

MINUTES OF MEETING OF N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL HELD AT
140 ELIZABETH ST. SYDNEY ON MONDAY 19TH JUNE 1972 AT 10.30 A.M.

OPENING. The new President, Mrs. N. Pfeiffer, opened the meeting with a reading from Phillipians and Prayer.

WELCOME was extended to two new representatives Mrs. G. Reid (Presbyterian) and Mrs. A. Morley (Baptist) and to Mrs. Warren who had come to address the meeting about the Girls' Brigade.

PRESENT were 31 members, as per the attendance book.

APOLOGIES were received from Head Deaconess Mary Andrews, and Mesdames Nixon, Kingston, ~~Humble~~, Badger, Havenhand and Flood, Brig. Smith.

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 17th April 1972 were read and confirmed

BUSINESS ARISING - Nil. From the Annual Meeting however, there were some positions remaining to be filled. It was agreed that Mrs. Savage be the Council's fifth representative to the Women's World Day of Prayer Committee and that Mrs. Ralph be Acting Secretary until the August meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE was included in the Report of the Executive.

REPORTS. The Executive reported that in response to invitations, Mrs. Carpenter attended a special gathering on behalf of the Council to hear Mrs. Gordon Barclay, a Quaker working in Saigon; Mrs. Pfeiffer addressed the P.W.A. Annual Conference on the work of the Council and also attended the Annual P.W.A.U. Rally to hear Dr. Helen MacKenzie of Korea. Mrs. Pfeiffer will represent the Council at the N.C.W. Luncheon on 5th July.

The Congregational Women's Fellowship asked if they might defer nominating a President-Elect for one year. This was agreed to and the Methodist Women's Federation has been asked to nominate the President-Elect for 1972/3. As the Congregationalists would not otherwise have a member on our Executive, Mrs. Wells has consented to her nomination as Vice-President.

The Churches of Christ Christian Women's Fellowship have notified us of the names of their eight representatives to the Council. It has been confirmed that the Committee on which Mrs. Major Walz is to represent us is the Tremayne Residence Committee.

FINANCE. The Treasurer's statement, showing credit balances of \$436.31 in the General A/c, \$260.15 in Fellowship of the Least Coin and \$52.91 in the World Community Day A/c was read and received. The following accounts were passed for payment: Mrs. Down for Promotion Expenses \$20, N.C.W. for luncheon \$5, and A.C.W. for Pens \$57.61.

PROMOTION. Notices giving details of the metropolitan centres for Fellowship Day were made available to members for wide distribution.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN. Mrs. Ferriam led us in the devotional from "Circle of Prayer" and our least coins were collected.

MEMBER SEGMENT. Mrs. Warren of the Girls' Brigade outlined the aims and work of that organisation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Order of Service for Fellowship Day 1973. The working Committee of A.C.W. will forward the order of service prepared by Church Women United of the U.S.A. to be adapted for use in Australia by this Council. The following sub-committee was appointed to deal with this as soon as it is received: Mrs. Pfeiffer (convener), Mesdames Curtin, Stanhope and Oliver (Lane Cove/Longueville Branch) and Head Deaconess Andrews (subject to her consent).

August Meeting. It was agreed that for the August meeting, members would research certain aspects of their Church's work and share with each other in discussion groups. Information to be gathered includes: homes for the aged, hostel for young people from the country, court work with youth and work with unmarried mothers.

Visit of Mrs. Shanti Solomon. The founder of the Fellowship of the Least Coin will be visiting Australia and New Zealand in September. The following sub-committee was appointed to plan her programme for New South Wales: Mrs. Stanhope (Convener), Mesdames Badger, Grant, Montgomerie and Brig. Ruth Smith with power to co-opt. As the exact dates are not yet available, the decision as to whether or not to hold a Council meeting in September as well as a function for Mrs. Solomon, will be made at the August meeting.

Miss Terani Aisake, the Winifred Hick Scholar, will pay her visit to Sydney from 6th to 11th December. The A.C.W. Committee is asked to plan her itinerary in New South Wales.

Action for World Development. Mrs. Ralph encouraged members to participate in this nation-wide ecumenical study programme in July, sponsored by the Australian Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church.

French Nuclear Tests in the Pacific. It was moved, seconded and agreed that a letter be sent to the French Consul-General protesting about the tests and a copy of the letter sent to our Prime Minister.

Mrs. Carpenter was granted leave of absence and Mrs. Pfeiffer expressed to her the Council's good wishes for a safe and happy trip overseas.

CLOSE. There being no further business, the meeting was closed with the Benediction, and over a cup of tea, those members able to remain discussed more of "Don't Just Stand There".

Confirmed:

Louise Pfeiffer

Date:

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