

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW UNIT

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING, held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney
on Monday, 20 June, 1994

OPENING: The President, Mrs Lucelle King, welcomed members to this her first Council Meeting.

PRESENT: The Attendance Sheets showed 45 attending.

APOLOGIES: A special apology was received from Marie McCann on leave from 26 May to 24 July. There were twelve other apologies recorded.

DEVOTIONS: The President commenced Devotions with prayer after mentioning members and others needing our prayers. We prayed for Members, Edna Baker, Mabel Ward and Flo Peterson and old friends, Olwen Lean and Sadie Simmons, all needing prayerful support during illness.

The Bible was read from Matthew 10:34-39 and John 14:27.....two passages that seem to be contradictory - one a statement of war and the other a statement of peace; as Christian people we see these strong contrasts - we do have "war" on the outside, but peace within. War suggests that we are not worthy of Christ - we must prefer Christ before our security, ease and safety - we must prefer Christ before any other person; we need to prefer Christ before life itself. Even though there is war on the outside not peace, yet He says He has given us peace: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you". It is a gift - a real blessing - not like the fragile peace the world gives us. May we take hold of His peace and use it in the way God intended us to do.

MINUTES: a) The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 18 April 1994 were read and confirmed. It was agreed that they be initialled only by the President. They will be signed as a correct record at the Annual General Meeting in 1995. It was noted that the Annual Report had been printed and was ready for distribution. The Conveners' Reports were taken as read. Motions of appreciation were carried on behalf of the Secretary and Treasurer. For the benefit of members who had not attended the Annual General Meeting, details of the various Committees were read:

WKS: The Convener and Y Davis, J Tong, L King, M Andrews, M Ward.
FLC: " " and J Tong (ACWC), D Lumb.
PROMOTION: " and P Cameron, M Hawkins, M Jessop, M Baker, V Minty, E Cox,
M Andries and L Maze.
PUBLICITY: " and M Jessop, M Craig, P McKinnirey
SPECIAL FUNCTIONS: Convener and M Ward, M Majoor
BRANCHES: Convener and L Maze
NCW: S Wells and B Finlay
WDP: C Groat, R Smith, O Edmonston, V Clements, M Jessop
NSW Ecumenical Ccl: F Peterson
NSW Ccl for Children's Films & Television: M McCann and M Craig.
Newsette Sub. Secty: C Emmett reappointed.
Stock Secretary under review by Executive. (Since that meeting, V Clements and D Holt have agreed to assist J Tong).

b) The Minutes of 18 April Council Meeting were confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

1. Report of the State Conference:

It was agreed that our first State Conference had been a splendid success and greatly appreciated by all who attended. In her absence, Marie McCann was complimented for her organisation of the function. A folder has been prepared which includes recommendations, motions, media release, etc., as well as copies of speeches given by Julie Brackenreg (Girls' Brigade) and The Hon. Dr Marlene Goldsmith MLC. These folders are available for all who attended the Conference; there are a few spares available at a cost of \$3.

2. Service of Dedication and Installation: At this point Edith Ridge mentioned that Beryl McLaughlin and Hazel McIver had been unable to attend this Service and

proceeded to present Hazel with her badge as Publicity Convener. Beryl retains her badge as Newsette Editor.

It was agreed that it had been an excellent day. Our new President, Lucelle King, was complimented on her clear message and everyone present agreed that the five young singers from Campbelltown had added greatly to the splendid Service. The Executive and City Branch were congratulated for the way the domestic arrangements had been handled. Thanks were again expressed to the Pastor, Rev. Edward Yu for his interest and encouragement. Tapes of the Service, costing \$3 50 are available.

3. It was resolved that a letter of support be sent to The Hon. Marlene Goldsmith MLC in connection with her Bill on Pornography.

