

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. UNIT

Minutes of the Council Meeting, held at 139 Castlereagh St. Sydney,
on Monday, 16 March, 1987.

The meeting opened at 11a.m. with the President, Mrs June Graham in the Chair. She drew to our attention the request of Dame Monica Galleghe at the February meeting that we should remember in prayer the children of Asia at risk because of prostitution and drugs in their countries. Mrs Graham told how she was approached by a man at the Family Court, who gave her a copy of a Prayer Sheet for street children around the world. This person works with the street children of the Corso, Manly. A copy of the Prayer Sheet has been sent to Mrs Eunice Kim and the assurance that we are praying at each meeting for the children of Asia was also sent to Mrs Kim.

Members were welcomed to the meeting and the Catholic delegates were thanked for the morning tea we had enjoyed.

Those present are recorded in the Attendance Book (40) and the 12 Apologies are also recorded there.

For her Devotional thought, Mrs Graham reminded us of the Beatitudes. The Kingdom is God's gift to His children, it is not something we can earn. The Prayer included a prayer for the street children of Asia and The Lord's Prayer followed.

The Minutes of the Meeting held 16 February were read and confirmed after a slight alteration was made.

Business arising from the Minutes.

1. The Secretary being now able to represent the Council at the Mothers Union service it was agreed that she should replace Mrs Ridge (Who will represent the Uniting Church at this service.)
2. Visit to Mayfield. Mrs Ridge reported that she was warmly welcomed at Mayfield and that the group would welcome more information on becoming a Branch. They intend to continue holding Fellowship Day and World Community Day and were interested in the dedication of the Least Coin collections. The Promotions Committee will send information kits.
3. New Speakers' List. The List has now been adjusted.
4. W.K.Scholar for 1987. Members were asked to pray now that the girl from Burma will arrive without any delay. We were asked to pray also for those people charged with the responsibility of choosing the 1988 scholar.
5. Fellowship Day venues, times and speakers. The Publicity Convenor requests this information as soon as possible.
6. April meeting. It was announced that the guest speaker will be the first item on the agenda, then the general business meeting, followed by the Annual General Meeting and the Election of Officers.

Treasurer's Report. The Report as attached was presented and received on the motion of Mrs D.Lumb, seconded by Mrs Y.Davis.

The balance was \$1,596.05

Partners with A.C.W.C. The amount of \$500 will be forwarded to the National Committee as our 1987 contribution. Members are encouraged to subscribe to this appeal by placing their contributions in the box tabled each meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE. Inwards.

Invitations accepted by the Executive to which the President will be the representative.

1. W.C.T.U. President's Reception.
2. A.B.M.Auxiliary A.G.M.
3. U.C.A. Mission GetTogether.
4. From N.C.W. An appeal for a donation of \$15 towards I.C.W. The meeting accepted the recommendation that this donation be sent.
5. Replies from women asked to be speakers at the forum 'Women in the Church.'
6. Notification of the change of delegate from the Catholic Church. Sister Norma Clare McKay replaces Sister Lenore Sharry.

7. Thanks for our response to the committee arranging the Flower Festival in the Spring.
8. The magazine 'In Future' was tabled and recommended.
9. From the National Committee.
 - a. World Community Day Project. The proposal to give the special collection to the victims of the Vanuata Cyclone was applauded and received.
 - b. A.C.W.C. The amount collected for Partners with A.C.W.C. fell short of the hoped-for \$5,000, but it was never-the-less a worthwhile amount.
 - c. Fellowship Day, 1987 The theme 'Housing God's People' was announced. The hymns will be printed on the service. W.K.S. leaflets will arrive in time for inclusion with the orders of service.
 - d. Guidelines for W.K.S. Copies are to be ordered for members of the Executive & any other people who would like to purchase a copy.
 - e. Attention was drawn to the 1989 National Committee. It will be the turn of N.S.W. Unit to nominate people for this committee.
 - f. The name of Rev. Winifred Kiek has been sent to the committee compiling a list of 200 distinguished women for the Bicentennial celebrations in 1988. The 60th. celebration of Rev. Kiek's ordination will be remembered this year.
 - g. Papers on Third World Prostitution were tabled.

Outwards.

The Secretary reported that letters were sent to various people and bodies following the November and February meetings. (For details please see the minutes of the Executive meeting, March 16, 1987.)

General Business. *Service, May 18, 1987.*

1. The Annual General Meeting. April 13, 1987.

Members were invited to bring a written precis of anything that their branches do that is considered to be out-of-the-ordinary.

Nomination forms were distributed and requested to be returned before the Executive meeting on April 13 at 9.30a.m.

Prudence Gregory will be the Guest speaker and she will address the Council on N.A.A.L.A.G. The Salvation Army delegates will be the hostesses.

The Promotions and Publicity Committees will hold a packing day during the April meeting.

2. The Annual Dedication Service, May 18, 1987. Invitations were distributed to delegates from branches and denominations. The invitations for posting will be attended to next week.

There being no further business the meeting was closed and the Forum 'Women in the Church' was introduced.

The speakers were presented by the Secretary, Mrs M. McCann and were in order of their appearance Rev. Shirley Maddox, Deaconness Jan Tripp and Deaconness Mary Andrews.

Rev. Maddox gave a history of the steps towards the ordination of women to the ministry of the Uniting Church., whose background was drawn from the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches. We were reminded that the first woman to be ordained in Australia was Winifred Kiek in 1871. There are now 80-90 ordained women in the U.C.A. across Australia, 31 in N.S.W. and 4 awaiting ordination. Mrs Maddox gave us a good insight to the work of women ministers. Deaconness Jan Tripp works as a part-time hospital chaplain and deaconness for the Baptist church. She would feel comfortable to be ordained as a chaplain. The Baptist Church has not done a lot of work on the subject of ordination of women. Their deaconesses are commissioned, not ordained.

Deaconness Mary Andrews gave a full history of the struggle of Anglican women around the world and in particular in Australia, to be ordained into the ministry of her church. There is more written on

This subject

in the Australian press than on any other religious matter.

The General Synod of the Anglican Church in Australia will debate this issue in 1987.

An interesting comment of Deaconness Andrews' was that the church in China accepts men and women as God's equal workers.

In a vote of thanks to the speakers, Mrs Y. Davis expressed the appreciation of the meeting to the three ladies, and presented them with an A.C.W. spoon.

The President then closed the forum with prayer and the Benediction.

Confirmed.

Date.

J. Latham
13/4/87.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. STATE UNIT)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 1987

CR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/2/1987 \$2,505.07

RECEIPTS

Affiliation Fees	45.00	
Donations	10.00	
Asian Bulletins Subs.	27.50	
"Newsette" Subs.	77.00	
Sales "Circle of Prayer"	21.50	
Overseas Travel Fund	26.00	
F.L.C.	216.14	
Partners with A.C.W.C.	57.00	
Stock Sales	6.00	486.14

2,991.21

LESS - PAYMENTS

Speaker at Council Meeting	5.00
F.L.C. Convenor's Imprest	20.00
Asian Bulletins	22.50

National Treasurer

F.L.C. Contributions to 27/2/1987	1,212.28	
World Community Day to 27/2/1987	135.38	1,347.66
		1,395.16

CR. BALANCE - CURRENT A/C - 28th FEBRUARY 1987 \$1,596.05

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PAYMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION

Speaker at Council Meeting - 16/2/1987	5.00
F.L.C. Convenor's Imprest	20.00

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Margaret E. Lumb