



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NSW State Unit

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday,
20TH MARCH, 2000 at 10.30 a.m.

President Rev. Elizabeth Walker welcomed members and guest speaker Sister Tricia Madigan and visitor Mrs. Norma Dumbrell (lately from Trinity College, Singapore). Elizabeth mentioned an encounter she had had with a Sikh in South India who had spoken of his search for meaning, search for beauty, search for truth, search for God. She read from John's Gospel, Chapter 10:11 = "Jesus said - I am the good shepherd" and prayed that we would benefit and understand more of the Interfaith movement and that God would guide and direct our meeting.

Sister Tricia Madigan then spoke of her involvement with the Interfaith Movement; her address was most informative and copies are available from Glenys Holley to members who are interested.

Marie Majoor thanked Sr. Madigan for her very enlightening address and presented her with a gift of flowers and a book.

PRESENT: 37 as per attendance sheets
APOLOGIES: 13 " " " "

The MINUTES of Council Meeting of 21st February 2000 were read and confirmed on motion of Judith Baker and Olive Beverley. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. WORLD COMMUNITY DAY SERVICE - prepared by Executive and cover by Lucelle King. Draft sent to National Executive for approval.
2. STATE CONFERENCE - 11/12 MAY - "Jubilee 2000" - brochure prepared by Marie Majoor and printed by Joan Tong. Members encouraged to ask friends, groups, etc. to attend. Excellent programme.
3. ANNUAL SERVICE OF DEDICATION AND INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT - 15TH MAY - Jan Harrison said luncheon arrangements were in hand - invitation forms available - necessary for members/friends to book and pay \$5 for lunch to assist with catering
4. SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY - 17TH JULY - Marj Dredge (National President) to be contacted as speaker - alternative Peter & Dorothy Miller from Church of Scotland.
5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 17TH APRIL - Nomination forms for 2000/2001 Executive available.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Marie Major said finances were satisfactory. She said we had \$2000 for FLC and \$1500 Stock on call from Uniting Church Investment Call A/c. Report appended.

Love gift of \$50 had been sent to Padma Ebenezer and \$94 had been received and sent forward.

Envelopes had been required for Newsette.

Marie moved that her report be received and accounts passed for payment, seconded Ruth Moore. Carried.

PUBLICITY : Peg Blake had prepared notices of Jan Harrison's installation as President to appropriate papers. Branches asked to promote Installation. Peg will prepare a suitable poster. Invitation received from International Year of Older Persons to produce a poster showing some of our activities. Joan Tong offered to prepare such a poster.

NEWSLETTE: Deadline for May edition - 10th April, 2000.

ACWC : Joan Tong suggested date for SERVICE - 5TH NOVEMBER - "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon" commencing 3 p.m. Joan will contact Salvation Army Belmore to see if their venue is available. They have a Korean congregation. Joan said she had called on Padma and Niroosha is now at home and doing very well. Padma most grateful for the financial help she had received. ACWC BULLETIN - Joan checked those who wished to subscribe to Bulletin.

SPECIAL DAYS: Irene Carder said title for Fellowship Day is "Forward in Faith & Hope" - she will arrange for a Packing Day and advise next meeting.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN - Shirley Wells read from Circle of Prayer 14 - Voice of Ghana - Mrs. Patience E. Dickson - who quoted from Romans 8:24-25.- "Christ our Living Hope", and prayed that God would prepare us to bring living hope to the hopeless through His word and our service.

MEMBERSHIP/PASTORAL CARE: Heather Badgery said it was good to have Ruth Moore Cela Cooper and Ethel Wladysiuk with us. Dss Beth Hayward was now walking on a frame and progressing. Prayer needed for Robyn Phillis who is facing surgery - support her in prayer, realising that God is in control. She had been contacted by Platform for Action re Aged Care - meetings may continue but will depend on interest shown.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP - Edith Ridge said she had heard from Dorothy Ferrier National Convener that Zin Zin Wah, 1999 Scholar from Myanmar (Burma) is doing quite well in Singapore. She will not finish her studies until November. She now has a computer and printer (had basic computer skills before going to Singapore.

Christmas greetings had been received from Zin Zin, Nighat Gulzar and her husband (Peg Blake & Mina Whybourne also had greetings from Nighat), Rachel Kanley and Catherine Min
WKS leaflets giving information regarding the current scholar Suzanna Nitrai have arrived. We hope that a visit to N.S.W. by Sue will be arranged for later in the year.
Edith asked that members remember all the Scholars in their prayers.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Heather Reid had written to Ink Group complaining re the obscene Christmas Cards they had available last Christmas. She had also written to Hon. Richard Face, Minister for Gambling and Racing objecting to the increasing number of poker machines being installed. She was also writing to Premier asking that an enquiry be held into the problem of poker machines and their effect on the gullible public.

