

## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC.

### Minutes of the meeting of the National Executive held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 1.45pm at SACC Inc. 65 Flinders Street, Adelaide.

Meeting opened at 1.45pm by President Margaret welcoming all members present.

**PRESENT:** M. Clark; C. Barber; K. Smith; J. Burge; D. Ferrier; J. Brown; M. Flint; M Greenslade.

**APOLOGIES:** Wanda McKeand, Pat Walker, Donna Bryan and Brenda Dickinson

**REFLECTION :** Led by Maureen Clark who read 'thoughts on The Lord's Prayer' taken from a ACWC magazine by Eliz Jansz, Sri Lanka. It led us to think on the words of the Lord's Prayer and the thoughts we endeavour to 'live up' to the message of the Prayer ie. **"I cannot pray our, if my faith has no room for others and their need"**

**MINUTES** of the previous meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009 had been circulated and the following corrections were noted:

1. Page 1 Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted after corrections to Treasurer's report figures.....**the actual corrections to Treasurer's figures to be set out in detail.**  
That is referring to the November 09 Treasurer's report -  
Balance from National Exec ACT - should be \$17,108.37 not \$17,107.37  
Nat Conference Fund (balance to come) should be \$7,000.00 not \$6,000.00
2. Page 1 No 3 under **Correspondence 'to be deleted'.**
3. Page 2 under report by **Maureen, Winifred Kiek Scholarship.....**quotes for printing the **'WKS pamphlet for the'** Fellowship Day Service.
4. Page 2 under **Publicity/Newsletter:** Judith/Margaret..' **Kath/Judy'**

Moved M Clark/D Ferrier that the minutes be signed as correct after corrections have been made to the December minutes.

### BUSINESS ARISING

1. A second visit to Immanuel College on 19 January was undertaken by Judith, Chris, Margaret and Judy. We were taken to the various locations that interested us by Haydon Cleveland from the Sports Centre. From this visit an email was sent to Margot Cox, Facilities Coordinator, to enquire on the specific costs of hiring Immanuel College facilities. An email was received on 9 February with detailed costs and catering hire

**Chris, the Treasurer, to work out costs for the 2011 Conference.**

After discussion it was moved D Ferrier/M Clark that we hold the 2011 National Conference at the Immanuel College, Novar Gardens, and that a definite booking be made with the College for October 2011.

**CARRIED**

2. **'Occasional Newsletter'.** The December 2009, was well received. After discussion it was decided to plan three National News interspersed with an 'Occasional Newsletter' for 2009.

3. **Website** - Margaret had contacted Ewan Arnolda, Website Designer for The Salvation Army, Melbourne, inviting him to maintain our website. Ewan has worked with Donna Bryan, our ACWC representative. Cost will be \$52 per year for hosting and that will give us 53mb

which will be sufficient. Ewan would like to propose a re-design of the site in a more 'user-friendly' way and to comply with today's styles. Brenda Dickinson, ACW's Website Manager, suggested a sub-committee. **National Executive members** urged to view this website: [www.acwnational.org](http://www.acwnational.org). to become familiar with its contents. Convenors to focus on pages relevant to their portfolios. Any update of information to be brought to the next meeting. At this stage the National Executive will overview the website.

After discussion it was moved by M Clark/K Smith that ACW accepts Ewan Arnolda, Website Designer's, offer to maintain our Website. **CARRIED**

A letter to be sent to Marmalade Soul Management thanking the group for the work that had been done previously. A letter be sent to Jethro Management thanking them for their offer to maintain our site but their offer was not successful at this time. **Margaret/Judy**

It was moved D Ferrier/K Smith that we ask Ewan for a 'mock-up' of the changes to the website. Use of photos needs the permission of individual people. **CARRIED**

4. **Directory** A directory of same convenors for each portfolio in States and Territories passed on to specific convenors on National Executive for ease of contact.

5. Correspondence on Indigenous motion passed on to Anne Parnis.

6. Reports from Convenors of Nat Executive on 'how they view their portfolio' being returned, some still outstanding.

7. The draft copy of the Winifred Kiek Fellowship Day Service 2010 is well in hand and is in its final stage. Judith has thanked Pamela Freeman (Special Days Convenor ACW Inc NSW and her committee for the time and effort into ensuring that it is a meaningful service. Aileen Eldridge, Secretary ACW Unit in SA is willing to edit the copy and will assist in the production of CDs.

8. Public Liability – names and addresses of all financial members in States and Territories are needed for this to go ahead.... **.Chris to contact States and Territories.**

9. Reflection/Focus Day....Enquiries made at Sunset Rock Uniting Church, 34 Spencer Street, Stirling, (off Longwood Road), to use a room for a time of reflection for the Executive - the cost being \$50. Margaret had been in touch with Geraldine Hawkes, SACC, to lead us in contemplation, to which she has agreed. Dates to be considered Friday 19 or 26 March or 9 or 16 April. **Margaret to contact Geraldine.**

10. ACW Inc Rules, as amended in September 2009, and names and addresses of National Executive, were lodged by the Public Officer to the Registrar General on 29 January 2010. The original Tax Invoice receipt from Helen Raymond, Public Officer has been received by National Executive.

In addition to the changes from the Conference in September the September Rules 2009 have been amended (in accordance with ACT Registrar General's requirements in the ACT) to be:

- 'Inc' has been added after Australian Church Women where appropriate in the September Rules 2009.
- **'Part 5 Alterations of Objects and Rules'** has been amended to read:-  
(1) These rules may be amended by a vote of **three quarters** (not two thirds) of voting Delegates at the National Conference.

