

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
MINUTES OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING, 10am 16th MAY 2000,
held in Koorong Bookstore Staff Room, 198 Waymouth Street, Adelaide**

WELCOME President Mrs Marj Dredge welcomed all present at 10.00 am.

DEVOTIONS Marj Dredge read a meditation on finding God in the every dayness of life and in the little things - 'the interruptions are the work'. We do things as they come along and God reveals himself to us bit by bit.

PRESENT Marj Dredge, Shirley Birch, Maureen Clark, Dorothy Chapman, Dorothy Ferrier, Margaret Greenslade, Mavis Ellis, Shirley Sampson and Marj Crawford.

APOLOGIES Laurice Smith and Barbara Grealy

MINUTES of the meeting of 18/4/2000 - (there is a correction from Barbara Lacy to the ACWC report - see page 2).

Corrections - Social Justice report paragraph 2 should read 'Business Arising from the Minutes No.8' and 4 lines down it should be 'police officers' and in the last paragraph it should be 'Business Arising from the Correspondence 6 (16)'. The Minutes were then accepted and signed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 1 **Web Site** - advice received that the best way to go is to link into the web sites of our member denominations. Further information will be given to Units as it comes to hand.
- 2 **Memorial Book & Life Members photos** - more photos received & others to come
- 3 **Padma Ebenezer** - see ACWC Report
- 4 **Special Days Convener** - the person concerned decided not to nominate.
- 5 **World Community Day Order of Service** - will be mailed at the end of May and it will also be suitable for use in Nursing Homes.
- 6 **Theme for Fellowship Day 2000** - "In Jesus - Life, Hope and Liberty".

CORRESPONDENCE - on Page 4. Inwards received, Outwards endorsed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE

- 1(2) Maureen Clark attended
- 2(16) Card sent. All the sick WA members are improving.
- 3(17) See under Business Arising from the Minutes

TREASURER - Financial Report for TWO months ending 30th April 2000 on Page 3

This was adopted - m.D Chapman and s.S Birch.

GST - advice received that National Executive should register for an Australian Business Number - agreed this be done. Information is still being gathered re the GST.

m.D Chapman s. M Crawford that we look further into being Tax Exempt - agreed.

REPORTS

1. **Fellowship of the Least Coin** - Convener Margaret Greenslade

Orders have been placed for 25 copies of FLC History Book, "Many Prayers, One Prayer" and for 750 copies of "Circle of Prayer" Vol.15. Final cost for each of the publications has not been received - it would be helpful if these and the "Shanti Solomon Story" cost were received and paid for by 30th June this year (GST) but I don't know if this will be possible.

Applications for FLC Grants have been received and are presented for approval by this Executive before they are submitted to International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC) for consideration. 4 are supported by NSW Unit & 1 supported by SA Unit.

From NSW - (1) Parent Support Group at Woolloomooloo, US\$6000

(support for children and parents where parent/s are on a Methadone programme and/or suffering substance abuse, previously or currently involved in sex industry or where other special needs exist.)

(2) Special Religious Education Teacher in High School - Tumbillimbi, NSW, US\$6000

(3) Youth Pastor - Berkeley Vale, NSW, US\$6000

(4) Provision of Jointly Owned Motor Powered Canoe, Western Province Solomon Is., US\$6000

From SA

(1) Facilitating Faith Community Nursing in WA, US\$32000

- a. Introducing Faith Nursing to Christian nurses in WA through ecumenical seminars (city & rural)
- b. Later in year conduct 5-day educational programme in theology & the practice of faith community nursing in WA,

The Applications for Grants were accepted for forwarding to ICFLC providing the group supporting No.(4), in NSW can get the relevant people in the Solomon Islands to be the supporting group (to be within the ACW Guidelines).

I support the purchase of a Fax machine so that the FLC convener has access to it when contacting Asia and the Pacific Islands.

2. Social Justice - Convener Mavis Ellis

I wrote to Hon. Dean Brown & Hon. Nick Zenophon regarding the recent conference in Adelaide on Gambling. Rev Christine Ostle, UCA SA Synod Social Justice Consultant, thought they were the appropriate ones. In response to my last letter to Unit Social Justice conveners, Heather Reid, NSW convener, replied enclosing copies of letters she had written to NSW politicians re gambling. Interestingly, the only reply she had received at the time of writing was from the leader of the Opposition. I intend to send her the centre-spread from the UCA SA "New Times" which features an article by Stephen Richards from Adelaide Central Mission, chair of the SA Heads of Churches Task Force on Gambling. Heather has also written to the Ink Group concerning undesirable Christmas Cards enclosed in packs of religious cards.

I also wrote to the Director of the Equal Opportunities for Women in the Workplace asking to be deleted from their mailing list.

Vera Wilson, WA Convener responded to my get well letter and the only other response was from Dorothy McMasters, ACT, who had not been able to get any World March for Women 2000 postcards in ACT so I have arranged to forward some to her.

I received a request from the SA Council of Churches to write five letters to various people in Rwanda, the Human Rights Watch in London, the Human Rights Commissioner in Geneva and our own Minister for Foreign Affairs re the plight of the son of a Rwandan Minister serving in the UCA in Adelaide. The son had been imprisoned on false charges but the good news just to hand is that he has been released and returned to his wife and two children. He now intends to try to leave Rwanda where law and order are almost unknown. I received a reply on behalf of Mr Downer.

On 24th May, 7pm, YWCA, 17 Hutt St, Adelaide, Carmel O'Loughlin & 3 women who attended 44th UN Com. on Status of Women, will speak on 'The Rights of Women - Obstacles & Achievements'.

