

Minutes of Council Meeting of Australian Church Women N.S.W. State Unit.

Meeting at Pitt St. Uniting Church on Monday 21st November, 1977.

Present. Mrs. Lt. Col. Baker, the President, in the chair, and members as in the attendance book, totaling 38.

Welcome extended to Mrs. Vickery of Y.W.A. Baptist and Presbyterian new members. The President opened with a reading and prayer.

Apologies were received from Mrs. M. Baker, Mrs. L. Oates, Mrs. Captain Jessop, Mrs. B. Griffiths, Mrs. W. Dougherty, Mrs. J. Udy.

The President made the announcement that the Catholic Church had nominated Mrs. Marie McCann as President Elect, and extended good wishes to her.

Minutes of the meeting 19th Sept were read and confirmed.

Correspondence. Letters had been received from Queensland Unit re orders of Service to be printed with ours in N.S.W.

The P.W.A. with list of 7 representatives. Baptist Women's Fellowship, and an acknowledgment from Mrs. Gilbert.

Letter from Bishop Muldoon, Catholic Bishop for Ecumenism, which nominated Mrs. Marie McCann as the President/Elect for our organization.

Outwards Letters. had been sent to Women's World Day of Prayer, Queensland Unit, Baptist ladies, Mrs. Wells inviting her to speak at our Service, Presbyterians, and Uniting Church. Cards had been sent to Mrs. Baker, sympathy cards to Mrs. Dorothy Martin and Mrs. Holland in Perth.

A few minutes was spent clearing in groups or with our neighbours and asking her "What are her concerns?" This was an opportunity to relax and get to know someone we didn't know very well before.

It was indicated that the A.C.C. had made available on permanent loan a filing cabinet, and all material was nicely filed.

It was reported that we had approached Major Gerhard Stelstra who would guide us in approaching the Greek Orthodox and other churches, with a view to some ladies joining our organization.

It was reported that Mrs. Enid Hays had been approached, who is the Senior Social Worker at the Australian Council of Churches, re a possibility of a training course for a woman for Welfare Work among Ethnic Groups. It was felt there was a possibility for a submission for the Fellowship of the Least Coin later on.

It was resolved that providing that a firm booking could be made, and at the executive's suggestion, the council meetings as from March be held at 139 Castlereagh St. The Uniting Church Offices. *(At 12 noon)*

The financial statement for the 3 months was given by the Treasurer as attached.

The Convenors reports from Mrs. Lean, Promotions, hopes for bringing out new leaflet, Mrs. McCann reported about Publicity, Mrs. Bent took the F. L.C. and Deaconess Andrews reported about the two Winifred Kiek scholars.

The Executive's recommendation was agreed to that Mrs. Win Dougherty be N.S.W. nomination to attend the Asian Church Women's Conference in Oct. '78 in Japan.

The committee had met for plans for the order of service for 20th Feb. and arrangements were in hand. Invitations to be sent out early in New Year with Calendar and Newsletter. It was suggested cup of tea and light refreshments to follow and a business meeting to follow at noon.

The Secretary distributed an information sheet re the recommendations from the Perth National meeting, giving members details of the "Phonies" for suggested studies, and training courses. It was indicated the Secretary was planning a discussion group to commence on 6th Feb. at Pitt St. Church, and anyone interested was invited to reply. Oct. and Nov. Women at Work were also distributed.

It was agreed that Mrs. Cummo, a new Presbyterian representative, on the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee, bringing our numbers to five representatives.

We then listened to a delightful talk by Major Venables, one of our own Council members, who told us of her trip overseas, apart from attending a Salvation Army Course she told us about her travels and interesting experiences. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Stanhope.

The meeting closed at 12:45 p.m. with the benediction.

*L. A. Baker* ... Confirmed.

20th Feb. 1978.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

N. S. W. UNIT

Statement of Receipts & Payments August 1 - October 31, 1977.

1977

August 1- Gr. balance

2106.23

ADD RECEIPTS:

Affiliation fees	28.00	
Sales "Circle of Prayer"	8.00	
Bank Interest	9.02	
Overseas Travel Fund	95.19	
Fellowship of the Least Coin	274.38	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	41.50	
Fellowship Day	308.90	
World Community Day	50.63	815.62
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LESS PAYMENTS:

National Travel Fund	181.69	
World Community Day- Prtgs & Postage	151.35	
Secretary's Ex/ces-	3.44	
National Council of Women- Affiliation	10.00	
" " " Luncheon	10.00	
Savings Investment A/c	2200.00	2556.48
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October 31, Gr. Bank Balance		\$ 365.37
Gr. Savings Investment A/c		\$ 2200.00

*Kous Stutchell*  
*Hon. Treasurer.*

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