

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. STATE UNIT

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held at 222 Pitt Street,
on Monday, 23.4.90

The meeting opened with the President, Mrs Marjory Baker in the chair.

There were 36 members present, as recorded in the attendance book and 12 apologies.

A visitor from the Sutherland Branch was welcomed. It is hoped that Mrs ~~Margaret Endries~~ will be the replacement delegate for Anglican rep. Mrs June Graham.

The President lead our thoughts in the words of Jesus.

'I am the Good Shepherd.'

'I am the gate.'

'I am the bread of life.'

'I am the vine.'

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.'

'I am the One who raises the dead and gives them life again.'

Jesus is the Light to shine in the dark world.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 17 April, 1989 were read and confirmed as a correct record. There was no business arising from the minutes.

President's Report.

In her report Mrs Baker thanked all the members for their loyalty and love during the past year and indeed through all the time of her Presidency. Special thanks were expressed to the office bearers and all members of the Executive for their hard work. Highlights of the year were the visits of the President of the National Executive, Rev. Lee Edwards and Mrs Muriel Olsson, on their historic 'Operation Understanding.'

The National Conference in Perth in September, 1989 was reported as being a truly spirit-filled time. We were proud to be present when our N.S.W. friends were installed as the next National Committee. Another visit much appreciated was that of the W.K.S. scholar from Kiribati, Miss Failautusi Teb'ati.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported another year of consolidation & growth in A.C.W. in N.S.W.

Programme highlights were the addresses given by Dorothy Harris, Joan Tong and Hermine Partamian.

The report expressed the thanks of the Unit to Mrs Baker for her fine leadership through another year. We rejoice in the times of love & fellowship we find together in our Council.

These two reports will be published in full in the Annual Newsletter, along with the Treasurer's Statement of accounts for the twelve months, March 1989 to February, 1990. The Treasurer in presenting her report asked permission from the Council to publish the report as passed by Council even though it could not be adopted, the Auditor having been away for an extended period and the books not yet audited. The matter is now in hand, and the Council agreed to Mrs Lumb's request. In speaking to her report, the Treasurer announced that 291 "History of A.C.W. N.S.W. Unit" by Deaconess Andrews were sold in 1988. 241 have been sold up to the end of February, and information is that more have been sold in the two months since.

The Treasurer was pleased to announce that during this year, since the increase in the charge for Newsette, the magazine has paid for itself. It was moved D.Lumb, seconded J.Graham, that the Treasurer's Annual Statement be received, but not adopted. Carried.

Other reports received were W.K.S., Newsette, Promotion, and 4 Branch reports were given to the Secretary. All reports will be published in the Annual Newsletter.

Comments on the reports gave the information that prayers are needed for the successful entry by visa of the 1990 Scholar.

Promotion Convener reports that during 1989 good numbers attended the Special Days. Fellowship Day was celebrated in 36 centres and 39 centres produced World Community Day. Bad weather in July caused the cancellation of a few services of Fellowship Day.

Information kits have been sent to several centres and it is hoped that the result of this will be the formation of new branches. Thanks to all contributors to Newsette were expressed by the Editor. The Distribution Secretary for Newsette reported that when subscriptions are mailed to her, letters of appreciation for the magazine accompany the money.

Election of Officers.

At this stage, President Marjory left the chair and invited Past President June Graham to conduct the election. As this would be the last meeting that Mrs Graham would attend as an Anglican delegate, appreciation for all her involvement with the Unit was expressed by the President. The Unit remembers with gratitude the two years of June's Presidency. We acknowledge her fine leadership when the team went to Adelaide for the National Conference, her loving concern for the 'street children' of the world, brought home to her as a result of her participation in the A.C.W.C. conference meetings in Bangkok. We thank her for her work as Promotion Convenor also, and wish her well in the years of her retirement to Bundanoon. We expect to hear great things from A.C.W. activities in that district!

As she took the chair for the Election, Mrs Graham thanked the Council for all the love and support shown to her during her time with us, mentioning especially the care shown to her during last year, which for a number of reasons had been a difficult one for her personally.

There being no multiple nominations for any of the positions, Mrs Graham announced that the following people would be appointed to office for the next twelve months on the confirmation of the Council.

President.	Mrs Major Joan Tong.	(Salvation Army)
Past President.	Mrs Marjory Baker.	(Churches of Christ)
Hon. Secretary.	Mrs Edith Ridge.	(Uniting Church)
Hon. Treasurer.	Mrs Dorothy Lumb.	(Anglican.)
Membership Secr.	Brid. Mabel Ward.	(Salvation Army)

Convenors.

W.K.S.	Mrs Mina Whybourne.	(Anglican)
F.L.C.	Mrs Patricia Burke.	(Catholic)
Promotion.	Mrs Peg Blake.	(Presbyterian)
Publicity.	Miss Jeanne Sutherland.	(Anglican)
Newsette.		
Editor.	Mrs Beryl McLaughlin.	(Anglican)
Subs. Secr.	Mrs Marie Major.	(Catholic)
Stock Secretary.	Mrs Major.	

Committees.

W.K.S. The Convenor, Mesdames Y. Davis, J. Tong, L. King, Lt. Colonel D. Dawkins, Deaconess Andrews, Brig. H. Ward.

Promotion. The Convenor, Mesdames H. Stutchbury, I. Mackay, L. Pickering, P. Cameron, M. Hawkins, Dame Monica Gallagher, Brig. R. Smith.

Publicity. The Convenor and Mrs Major O. Lucas.

Newsette. The Editor and the Subscription Secretary.

Representatives to other organisations.

World Day of Prayer. Mesdames L. Pickering, I. Mackay, M. Baker, C. Groat, Brig. R. Smith.

Fraternal Delegate to N.S.W. Ecumenical Council. Mrs. Colonel Peterson.

Children's Films and Television Council. Mrs M. McCann, Mrs. M. Wilce.

National Council of Women. It was moved that the appointment of delegates to N.C.W. being seen as a significant one, (this council being made up of the membership of 92 women's organisations,) the State Unit desires that its delegates should be members of the State Executive of A.C.W. It was therefore moved that the two delegates be Mrs. E. Ridge and Miss S. Wells.

Mrs Graham thanked all who had held office and represented the Council in any way during 1989 and welcomed to office the people newly elected, especially those appointed for the first time. Representatives to other organisations were invited to bring to any

meeting of the Council reports or matters of concern. It was felt that at times the agenda of our meetings has precluded representatives from sharing with the Council matters of importance. Members are asked to keep such reports short.

There being no further business for the Annual meeting, Mrs Graham closed the meeting and invited President Marjory to return to the Chair for the monthly meeting.

Confirmed. *Marjory J. Baker*

25 April, 1991.

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