

A U S T R A L I A N C H U R C H W O M E N
MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT STOW BUILDING, FLINDERS STREET, ADELAIDE.
at 10 a.m. on Monday, 2nd. April, 1973

OPENING: A warm welcome was extended by the President to all present, with a special welcome to new member Mrs. Hall, who will assume the responsibility for the Fellowship of the Least Coin. During the early part of the meeting Mrs. T. Jones (Immediate Past President of Churches of Christ) was welcomed as an observer

PRESENT:

Mrs. A.C. Smith (President)	Deaconess N. Norris (V/President)
Mrs. W.F. Kain (V/President)	Deaconess E. Simmons
Mrs. E.A. Bache (Treasurer)	Mrs. Capt. W. Golding
Mrs. K.D. Hall	Mrs. D.E. Ackland (Secretary)
Mrs. D.J. Rowston	

APOLOGIES: Mrs. P. Parkin. We are pleased to report that Mrs. Parkin is improving.

DEVOTIONS: The morning meditation was conducted by Deaconess Norris and our thoughts were directed to the meaning of the Cross. Two verses from St. John were read and the devotions concluded with a Prayer 'At the Cross' from C.L.C. 'People on the Go'.

MINUTES: Members had received copies prior to the meeting and after the following alterations, Minutes were confirmed and signed as correct.
Pages 1&2 - delete the word Church, should now read Correspondence United Groups: Page 3 re-arrange initials to read Mrs. E.A. Bache.

BUSINESS ARISING: TRAVEL POOL: Suggestions from several State Groups re Travel Pools were discussed and after consideration it was resolved that a sub-committee (Mesdames Bache & Ackland) prepare a statement relevant to the needs of N.C.M. and findings to be ready for inclusion with the Minutes so that State Units and committee members can peruse and submit any comments before the next Committee meeting on 30th April.

QUESTIONNAIRE: The Constitution 'AIMS' were discussed in relation to the changing pattern from 'traditional' to 'experimental & house group' situations. It was resolved that a sub-committee (Mesdames Smith, Hall & Ackland) meet as soon as possible for further discussion so that recommendations can be presented to the next Committee meeting.

1974 NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING: After lengthy deliberation it was resolved that the next National Committee Meeting will be held in Adelaide from Tuesday 12th - Friday 15th February at Lincoln College, Brougham Place, North Adelaide. Two sub-committees were formed to deal with the following:
Programme: Theme, Speakers etc. (Mesdames Kain, Hall & Deaconess Norris)
Domestic: Finance, Hospitality, Transport etc. (Mesdames Bache, Rowston & Mrs. Capt. Golding)

Both sub-committees to report to next Committee meeting.

It was also mentioned that accommodation (single rooms only) would be available on request to Mr. Koch at the College prior to and after the Conference.

STATIONERY: Resolved that a ream of Quarto & Octave letterheads be ordered from Central Methodist Mission. Secretary to attend to same.

CONSTITUTION: Concern was expressed by members regarding the binding nature and length of the present Constitution. It was resolved that the secretary write to Mrs. L.W. Parkin enclosing a copy of the Constitution and asking if she would be agreeable to assist with the wording of a new Constitution. Mrs. Parkin, a lawyer, has had considerable experience in this field as she was involved with the drawing up of the original Australian Church Women Constitution. The members have every confidence in her ability to assist in this way. A sub-committee (Mesdames Bache, Kain - convenor and Deaconess Norris) is to meet with Mrs. Parkin at her convenience. If Mrs. Parkin is unable to assist, then the secretary is to contact Miss Beryl Linn (Lawyer)

CORRESPONDENCE: The following was resolved:

-ENCE: "That the main points only from correspondence to Convenors be reported by them in their monthly reports. Correspondence to be dealt with by whole Committee be reported under Correspondence."

Out-going:

Mrs. Dougherty	-	F.L.C. Application re Redfern Medical Centre
Mrs. C. Connell	-	F.L.C. Application re Korean Girl's Centre
Mr. R. Hayes	-	Letter of thanks for donation of Bookmarks
Miss. J. Looman	-	Reminder re additional copies of F.L.C. application
Miss. J. Christie	-	" " " " " " " "
Mrs. L.E. Warner	-	Letter of reply re Miss Airan's visit to Vic. & Tas.

CORRESPONDENCE -cont.