4. Reports of functions attended:

a. The President reported having attended the Uniting Church Mission Day where an excellent speaker had spoken about the mission of the Church. Edith Ridge had also attended and commented on the strong message on mission needs "right on our own door step" given by Rev. Gregor Henderson, National Executive Secretary of the Uniting Church.

b. Carmel Emmett spoke of the extremely interesting visit to the Great Synagogue. A video was shown explaining the Synagogue and question time followed. A plan of the Old Temple was also seen, which depicted points of interest in Jerusalem.

c. Marjorie Baker attended the Churches of Christ Conference; the incoming President is Mrs Lyla Beckingham. Interesting facts were related in this centenary year in dialogue over the one hundred years. Many interstate visitors attended.

d. The Governor's Prayer Breakfast: Those who attended voted it a "wonderful way to start the day". Two thousand people heard the excellent speaker, Leigh Hatcher of Channel 7, as he stressed the fact that "the greatest war is the war against God in the media and on television". It was agreed that we should be grateful for the Christian men who have these positions and who need our prayers.

e. Pan Pacific & Sth East Asia Women's Assocn's Winter Luncheon: Edith Ridge spoke of the delicious luncheon and interesting speaker who told of Guiding in the Pacific area. Similarity between areas covered by guiding and ACW were noted.

5. Recommendations from the Executive:

a. The Treasurer recommended that the books be closed on 31 December to come into line with what is being done at the National level. The Treasurer then read from the Constitution: under the heading of Finance, para. 10.5:

"The financial year shall end on the last day of February in each year".
Recommend change the word "February" to "December".

b. Regarding Spiritual Enrichment Day, it has been decided to recommend to Council that instead of having Spiritual Enrichment Day in July as had been planned, we will host an Ecumenical Luncheon on 29 August, to be held here (in Rooms A/B) at 11 30 am to 2 pm. Joan Tong explained the format of the occasion and suggested that it be announced at all Fellowship Day Services in July. Invitations have been printed and acceptances should be returned at the August meeting. Marie McCann will speak on her experiences in China and Hong Kong. Congratulations were recorded for Marie, who has been invited to this Conference of Theologically Trained women in China. She is the only Australian woman to be asked to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Outwards Correspondence was ratified and the Inwards Correspondence read, received and dealt with as follows:

1. Letter received from the Governor's Secretary replying to the letter we sent expressing our support and thanks for the address made by the Governor about the Christian Family to mark the International Year of the Family at the 83rd Birthday Luncheon of the Auxiliaries Division of the Anglican Home Mission Society on 13 April 1994. Copies will be made available for the Executive, by Phyl McKinnirey.

2. Letter from Peg McEntee, State President of CWL, accepting the invitation to

speak at the August meeting of Council, complimenting Phyl McKinnirey on the competent manner in which she carried out her Presidential duties, and wishing the incoming President and Executive every success as they work to extend the Kingdom of God.

3. Invitation to one-day seminar of National Council of Women: Heather Reid to represent ACW - cost \$50 for the day.

4. A letter from Joan Tong notifying Council of the resignation of Mrs Col. Flo Peterson from ACW and from representation on the NSW Ecumenical Council, because of ill health. The resignation was regretfully accepted.

5. Letter from Patricia De Coek advising of her move to Melbourne and intimating that Sr Louise Reeves has been appointed by the CWL as the Catholic representative at ACW.

6. Letter from Central Committee of ACWC asking that we share with them something of our region's history with FLC - details of activities, pioneers, etc., as they approach their 40 years' celebration in 1996. It was agreed that we compile a report of historical facts.

7. ACC leaflet "In Unity" received, giving details of the new National Council of Churches in Australia which will come into being on 3 July 1994, at a Service in St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka, ACT, at 7 30 pm. It was noted that the Service would be seen on the ABC Television programme, "Compass", on 3 July, and then at 11 am on ABC on 10 July.

8. NSW Ecumenical Council's newsletter, "Sharing", gave details of the Service to be held in celebration of the formation of the National Council of Churches in Australia, with the theme, "An Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God". The venue is St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on 31 July at 7 30 pm. Speaker will be Rev. Dr Bruce Kaye, Gen Secty of the Anglican Church of Australia.

