



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC.

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Minutes of the ACW National Executive Meeting

Held on Monday 17 November 2014

At 222 Pitt Street, Sydney

Welcome: The meeting began at 12.55 pm with a special welcome to Nancy McLaren, WKS Convener, and Natalie McLeod, President ACW NSW Unit.

Devotions: Nancy McLaren led the devotions which were about coping with change. Change is uncomfortable but is the price to be paid for transformation. Salvation brings change from what we were to what God wants us to become. Luke 14:26-28: Change takes a lot of our life: if we want to grow like Christ we have to be prepared to change. Nancy closed the Devotion with prayer.

Present: Denise Secomb (Chair), Brenda Dickinson, Tricia Graham, Isabel Hewitt, Lillian Hodges, Elizabeth McEwen, Nancy McLaren, Natalie McLeod, Shirley Mitchell, Jennifer Pepper

Apologies: Lyn Middleton, Pamela Freeman, Joy Inglis

Minutes: The Minutes of the Meeting of 27th October 2014 were accepted and signed as correct
Moved by Jennifer and Seconded by Tricia.

Business Arising:

1 **AGM:** The teleconference at the NCC office was a good idea. The NE is thankful to Tricia Graham for the organization of the teleconference. The participants were able to connect and take part without any problems. The business on the Agenda went through without any problems and the motions to elect the auditors were passed.

The position of Shirley Mitchell as Social Justice Convenor was ratified. Each State Unit was represented with apologies from Northern Territory. Helen Raymond ACWC Representative and Public Officer participated.

The NE was pleased with the way the meeting went and recommended that this could be considered a precedent for future AGM's in a non-conference year.

2 **Winifred Kiek Fellowship 2015:** Devika Ukwatte from Colombo has been approached.

REPORTS

President's Report (presented by Denise on Lyn's behalf)

Lyn sent apologies for today's meeting, but is looking forward to attending the meetings in January. She thanked everyone who stepped up in her absence, with particular thanks to Tricia for facilitating the AGM teleconference and to Denise and Isabel for piloting it through so successfully. Lyn also acknowledged the work done by Elizabeth and Jennifer in the weeks leading up to the AGM. Lyn especially wants to convey her thanks to everyone for the numerous expressions of kindness she has received - get well greetings, assurances of prayer, cards, emails, phone calls, flowers, from ACW Australia wide.

Lyn's visit to Perth and the WA Unit went well. The WCDs at both Mandurah and Perth were lovely occasions – well organised and attended, thanks to Kaye Seeber and Rev Lee Edwards who both did outstanding jobs in their facilitation of these events and to Meryon Goode for all her work as Special Days convener. The fellowship with the ladies (and some men) was warm and friendly and Lyn particularly appreciated their prayers on her behalf. On the Saturday, she enjoyed a day with Marie Majoor and Laurel Pearce taking in some of the sights from Perth to Fremantle. It was a delight on Sunday afternoon to travel with Laurel to pay a visit to National Life Member Janet Watts, now in her 90s. They enjoyed a drive down the Sunset Coast and a coffee by the sea. Lyn expressed a huge thank you to Laurel who hosted her for the five days. A fairly comprehensive coverage of the ministries of ACW at the NCW meeting on Monday afternoon was given with thanks to The Salvation Army Divisional HQ for the loan of a data projector.

Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convener

The WKS Guidelines were circulated prior to the meeting, showing proposed alterations, which were discussed. This is a work in process, and the suggestions made will be incorporated into the next draft for further consideration.

Isabel and Denise thanked Nancy for her work on the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Guidelines.

Vice President 1 – Denise Secomb

Denise has put together information to send to the NE in preparation for the meeting on 12 January 2015, which will be devoted to Conference planning. The meeting will be in Woy Woy Presbyterian Church, Blackwall Road, Woy Woy.

Secretary – Isabel Hewitt

There will be two meetings for the ACW NE in January: 12 January to discuss National Conference business and 19th January will be the General meeting at Eastwood.

Treasurer – Jennifer Peffer

The Financial Statement from 1st July to 31st October was circulated and all payments ratified.

Attention was drawn to the \$5000 deposit paid at the request of ACW Victoria for 2017 National Conference (this would be refunded should there be cause for cancellation of this event within a given time frame).

Following the acceptance of all Reports & Statements at the AGM on November 14 these will be forwarded to the Public Officer for lodgment with the Annual Return to the Registrar in the ACT.

Approval was given to continue renting space for archives for the following 6 months at the Eastwood Baptist Church. A new contract would be issued by the church.

Jennifer moved that the Financial Report be accepted, Seconded by Isabel.

Minute Secretary – Elizabeth McEwen

AGM documents which were distributed on 12th October, but not received by Helen Raymond, were forwarded to her again after the AGM.

FLC Convener – Lillian Hodges

Nothing to report.

Special Days Convener – Pamela Freeman

The edited order of service for Fellowship Day 2015 has been sent to the Tasmanian unit and has been approved. This will soon be available for distribution to the units.

Units were advised that any applications for the Special Days Project for 2015 need to be to Pamela by end of January, for presentation to the NE meeting in February, having been ratified by the unit that is sending the application.

Social Justice Convener – Shirley Mitchell

Nothing to report.

Website Manager – Brenda Dickinson

Alteration to Isabel's mail address is continuing. An email has been sent to AWC asking how they set up, administer and run their Facebook account: awaiting a reply.

ACWC – No Report

Australian Women's Coalition: Nothing to report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.05 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12th January, 2015, at Woy Woy Presbyterian Church, 120 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy, at 10.00 am.