3. Winifred Keik Scholarship - Convener Dorothy Ferrier.

Correspondence received from -

1. Shirley Brooks (Tas. Unit) acknowledging receipt of leaflets.
2. Mina Whybourne (NSW Unit) enclosing copy of Thanksgiving Service for the late Deaconess Mary Andrews to be included in her entry in the Memorial Book
3. Margaret Florence (Qld Unit) requesting that leaflets be sent to the Special Days' Convener in future. A discussion on this subject was held at the 1997 National Conference in an effort to save individual Units postage charges - no decision was recorded in the Conference minutes, but I will contact other Units to hear their views on this subject.

I have not been able to ascertain quotes for the proposed Fax machine, but this will be attended to in the near future.

ACWC REPORT - Barbara Lacy, ACWC representative

YOUR LETTER 24/4/00 - Both Esther (ICFLC) and Illuminada (ACWC) would be happy for us to add their email addresses to our ACW website.

UPDATE ON NIROOSHA - I am pleased report that Niroosha is recovering following surgery to her left leg on 2nd May. A further six weeks of physiotherapy will be undertaken hopefully to increase its mobility. The family are most grateful for the prayer and practical support given so lovingly by ACW.

ACW NEWS - Article sent to Major S Sampson.

CORRECTION TO MINUTES 18/4/00...2nd para ACWC should read -

"The Executive and General Committee meetings will be held in October. The appointment of a new Executive Secretary to take office after the Assembly in 2002, and cost of ACWC Bulletin will be included on the agenda".

ACWC report - cont

After the meetings in October, a forum on Violence will be held. I have selected to bring info on Violence in the Family and would be grateful to receive data from our State Units/National Executive that can be shared. I would need this by the first week in September please. Blessings to all, keep up the good work, love, Barbara Lacy.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Agreed - National Executive invite Australian Baptist Women to become an affiliated group of ACW.

CLOSURE The meeting concluded with prayer led by Marj Dredge.

Date of next meeting **Tuesday 20th June 2000**

National President..... Date.....

**AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
Financial Report for TWO months ending 30th April 2000**

Balance 1-3-00			5,102.34
Receipts			
Refund on PO Box keys (M Florence)			<u>6.00</u>
			5,108.34
Payments			
Printing ACW Newsletters	185.00		
Petty Cash -			
Secretary, M Clark	66.45		
WKS Convenor, D Ferrier	51.95		
Publications Editor, S Sampson	<u>93.09</u>	<u>211.49</u>	<u>396.49</u>
Balance 30-4-00			<u>4,711.85</u>
Balance cheque account as per bank statement	4,711.85		
Total Term Deposits	<u>11,000.00</u>		
Total Balance 30-4-00	<u>15,711.85</u>		
DESIGNATED FUNDS SUMMARY			
Administration	3,744.12		
Fellowship of the Least Coin	33.00		
National Conference Fund	9,132.63		
Overseas Conference Fund	<u>2,802.10</u>		

CORRESPONDENCE:

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Inwards:

- 17/4/00 1. B. Lacy email report for meeting 18/4/00
- 18/4/00 2. Evangelical Alliance in Australia advice of meeting 1st May
- 20/4/00 3. ACW(NSW Unit) minutes meeting 20/3/00
- 20/4/00 4. ACW(Tas Unit) minutes meetings 28/2/00 & 10/4/00; request more info. re Teen Challenge
- 20/4/00 5. ACW(Tas Unit) support for proposed website
- 26/4/00 6. Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation re Corroboree 2000
- 26/4/00 7. ACW(QLD Unit) minutes meeting 27/3/00
- 1/5/00 8. Vera Wilson (WA Unit) thank you
- 2/5/00 9. ACW(ACT Unit) advising passing of Unit Life Member Audrey Sherwin 16/4/00
- 2/5/00 10. ACW(ACT Unit) endorsing proposal to purchase Fax machine for WKS Trustees
- 2/5/00 11. Dept. P Minister & Cabinet OSW Project Funding 2000-2001 grants available also email
- 4/5/00 12. B. Lacy ACWC rep. phone call re emails 17/4 and 3/5/00
- 9/5/00 13. ACW(SA Unit) minutes meeting 14/4/00
- 10/5/00 14. Dept. PM & Cabinet reply to letter 25/3/00 re Round Table, our comments noted.
- 11/5/00 15. B. Lacy ACWC report for meeting 16/5/00
- 11/5/00 16. ACW (WA Unit) minutes meeting 28/4/00 Sir Ron & Lady Leila Wilson 50th Anniversary
- 11/5/00 17. ACW (QLD Unit) support for Teen challenge and website with request for info.

PUBLICATIONS:

CWLA Newsletter April
ACWC Bulletin March

NEWS#7;NEWS#8 and supplement
CCA News

Outwards:

- 20/4/00 1. Hon. Dean Brown, Hon. Nick Xenophon in support of their stand on poker machines, M. Ellis
- 20/4/00 1a International Organizations ACW details
- 20/4/00 2. Aust. Dom & Fam Violence Clearinghouse completion of form
- 21/4/00 3. ACW(Darwin) request to prepare Fellowship Day 2001 order of service
- 21/4/00 4. ACW(Tas Unit) further info. re Teen Challenge
- 21/4/00 5. ACW(NSW Unit) re WCD order of service
- 21/4/00 6. Rev Lee Edwards confirming her appointment as ACW Nat. Exec rep. on Organising Committee (in WA) for 'You and Your Future Options and Opportunities' Conference
- 22/4/00 7. Morgan Disney & Assoc. Scoping Paper on Dom. Violence & Older People orgs to contact
- 22/4/00 8. Circular 2000/3 to all State Territory Units
- 23/4/00 9. B. Lacy ACWC rep. amendment Page 7 National Finance Guidelines
- 5/5/00 10. ACW(ACT Unit) sympathy card re late Audrey Sherwin