant from Rachel McManus for the Cross-roads Centre at Redfern; also one from Jenny Johnson for the Refugee Somali women in Auburn - they hope to employ a teacher to help them to sew; and a third application from Pakistan for the Brenton Carey Hostel, Karachi (where Barkat Das and Shirley Harris were involved) to instal a fire escape. (Major Eileen Holley, National FLC Convener, advised that the application should be submitted from Pakistan.)

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP - Easter greetings received from Nighat Gulzar.
(Easter greetings had been sent to past scholars.)

SPECIAL DAYS: Edith Ridge said that Packing Day for Fellowship Day Services will be 26th May at 10 a.m. - at 222 Pitt Street - 5th or 8th floor. Collating to be done on 22nd May - Edith and Beth Finlay.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Letter received from Dr. Marlene Goldsmith with thanks for our support. She had written to Sydney Morning Herald but her letter had not been published regarding the "Dolly" magazine.

NEWSETTE: Being printed.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

After discussion, it was decided that in future morning tea would consist of tea/coffee and biscuits. If members so desired, they could bring their lunch and tea/coffee would be available.

Ruth Smith will represent President at the WCTU Reception at Salvation Army Collaroy on May 5.

It was decided that an Executive meeting will be held on Monday May 19.

Next Council Meeting; Monday June 16.

Morning Tea; Salvation Army, Chairs: Uniting.

President Peg Blake closed the meeting with the Benediction at 12.35 p.m.

Confirmed



June 16, 1997.

Apologies for 16/6: M. Craig, M. Whybourne.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
for two months ended 31.05.97

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