FUNCTIONS TO ATTEND:

Anglican Board of Mission Annual Meeting 22nd March - Peg Blake will attend.
M.U. Annual Festival, St. Andrew's Cathedral - 24th March, President will attend
WCTU President's Luncheon 29th March - President will attend
NCW Annual Jean Arnot Memorial Luncheon - 7th April - President will attend.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

President Elizabeth thanked Peg Blake for the tremendous amount of work she had put into the revision of the Constitution and also thanked members of Executive for contributing. Council members would receive a copy of the old Constitution and the new Constitution and would have two months to consider the additions and alterations before voting on the new Constitution.

President thanked Elsie Cox for initiating the Trading Table - the next one will be at the June meeting and members encouraged to bring saleable items.

President said she was grateful to the Catholic ladies who suggested inviting Sister Tricia Madigan to speak on the Interfaith Movement - very enlightening information Tricia had given us.

Lisa Jackson's account of her visit to Geneva was available to members should they care to read it. Very well presented and Lisa an excellent representative from Australia.

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

PPSEAWA - Sister Marie Craddock said that at their last meeting, the speaker was a lady from the Philippines who spoke of the history of that country with their population of 70 million. Many Christians - Philippines known as "smiling face of Asia". Sister Josephone Mitchell will speak on East Timor at their next meeting.

CHILDREN'S FILMS & TELEVISION: Dorothy Kenning said they were moving their meetings to 280 Pitt Street - first Newsheet received very well.

CORRESPONDENCE (Inward)

1. National Executive Circular 2000/1 - 23rd February
2. Minutes of National Executive - 22nd February
3. Bible Society - Invitation to Luncheon 23rd March.- launch of 2000 project
4. Doug Hewitt - acceptance of invitation to speak at Conference
5. Rev. John Edmondstone - thanks for congratulatory letter
6. Magazine of CSI Diocese of Madras
7. Footsteps - March 2000
8. ACW South Australian Unit Annual Report 1999
9. Shalom Christian College Magazine 1999
10. Jessie Street Trust Annual Lunch - 10 April
11. Uniting Church Mission Group - Sutherland Uniting Church 29th May.

CORRESPONDENCE:(Outward)

1. National Secretary - Council Minutes 15th November 1999
2. National Secretary - draft World Community Day Service
3. National Secretary - corrections to Minutes of 1999 National Conference
4. Sister Tricia Madigan - confirmation of invitation to speak at March Ccl meeting
5. Womens & Girls Emergency Centre - not interested in joining Management C'ttee
6. Major Eileen Holley resignation accepted with regret.
7. PPSEAWA - will not be submitting application
8. Rev. John Edmondstone
9. WCTU - President to attend luncheon
10. Fair Wear Campaign requesting information regarding work here in NSW
11. Mrs. Norma Dumbrell - confirmation to speak at Conference
12. Ms Juliana Nkrumah - do.
13. Mr. Doug Hewitt - do.

Correspondence inwards received and outwards endorsed on motion of Edith Ridge and Thora Thoams. Carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Major Joan Tong and her husband David are to leave for an overseas holiday of 9 weeks from 13th May and President Elizabeth wished them a happy and safe time.

Deaconess Thora Thomas is to leave for overseas ^{til} on 13th June and President Elizabeth extended good wishes for safe travel and happy meetings.

President thanked the Salvation Army ladies for providing the morning tea and to the Uniting Church ladies for setting up the meeting room. Next month, Baptist ladies are rostered to provide the morning tea and the Salvation Army ladies to organise the meeting room.

The meeting was closed at 12.30 by the President who prayed that God would uphold Robyn Phillis and her family. She asked that all members remember Robyn in prayer - and then pronounced the Benediction.

Confirmed:



Date:

17/4/00

Apologies: Annual General Meeting - Marie Majoor

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
for one month ended 29.02.00

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.02.00			8173.24
ADD RECEIPTS FOR ONE MONTH			
Associate Members		30.00	
Affiliation fees		195.00	
Donation		5.00	
Donation towards Installation Service		40.00	
Newsette		125.00	
Overseas travel fund		12.90	
FLC		589.15	
Love Offering for Padma		50.00	1027.05
			<u>9200.29</u>
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR ONE MONTH			
Newsette - Printing/Stationery	92.48		
" Postage	<u>84.03</u>	176.51	
FLC - Postage		15.75	
Deposit for State Conference		200.00	
NSW Ccl for Children's Film & TV - Affiliation 2000		10.00	
WCTU - Annual Luncheon		12.00	
ernment Charges		98	415.24
			<u>8785.05</u>
CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT			
Nola Dickson - Labels for Newsette		17.08	
NSW Ccl for Children's Film & TV - Affiliation 2000		10.00	
WCTU - Annual Luncheon - E Walker		12.00	
Irene Carder - Special Days expenses - Postage		7.00	
Glenys Holley - Secretarial Expenses - Postage	27.90		
Paper etc	<u>20.25</u>	48.15	
Joan Tong - Paper for photocopier		16.00	
The Uniting Church Investment Call A/c - Stock	1500.00		
FLC	<u>2000.00</u>	3500.00	
Joan Tong - Love Offering for Padma		50.00	
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BPW Club Ryde-Hunters Hill (J Arnot Lucheon) - Walker		40.00	
Baulkham Hills Printing & Stationery - Envelopes for Newsette		306.00	