



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held on 10th floor 222 Pitt Street, Monday 21 April 2008, following the Annual General Meeting.

PRESENT: 35 as recorded.

APOLOGIES: 14 as recorded.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Council Meeting on 17 March 2008 were confirmed on the motion of Lyn Middleton and Joan Bird.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Council members were reminded that for catering purposes RSVPs were required for the Dedication and Induction Service at Eastwood Baptist Church on Monday 19 May 2008. A response sheet was available at the meeting. Volunteers to assist as welcomers and stewards were asked to see Shirley Wells, and those needing transport information to see Jennifer Pepper.
2. The 70th Anniversary of the Unit will be celebrated 15 September 2008 at Scots Church, Margaret Street. Jennifer Pepper reported that the committee brought together to make arrangements would meet after Council to consider possible speaker(s) for the day. The theme chosen is "Looking Back - Moving Forward". Council members were reminded that memorabilia for a meaningful display would be welcome, but it is needed ahead of time.
3. 'Profiles' of Presidents NSW Inter Church Council/ACW NSW Unit, while still needing a photo for Amy Bowden, there is a possibility that one might soon be found following a lead from Elizabeth Walker.

REPORTS

TREASURER: Helen Richardson reported that the balance at the end of March was \$2250.66. It was moved Helen, seconded Judith Baker that the report be received and accounts paid/ratified. Carried

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Judith Cayzer reported that she had made email contact with Janet Lang, currently in the Shetlands. Members were referred to the blog site 'Two Kangaroos Loose in Shetland' where Tony Lang has written up some of their experiences, and includes photos. Helen Richardson led a devotional from the Philippines in *Living the Jubilee*. Jesus gave attention to small ordinary things. We should look to provide basics to all, caring for the least. Pamela Freeman had spoken about FLC to a group at Penrith.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Lyn Middleton spoke of her trip to Taiwan where she was able to meet up with Shu-Wen Chiang in Taipei. Lyn referred members to the ACWC Newsletter as a good source of information on what is happening in the region. FLC meetings for Executive and General Committee take place in Taiwan May/June, and International Committee of FLC meets in Tonga. Lyn asked for prayers for the Rev Dominica Faurillo in East Timor, for Pakistan, India, Indonesia, and for South Korea, our prayer partner at present.

SPECIAL DAYS: Pamela Freeman reported that the application sent from NSW Unit on behalf of *Mayumarri* had been unsuccessful and a project in Queensland had been chosen. Fellowship Day orders of service were available and a few copies were to be mailed to Branches along with a copy of *Winifred*. Branches were being asked to supply information on times/venues for inclusion on ACW webpage.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Judith Cayzer reported that Leinamau keeps in touch, and a card had been received from Nighat Gulzar. Current scholar Imelda Aquino has made contact expressing love and thanks, and saying that she appreciates prayer support.

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SOCIAL ISSUES: Sr Joan Bird referred Council members to her report in the Annual Report, and to the coming Newsette, especially to the questions she has posed regarding State/local initiatives. She will follow through her attendance at the anti slavery forum conducted by the UTS Law School. Joan expressed her concern for paid maternity leave to be embraced in Australia because it is an issue which has been avoided. As a women's organisation we should look at this.

NEWSETTE: Beryl McLaughlin noted that Newsette will be mailed next week, and the deadline for copy after that will be 21 July. Email address for copy is newsette@aanet.com.au

PUBLICITY: Nancy McLaren reported that she has been working on a brochure for Associate Members, and also on a folder for ACW, FLC, WKS brochures.

MEMBERSHIP/PASTORAL CARE: Edith Ridge told of a phone call she had received from Thora Thomas who is in England. Thora was busy, enjoying herself, and sent greetings. Nola Dickson will help with Pastoral Care while Olive Edmondstone is busy with family matters.

The reports were received on the motion of Jan Harrison and Jennifer Peffer.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

National Executive: Minutes 14/3/08

AWC Survey on Ageing and Social Inclusion

Dorothy Woodhouse – audio tapes

Jennifer Peffer - invitations

Beryl McLaughlin, Shirley Wells – reports

Joan Tong – photos

Peg Twiby – change of address

Ethel Wladysiuk – resignation as C of C delegate, happy to be Associate Member

WCTU Foundation

Prison Fellowship Unbound 4-5/2008

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

National Executive: NSW Minutes Council 2/2008 email

Invitations to Dedication Service

AWC Survey distribution

Ethel Wladysiuk

Dorothy Woodhouse

Julie Bryant

Correspondence was received on the motion of Lily Hanlon and Judith Baker.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND: Jewish Harmony Day; WCTU Luncheon

WEBSITE: Brenda Dickinson told Council of the opportunity to promote ACW activities via the website.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Judith Baker reported that in May they would be looking at the service from Papua New Guinea which will be used next year.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – Celebrates 100 years May 4-11 2008.

WOMEN MPs: Jan Harrison suggested that we give support to women serving as MPs.

VOTE OF THANKS: Sandra Wise expressed thanks to all outgoing Executive members, and especially to Carmel for her ecumenical spirit.

CLOSE & BENEDICTION: Carmel Keys closed the meeting in prayer for unity and reconciliation based on Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life.

NEXT MEETING: 16 June 2008

CHAIRS: Catholic

MORNING TEA: Salvation Army

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____