- In-coming:
- 1* Mrs. C. Connell -- Letter - Good wishes telegram from Mrs. F. Bailey.
 - 2* " " " -- " - Greetings from Veronica Kafa (1970 W.K. Scholar) for N.C.M.
 - 3 " " " -- Parcel of documents etc. for new Working comm. also cheque \$5.66 Petty Cash for secretary.
 - 4 Aust. Council of Churches -- Re Consultants to 26th General Meeting also request for Report & Financial Statement for Meeting.
 - +5* Miss. J. Christie (Girls' Brigade) -- Letter re alteration to N.C.M. Minutes page 8, information re Miss Jackie Kini, request for '74 theme C.W.
 - 6 " " " -- Reply to reminder letter.
 - 7 Mrs. R.E. Goudie (Canberra C.W.) -- Names of Officers for '73/4, cheque \$39. also request for themes for '74.
 - 8 " " " -- Query re Questionnaire and preparation of Fellowship Day programmes.
 - 9 World Council of Churches -- Transfer of A\$4,000 to Funds of Fellowship of Least Coin, International.
 - 10 Pastor S. Simpson -- Letter of thanks and information folder.
- * Extracts from letters to be included in next 'Women at Work'.
- + The following is for your information and will be rectified at the next National Committee Meeting.
- Page 8 Minutes under Fellowship of the Least Coin Grants. Refer No. 5. As worded this statement is incorrect. The request was for salary \$2,500 (Aust.) to be paid to an Indigenous Training Officer for full time work with Girls' Brigade in Papua - New Guinea. The suggested correction for the Minutes will be:
- "The salary of an Indigenous Training Officer for full time work with Girls' Brigade in Papua - New Guinea."

FINANCE:

The Treasurer reported that due to several delays with the Bank authorities the Financial Statement presented to the meeting was from the previous Working Committee for a period 1st. Jan - 21st. Feb. '73. The matter should be rectified before the next Committee Meeting, when a full Statement of the finances of the new Working Committee will be presented. Statement as set out was received and a copy on a separate sheet will be attached to Minutes. Resolved that the following accounts be paid, pending a satisfactory reply from the previous Working Committee re \$35. freight charges from Qld. to N.S.W.

Abell & Co	- \$514.00	(Fellowship Day Folders \$200. World Community Day Folders \$178. (Miss. K. Airan Folders \$103. (Freight \$35.
Union Church City	- \$3.50	Stencils & Duplicating.
Scribal Pty. Ltd.	- \$80.35	52 doz. Scribal Pens.
Mr. A. Grey	- \$46.80	Travel Expenses for Miss. K. Airan (between Sydney - Kempsey: Sydney - Casino)
(Dept. Adult Education)		
Petty Cash	- \$5.00	Mrs. D.J. Rowston.

AUDITOR: Secretary to write letter of thanks to Mr. G. Gooden who has offered his services as Auditor, to the current Working Committee.

OTHER MATTERS:

REPORTS:

Winifred Kiek Scholarship: Deaconess Simmons presented a comprehensive report on her work to date. Considers it desirable that the Convenor and Student both reside in the same State - this to be discussed more fully later. Letters have been sent and received from Mr. Gray, Kalpana and State Units relating to visits by Kalpana during the year. Dates are as follows:

Victoria & Tasmania	- 13th - 29th April
South Australia	- 9th - 22nd June
Queensland	- 23rd July - 3rd August
New South Wales - North Coast	- 20th - 30th March
" " - Northern Tableland	- 7th - 18th May

Negotiations are taking place regarding a proposed visit to Darwin whether it is possible and practical at this stage.

The updated attractive Information brochure has been prepared and posted to State Units. It was suggested that next year the photo and information regarding the new Winifred Kiek Scholar be printed on the back of the brochure to save preparing a separate folder.

Australian Federal Mission Board representatives, together with Mesdames Smith and Ackland are to meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday 26th April at Central Methodist Mission Board room.

OTHER

MATTERS:

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Scribal Pens: A letter expressing concern that quality of Scribal pen be maintained was mentioned by Mrs. Kain. 52 doz. pens have been purchased from Scribal Pty. Ltd. S.A. State Unit, through Mrs. Gray have ordered 25 doz. Supplies now available from Mrs. Kain.

Correspondence United Groups: A most interesting and informative letter has been sent to all United groups. Letter also included request for new Officers for '73/4. Deaconess Norris is most concerned that letters be of a personal nature rather than just a stereotype circular.

Special Days: All State Units should have received Posters for Fellowship Day, if they have not been received please contact Mrs. Rowston. Posters for World Community Day are being prepared. Resolved that Mrs. Rowston purchase sufficient paper for Women at Work from Roneo for a two year period.

Newsletter: Mrs. Golding has requested that members supply relevant material also articles from books and magazines to her at each Committee meeting, for inclusion in the "Women at Work". The second copy of same is being prepared. Mrs. Golding is to receive the Church Women United Mission booklet for this year.

Next Meeting: Monday 30th April, '73, Stown Building, Flinders Street, Adelaide at 10. a.m.