Margaret has been in touch with Gilbert Materne, a Lutheran, who has legal expertise, to guide us in the complexity of the Constitution, to which he has agreed. With the introduction of the Incorporation of ACW it is necessary to have an AGM annually. As this is not the normal custom of ACW, it has been suggested that we write to the Registrar General in ACT, seeking an exemption for 2010 AGM.

**This was agreed to and Margaret to draft a letter.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence from the President, Secretary and Winifred Kiek Convenor had been distributed to members.

1. Secretary reported on an invitation from Rev Alistair Christie, National President of Uniting Church Adult Fellowship to send a representative to National UCAF Celebration, Canberra from 21 to 25 April 2010. It was moved D Ferrier/M Greenslade that President, Margaret, to attend this Celebration as our representative and that Secretary, Judy, to replace Margaret in the event of an emergency. ACW to pay UCAF Celebration and travel expenses.

**CARRIED**

2. Maureen presented an extra list of correspondence.

3. Margaret presented her correspondence, highlighting particular items.

### **REPORTS**

#### **President's Report**

Margaret to attend AWC meeting in Sydney on Friday 12 February 2010.

**Secretary's Report - no report**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Balance transferred 7/11/09	\$17,108.37
28/1/10	11,711.60
	<b>\$28,819.87</b>

#### **Add Receipts**

FLC	40,047.98	
Nat Conf Fund	275.00	
Nat Travel Fund	579.00	
Overseas Travel Fund	345.00	
FLC supplies	20.00	
Fellowship Day Offerings	8,542.45	
WKS Donations	2,188.00	
World Com Day	7,157.89	
Special Projects	1,839.77	
ACWC Newsletter	768.00	
ACWC Donations	980.00	
ACWC Affiliation	570.00	
Winifred Books	50.00	
Circle of Prayer	510.00	
Legacy and Legend	52.50	
Bank Interest	75.54	
Sundries	4.50	
Transfer SA Unit	1,000.00	<b>\$65,005.63</b>

#### **Less Expenses**

Petty Cash	169.60	
Prayer Breakfast Canberra Travel	155.00	
WKS Leaflets	825.00	<b>\$1,149.60</b>

Moved C Barber/ D Ferrier that 1.25% of F.L.C., 10% World Community Day and WKS be retained for expenses. Affiliation fee to ACWC of \$1,550.00.

Chris moved payment of Petty Cash.

Accepted C. Barber/D Ferrier

1.	WKS Convenor P/C	\$105.85
2.	Minute Secretary P/C	\$ 37.18
3.	President P/C	\$ 22.00
4.	H. Raymond P.O.	\$ 6.00

### **Winifred Kiek Scholarship - Maureen Clark**

Maureen has posted WKS leaflets re 2010 Scholars to all Units. In circular 3 to all WKS Convenors there is news of Imelda Aquino (2008), Susan Liersch (2003), Christine Ferguson (2009) and Monique Crabtree (2003). News from Lienamau Manrogoana (2007) will be in ACW News. The Christmas card sent by Maureen to Vivian Cheung (2006) was returned 'left address/unknown'

### **Special Days - Judith Brown**

Judith has contacted Special Days' Convenor, Dorothy McMaster of ACT Unit, who is responsible for the 2010 World Community Day Service. Dorothy is relinquishing her position at the February meeting and Judith will make contact with the incoming Convenor when known.

### **Social Justice - Kath Smith**

At a State Meeting of Catholic Women's League, Chris Byrne, a grape grower himself and representing 1200 grape growers as the CEO of the Riverland Wine Grape Growers Association, spoke about the many people in rural communities who have suffered the damaging effects of climate change and of the manipulation of the market by 'corporate thugs,' both Australian and International.

These companies seem to target well known brand names, promote the idea that they can produce more and improve profits, but in reality skim the profits from primary producers and local communities, for the sake of shareholders. This has devastating effects on local communities, bringing about job losses, depression and breakdown in family relationships. Up until 10 years ago these businesses were generally locally owned and run in communities with a strong bond of caring, sharing, giving and volunteering. (taken from Southern Cross Newspaper Oct2009)

A letter has been sent to the Honorable Simon Crean MP, PO Box 6022, House of Representatives, Parliament House, Canberra.

### **Fellowship of the Least Coin - Margaret Greenslade**

Margaret has made contact with Unit Convenors thanking them for Season Greetings 2009 and reminding them deadline for applications for I.C.F.L.C. grant for 2010.

Cora replied and sent prayer cards and pamphlets as requested in Dec 09.

### **ACWC - DONNA BRYAN**

Re: ACWC, "I am quite busy at the moment with finalising candidates for the position of Executive Secretary. Shu-Wen finishes her term at the end of the year. Trouble is this is behind the scenes stuff that I can't really report on - being confidential etc.

Anyway, next week I'm on holidays from 19-29 Jan. I'm going to Hong Kong to visit daughter no. 2 and then I'll be in Indonesia until the 4 Feb. In Indonesia, myself, the President, Vice President and

Shu-Wen will be visiting the venue for the ACWC Assembly in October, and speaking with the local committee re: arrangements and progress. We'll also be conducting interviews for the position of Executive Secretary.

When I come home I'll have some details and be able to contact those interested in attending the Assembly.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Printing of National News**

Three quotes had been sought for the printing of the National News. It was recommended that we accept the quote from Abbott Printing, Gilbert Street, Adelaide - \$656.70 for 1000, a 6 page, double sided A5 booklet. Moved by D Ferrier/J Burge **CARRIED**

Meeting closed at 4.15pm

## **NEXT MEETING**

Reflection/Devotion: J Burge  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 1.45pm.