9. Preparing for the Journey to Beijing: Peg McIntee will have already been to Beijing, but the second Seminar will be held on 16 July at 9 30 am to 3 30 pm at the Apia Club, Leichhardt in preparation for the next World Conference for Women, 1996. It was agreed that it was essential that many Christian women attend.

10. From the Sydney Day Mission Support, Uniting Church, invitation to Thanksgiving Service and Morning Tea at Roseville Uniting Church on 12 August at 11 am (Morning Tea at 10 30). Speaker, Moderator Elect Rev. Ken Cornwell. Lucelle King and Marie Majoor to attend.

11. The National Minutes 8 April, 13 May, were deferred to next meeting.

REPORTS: The Treasurer presented her report. It was pointed out that there needs to be amendment made to the Constitution with regard finance to ensure that all monies are accounted for. Many aspects need to be considered, such as the need for branches to have bank accounts and for their books to be audited. It was resolved that the Treasurer's Statement be accepted.

Membership Secretary: Heather Reid reported on the meeting of the NSW Women's Consultative Committee which she attended on 16 June in Parliament House. Only 50 women had been invited and Heather felt that ACW was the umbrella body for the Christian Church at the meeting. This is the group through which we make sub-missions to influence Government policy for women with Christian values, and it was Heather's hope that she would alert everyone through the various denominations to submit any suggestions to this Committee for matters they feel Christian women would like to see the Government act upon. This is the group making policy for Government. The Chairman is Ms Kerry Fallon Horgan, Level 11, 100 William Street, Woolloomooloo, 2011. It was interesting to note that in the 6-months Calendar of the Committee, giving details of important events which organisations were holding, ACW's Fellowship Day and World Community Day were listed.

WKS: Mina Whybourne reported that Nighat Gulzar from Pakistan, our current scholar has been in Adelaide since 3 May and is only in Australia for a couple of months, visiting Melbourne and Canberra, arriving Sydney 13 July. She will leave for Bangkok and Lahore on 17 July. It is proposed to take Nighat on Thursday 14 July to Wirreanda Village and on Friday 15 July to Centenary Uniting Church, North Parramatta for the Fellowship Day Service in those areas. Following the Service on the Friday, it was suggested that the trip from Parramatta to Circular Quay by River-Cat would be enjoyable. People free to meet the party at the Quay were advised to arrive at 2 pm at the ferry terminal.

Mina told of a letter from Malai Mahaneerat informing us that she is now studying at University for her MBA. She is also lecturing nurses on "How to give the good life to dying patients and their families" and is trying to set up the Hospice in Hospital and is working as counsellor for AIDS patients.

Doreen Tie has also written with details of her wedding and thanks to all for cards and gifts. She told of the 32 handicapped children she is teaching English, singing and dancing to; enjoying sharing God's love in the community.

FLC: Shirley Wells spoke of the first FLC grant in 1959 which went to an orphanage in Korea; there are now 39 grants for this year. The publication, "A Search for Reconciliation", a brief history of FLC by Shirin Samuel, has been received. The reading was from Gal. 5:1 (from "News for Today" edition of the Bible) and the devotion from Brazil on Lessons in Solidarity. It told of times God acted through people, confirming that God really trusts and uses us. We honour and serve God as we honour and serve each other.

PROMOTION: Peg Blake and Edith Ridge told of the distribution of the parcels for Fellowship Day and reminded everyone to be sure to open parcels early. It was regretted that it had been impossible to print a list of participating Churches for Fellowship Day owing to the tasks involved in the changeover. Next Packing Day will be 1 August in Room 5A/B. Lucelle King announced the possibility of a World Community Day Service being held in Campbelltown this year.

PUBLICITY: Hazel McIver reported on the compilation of a Scrap Book with details of the different Branches holding Special Days Services and other activities and asked for contributions.

ACWC: Joan Tong asked members to keep Friday 18 November free in their diaries for the Service in St Patrick's Church, Church Hill.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS: Orders required; stock in hand.

