

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday 15 April 1996.

Devotions having commenced the AGM immediately prior to this meeting, the President Mrs. Lucelle King, proceeded to welcome members and visitors, including a new Baptist member, Deaconess Beth Hayward.

PRESENT: 48

APOLOGIES : Edith Ridge, plus 9.

MINUTES of meeting March 18 were confirmed as a correct record.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. STATE CONFERENCE: May 15/17 - Programme in order - speakers confirmed.  
Marie Majoor required final registrations and full details of those attending, e.g. for one/two days, meals, etc.  
Programme on the theme - "God is life, love, unity".
2. NCW CENTENARY PROGRAMME - Exhibition Parliament House April 16 to end June.  
We to attend after Council meeting on June 17. We are to maintain rosters to supervise exhibition on April 24 and May 5. Volunteers responded, and rosters completed.  
Thanksgiving Service - 3 December at St. James King Street - Committee has been appointed to organise same: Averill Whybird, SA; Beth Finlay, Pres.; Doris Haberfield, Anglican; Elsie Cox, Ch.Christ; Marie McCann, R.C.; Edith Ridge, Uniting Ch.; Lucelle King, Baptist; Ruth Callaghan, YWCA.
3. FLC 40 YEARS CELEBRATION: Room available for October 14 - to be confirmed pending details from overseas ladies of their availability.
4. FLOWER FESTIVAL - Sept. 6-9: St. Mary's Cathedral - proceeds from trading table at Installation to go towards purchase of flowers.
5. "WHO ARE WE?" from National Executive - for compilation of article for publicity - copy for each denomination available and publication in relevant Church magazines and/or papers suitably adapted.

FROM EXECUTIVE: INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT - PEG BLAKE - MONDAY MAY 20 - 10.30.

Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Cnr. Chalmers and Bedford Streets, Surry Hills.  
Invitations available for members; trading table contributions required;  
P.W.A. will supply sandwiches for lunch, tea/coffee; slices, cakes required from Council members.  
Ushers - 5 - Ruth Smith, Ruth Moore, Thora Thomas, Maureen Bowen, Vi Minty.  
Offering - (6) - Val Renn, Elaine Secombe, Beryl Kirkwood, Irene Carder, Judith Baker, Mollie Gilchrist.  
Food/craft, etc. to be available by 10 a.m. if possible.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

1. Annual Reports received from The Entrance, Strathfield/Homebush, Armidale Branches, FLC.
2. Letter from the Ukrainian Orthodox Sisterhood of Australia and New Zealand - Helen Danko - regretting that their organisation has been disbanded due to age of members. We will write expressing regret.
3. Habitat for Humanity.
4. ACW News National - (members urged to read this News carefully; very informative).
5. Ruth Callaghan - YWCA.
6. Shalom Newsletter.
7. Nancy Lin - ACWC general committee member from Taiwan.
8. Aquila Press - regarding another book published "To You Alone" by Tanya Piper. Christian base. (Aquila had published Deaconess Andrews' book "Going it Alone".
9. NSW Churches of Christ - Friday May 10 - Invitation to Annual Conference.
10. Diocese of Madras Magazine.
11. Girls' Brigade - Julie Brackenreg - not able to attend state conference, sending warmest greetings.
12. Several reports from Branches and Conveners.

Correspondence received on motion of Marie Majoor and Helen Stutchbury

An invitation has been sent to the Congregational Church inviting members to the Installation Service on May 20 and asking that they be affiliated with ACW.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Finances satisfactory.

FLC: Shirley Wells (Convener) recommended that we contribute \$100 towards Eileen Holley's (National Convener FLC) fare to New Zealand for FLC International Meeting. Shirley read from the 40th Anniversary Circle of Prayer - taken from Volume 2 - a meditation on col. 1:15-23, 3:12-17. Christ reconciles our differences. The prayer: "Grant us peace beyond our present understanding. Supply us with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Help us exercise forbearance and forgiveness for others - through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

WKS: Deaconess Barkat DASS from Karachi will probably visit our Council meeting of June 17, and we will make her a 'love' offering on that day.

SPECIAL DAYS: Packing Day will be May 27 - for Fellowship Day Services.

MEMBERSHIP: Bev Elliott had updated Membership List and new list available for members.

NEWSETTE: Deadline for items for publication - today.

PUBLICITY: Hazel McIver had sent a "Profile of Peg Blake" to Church magazines "Span" from Presbyterian Church had printed same. Has not heard yet from any others. Hazel was thanked for her faithful reporting over the past two years.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

NEW ITEM for Promotion; "Write It" - small notecase with ACW insignia - \$3.50

Uniting Church Mission Get Together April 29 - at Turrumurra - Lucelle King and Helen Richardson will attend. Other interested members may attend.

NCW Programme for Centenary Year available.

NEXT MEETING: Installation Monday May 20.

Council: June 17. Morning Tea - Salvation Army  
Chairs - Uniting Church.

President Lucelle King thanked the Uniting Church ladies for providing the morning tea and the Catholic ladies for setting up the meeting room. and closed the meeting with the Benediction, at 12.30.

Confirmed ..... 

June 17, 1996.



Cheques for Ratification/Payment

ACW Nat Exec - Donation towards E Holley attending FLC in NZ	100.00
Replacement stopped chq 304	50.00
Bev Elliott - Photocopying	20.00
Hazel McIver - Photo	4.00
2 CBA FM - Publicity for Installation Service	20.00
Joan Tong - Sec. Expenses	76.55
Dept of Accounting - Printing Newsette	56.25
Shirley Wells - Postage	34.65
Nat.Ccl Wmn - Centenary Dinner - P Blake	45.00
Seminar - H Reid	36.00
CMS Bookstore - Gift Voucher for L King	50.00
Anne Pattel-Gray - Conf. Speaker	25.00
Dr B Thorogood " "	25.00
Rev M Roberts " "	25.00
Rev Jan Frost " "	25.00
Abor. & Islander Comm. Set Videos of AICS Conf	55.00
Sal Army Train. Centre - Conference	2045 )
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Beth Finlay - Tapes for Conf.	12.00
Marie McCann - Conf. expenses	87.50
Barbara Spencer - Soloist for Install. Service	20.00
P Blake - Reimburs. Pres. exp for L King	44.60
Joan Tong - Sec. Expenses	78.40
Carmel Emmett - Newsette Postage	63.90
Hazel McIver - Publicity exp	10.20
Marie Majoor - Cash for Barket Dass	100.00
NCW - Cent. Foundation Lunch	35.00
" " " " Marie McCann (Contra)	35.00
Margaret Jessup - Photos	27.00
Judith Burgess - Photos - Donation for equipment	100.00