

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES of meeting of the Working Committee, held at the A.C.C. Building, Sydney, on Tuesday December 6, 1977 at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Win Dougherty (President), Doris Mitchell (Secretary), Mary Andrews, Olga Badger, Edna Baker, Gwen Cork, Joan Curtin, Betty Davis, Marjorie Stanhope, Heather Stevens, Glad West.

APOLOGY: Margaret Ralph

DEVOTIONS: The President led the opening devotions, in which Committee members participated.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on November 1, 1977, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The Secretary reported on her meeting with members of the Queensland Unit, during her recent visit to Brisbane, and conveyed their warm greetings to the Working Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was received and dealt with:-

Inward

1. Bishop and Mrs. A.C. Holland, Perth - reply to letter of sympathy.
2. Secretary Northern Territory Unit - enclosing cheques, contributions to F.L.C. and World Community Day project.
3. Secretary, South Australian Unit - advising appointment of office-bearers and enclosing copy of Annual Report.
4. Secretary, Tasmanian Unit - re orders for "Women at Work"
5. Secretary, Victorian Unit - advising of the death of Mrs. Enid Stephens, a long standing member of the Unit, and Treasurer of the Working Committee when it was located in Victoria. Reference is also made to Themes in Areas of Concern, Special Days printing, and a bequest received by the Unit from the estate of the late Emmeline Horn, designated for Church work in Indonesia.
6. Secretary, New South Wales Unit - enclosing Newsletter.
7. Mrs. R. Cocks, Hobart, drawing attention to an error in the Minutes of the National Committee Meeting - page 14 "Other Business" (c) par.3 Working (Committee) should read National.
8. Mrs. H. Featonby, Hobart, National Chairman, Girls' Friendly Society, acknowledging receipt of Secretary's letter and printed material, and enclosing G.F.S. Magazine.
9. Mr. R.S. Gould, Manager, Glebe Administration Board, re investment of funds, and acknowledging receipt of our cheque for \$3,000.00, placed for deposit on call, interest at 9%.
10. Miss D. Wagner, New York, re possibility of participation in a Consultation with A.C.W. in 1979.
11. Mrs. A. Loyall, President A.C.W.C., advising dates of their Executive Meeting, May 13-17, 1978.
12. Mrs. Shanti Solomon, Executive Secretary A.C.W.C. - Invitation to A.C.W. to be represented at the 6th Assembly, to be held in Japan, 9-15.10.78.
13. Miss Kalpana Airan, forwarding detailed information regarding the new building for the Narmada Education Academy, Satara, India, of which she is in charge, for the completion of which funds are needed. Following discussion, it was agreed that copies of the printed material supplied be forwarded to State Units and that they be asked to consider whether support for this building programme might be accepted as our "project" in connection with World Community Day 1978.
14. A.C.C. - Minutes of Executive Meeting 23-24 September 1977; News and Information November 1977; Christian Education News, October 1977.
15. ACFOA - Third World News, October 1977.

Received by Conveners

16. WKS - from Deaconess Harris, Karachi - re Sister Barkat Dass
17. FLC - from A.C.T. and N.T. Units - orders for "Circle of Prayer"
18. Special Days - from Church Women United, U.S.A.

Outward

1. Mrs. F. Bailey - reply to hers re proposed consultations for theologically trained women.
2. Secretaries of State Units - re the above.

Sent by Convener

3. WKS - Tapati Das, wishing her well on her study tour.

FINANCE: The Hon. Treasurer presented the following financial statement for the month of November 1977:-

Financial Statement for Month ended 30th November 1977

| <u>Receipts</u> | | <u>Expenditure</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| To Balance at 31.10.77 | 13,022.07 | |
| Winifred Kiek Scholarship | | |
| Interest on Bonds | 144.50 | Balance at 30.11.77 |
| | 13,166.57 | \$13,166.57 |
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| <u>SUMMARY OF BALANCES</u> | | |
| Fellowship of Least Coin | 755.50 | |
| Winifred Kiek Scholarship | 8878.79 | |
| Memorial Bursary | 204.55 | |
| Fellowship Day | 472.28 | |
| World Community Day | 331.02 | |
| Overseas Conferences | 816.26 | |
| Administration & General | 1708.17 | |
| | | \$13166.57 |

The Statement was received and the following payments authorised:-
Hon. Secretary, Petty Cash \$37.13; Hon. Treasurer, Expenses \$4.95 and
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener, Expenses \$13.10.

CONVENERS' REPORTS:

Winifred Kiek Scholarship. It is hoped that arrangements can be completed for Sister Barkat Dass to arrive in Australia by the end of February, to take up residence at Deaconess House, Sydney, and undertake a theological study course there during the first term. During this time, arrangements will be finalised for her programme in the health and nursing fields, to be carried out during the remainder of her stay.

Special Days. Heather Stevens reported having received the Fellowship Day Order of Service, prepared by the Chester Street Epping Uniting Church Fellowship. It was agreed that Committee members should read this following the meeting, and that the Convener should make arrangements for preparation of the "master sheets" which will be sent to the State Units in February.

Fellowship of the Least Coin: The Convener undertook to write to the Secretaries of State Units from whom no reply had been received re orders for "Circle of Prayer" and to report again to the next meeting of the Working Committee.

"Women at Work" Joan Curtin advised that Mrs. Jessie Dennis has been appointed by the Queensland Unit as their correspondent for "Women at Work", and had forwarded some material for publication.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Sixth Assembly, October 9-15, 1978; Appointment of representatives:

The Hon. Secretary reported having received the following nominations:
Mrs. Win Dougherty, nominated by NSW, Queensland & Tasmanian Units
Mrs. Isabel Macintyre, nominated by Queensland Unit
Miss Ruth Nebro, nominated by Western Australian Unit
Deaconess Elizabeth Alfred, nominated by Victorian Unit.

It was agreed to appoint Mrs. Dougherty and Miss Nebro as delegates, and Mrs. Macintyre and Deaconess Alfred as observers.

The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer were asked to confer on the matter of costs and to submit to the Working Committee recommendations on how our financial obligations might be met.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Deaconess Andrews advised that the National Committee would be meeting at Deaconess House, Sydney, February 10-11, 1978. It was agreed to send a message of greeting on behalf of Australian Church Women.

CLOSE: The President extended Christmas Greetings to members and closed the meeting at 12.30 p.m.

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 7th February 1978
at 9.30 a.m.