Closing: Time 2.15 p.m.
Benediction

President: Mrs. A.C. Smith (Joy) 360 Marion Road, Plympton. 5038
V/President: Mrs. W.F. Kain (Nell) 51 Winchester St, St. Peters. 5069
V/President: Deaconess N. Norris (Nora) c/- Presbyterian Church Office, Epworth Building,
33 Pirie St, Adelaide. 5000
Treasurer: Mrs. E.A. Bache (Joan) 10 Gurr's Rd, Kensington Park. 5068
Committee: Deaconess E. Simmons (Eunice) c/- C.M.M. 45 Franklin St, Adelaide. 5000
Members: Mrs. Capt. W. Golding (Beryl) 48 Fairford St, Unley. 5061.
Mrs. D.F. Rowston (Sue) 8 Andrew Ave, Millswood. 5034
Mrs. P. Parkin (Elspeth) 121 First Ave, Joslin. 5070
Mrs. K.D. Hall (Alder) 30 Lawson Ave, Morphettville. 5043
Secretary: Mrs. D.E. Ackland (Olive) 1a Avenue Rd, Highgate. 5063

CONFIRMED _____

DATE _____

A U S T R A L I A N C H U R C H W O M E N

TRAVEL POOL

The following is information relating to Travel Pool and comments would be welcome on or before the next Committee Meeting 30th April, 1973.

In the past A.C.W. has paid the fare for one representative to attend the National Committee Meetings and the State Units have paid for the second representative.

In 1973 the following fares were paid by A.C.W. for one representative from each State Unit to attend the N.C.M. in Sydney.

W.A.	150.50
S.A.	59.90
Vic.	42.90
Tas.	86.90
Qld.	37.87
A.C.T.	14.00
N.S.W.	Nil
Total	<u>\$392.07</u>

State Units paid individual amounts above for the second representative to attend the N.C.M.

It would appear from enquiries from various S.A. State Organizations and from the discussion at the Committee Meeting last that the usual practice is for all participating Organizations to pay an equal share of the fares.

Therefore had a Travel Pool been operating for the N.C.M. held in Sydney last February, the seven State Units would have shared the cost for the second representative, of \$392.07, each State Unit paying \$56.01.

The following is a basis for consideration regarding Air and Rail Fares to and from Adelaide.

W.A.	130.90	Budget Air Economy Return Fare
Vic.	32.07	1st. Class Sleeper (Group Booking)
Tas.	83.07	(\$51. Budget Air Economy Return Hobart to Melbourne (\$32.07 1st. Class Sleeper Melbourne to Adelaide. (G.B.)
Qld.	104.53	(\$57.20 Budget Air Economy Return Brisbane to Sydney (\$47.33 Rail Sydney to Melbourne - Inter Capitol Daylight 1st. Class Sleeper Melbourne to Adelaide (Group Bookings for both trains)
A.C.T.	47.33	Rail - Inter Capitol Daylight to Melbourne - 1st Class Sleeper Melbourne to Adelaide (G.B. for both trains
N.S.W.	47.33	Rail - As above
Total	<u>\$445.23</u>	

Therefore with each State Unit accepting its share, the cost per State Unit would be \$63.60.

Please note that it was considered expedient that to save travelling time between Queensland and Adelaide, representatives to fly to Sydney and Tasmania representatives to fly to Melbourne. This then will enable both parties to link up with other State Representatives and thus travel together on a Group Booking. There must be six for a Group Booking, there should be over the required no. with representatives and observers. There is a total increase of \$53.16 to be paid by A.C.W. for first representative to come to Adelaide in lieu of Sydney, but this is offset by Working Committee Fares.

Travel Pool cont-

Working Committee Fares:

In 1973 A.C.W. paid fares for eight members of Working Committee \$208.26. Full fares President, Secretary and Treasurer and $\frac{1}{2}$ fares for the other members. One member used a free pass and the other was unable to attend. If all 10 fares had been paid by A.C.W. the account would have been \$246.13.

If Working Committee fares as above were to be paid by A.C.W. from Adelaide to Sydney the cost would be \$305.50.

There will be no cost to A.C.W. in 1974 for Working Committee fares.

For Further Consideration:

1. An Example:

W.A. paid \$150.50 for the second representative to attend the N.C.M. last February and had no Observers. Had a Travel Pool been operating, W.A. could have had the second representative and two observers for \$168.03.

2. National Presidents:

A.C.W. pays $\frac{1}{2}$ fares for National Presidents of affiliated Organizations to attend N.C.M. and it is envisaged that a Travel Pool may operate successfully for the remainder of fares.

3. Observers:

If a Travel Pool had been operating for two observers from each State Unit to attend N.C.M. (including the Hostess State) each person would have paid \$56.01.