TRADING TABLE: Deaconess Andrews reminded members of the need for contributions.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. It was hoped that a large team would meet at Gosford on Thurs. 4 August in response to the Presbyterian Women's Association in that area asking us to give an Information Day on ACW. Other Churches in the area have been invited to attend. Train leaves Central at 8 16, Strathfield at 8 28, Epping at 8 38 and Hornsby at 8 49, arriving Gosford at 9 34, giving plenty of time to arrive at the Presbyterian Church for a 10 am start. It was agreed to leave the planning for our presentation to Lucelle King and Joan Tong.

2. Congratulations were extended to Patricia Clough on her award in the Queen's Birthday Honours - an OAM for services to the community. Patricia thanked members for their complimentary remarks and also congratulated our President on her term of office. It was noted that Patricia is PR agent for the Governor's Breakfast.

NEXT MEETING: 15 August; Anglicans attend to Morning Tea and Salvation Army to the chairs. Members of the Salvation Army were thanked for attending to today's Morning Tea/Lunch

There being no further business the meeting closed with the Benediction.

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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (NSW STATE UNIT)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
for two months ended 31-05-1994

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1-4-1994

3235-96

ADD RECEIPTS FOR ONE MONTH

Affiliation fees	160-00	
A.C.W.A. Partners	24-00	
"Newsette" Subs	73-00	
F.L.C.	150-00	
Associate Members	10-00	
Sale of Souvenirs	245-00	
Overseas travel - Trading Table	15-00	
Administration - Tea Money	11-20	
State Conference	1320-00	
Donations for Flower Festival	4-70	
Offering - Installation Service	542-75	
Sale of Craft - "	277-30	
Reimbursement for lost Exec. badge	15-00	
World Day of Prayer - Contra	120-00	
Governor's Breakfast - "	106-00	
Baptist Central Church - "	33-00	
Lucelle King - "	3-50	
		<u>3110-45</u>
		8346-41

DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS

Postage - Branches Convener		7-25
Governor's Breakfast - Contra	106-00	
" " - President	28-50	132-50
Nat. Exec. A.C.W. - F.L.C. spoons		30-00
G & H (Graham) Hardy - Exec. Badges		75-00
N.S.W. Childrens TV Col - Affil Fee		10-00
Rt in Ball - Speaker Conf.	25-00	
Julie Breckenrig "	25-00	
The Healing Ministry " Exp.	1910-00	
Flowers for speakers "	15-00	
Postage "	35-35	
Stationery "	25-40	
M McCann "	23-00	2058-75
Newsette - Printing	54-00	
" - Postage	70-10	124-10
Dept. of Accounting - Gen. Admin		8-00
" " - Install.serv.		48-00
F'ship Day - Printing of Service		240-00
World Day of Prayer - Contra		120-00
Baptist Central Church - "	33-00	
Master copy World Comm.Day	5-04	38-04
Government Charges		7-50
		<u>2900-09</u>
		3443-32

A/cs to be passed for payment (ratified)

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Robin Ball (Conf. Speaker)	25-00	
J Breckenrig (" ")	25-00	
The Healing Ministry(Conf.Exp)	1810-00	
" " " "	100-00	
M McCann - " "	23-00	
J Tong (Flowers for speakers)	15-00	
Dept. of Accounting-Install.service/Admin./		
Newsette	351-00	
Baptist Central Church - Contra/Photocopying	38-04	
Carmel Emmett - Postage Newsette	70-10	
L King - Imprest A/c- President <i>+ Centre</i>	58-00 53-50	
J Tong - " - Secretary	50-00	
M Majoor - " - Treasurer	44-25	
E Ridge - Expenses - Installation service	52-85	
NCW Seminar (1974) - Heather Reid - Representation	50-00	
National Council of Women of NSW Inc - Luncheon	35-00	
Margaret Jessup - Photos - Conf / Install Service	59-25	
St. V. de Paul. - FHL Leaflets	20-00	