



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday, 16th March, 1998 at 10.30 a.m.

OPENING: President Peg Blake welcomed members and led the singing of the hymn "Blessed Assurance". This hymn had been written by Fanny Crosby, who was blind and Peg stressed the words "Perfect submission" that Fanny had written - that many had submitted to God's will in the Bible - 1 Samuel 3, Samuel and Eli; Abraham, the sacrifice of Isaac; Moses and Mary and finally our Lord's submission. We must submit our wills to God.

PRESENT: 49 as per attendance record.

APOLOGIES: Elizabeth Walker, Beth Finlay, Eileen Holley and eleven others as recorded.

The Minutes of Meeting of 16th February 1998 were read and confirmed on motion of Ruth Moore seconded Doris Haberfield. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING/BUSINESS FROM EXECUTIVE:

1. ANNUAL SERVICE of DEDICATION AND INSTALLATION of Rev. Elizabeth Walker at Roseville Uniting Church, on Monday 11th May, 1998 at 10.30 a.m.
2. STATE CONFERENCE - 13-15 MAY, 1998 - Salvation Army School for Leadership Training, Stanmore. Margaret Collier said arrangements were going well. As this was her last meeting, Eileen Holley would be taking over as Functions Convener. President Peg thanked Margaret for her work in organising the Conference and wished her well in her forthcoming holiday.
3. 60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - 20 JULY 1998 - 11.00 a.m. Salvation Army, 140 Elizabeth Street, Sydney; 1 p.m. light luncheon \$10.00.
4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 20th April - Reports required today. Nomination forms for all positions (with exception of President) to be filled in. All positions vacant.
- 5 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 6TH MARCH - Service prepared by women of Madagascar very well received - several members commented - City Branch - 120 present held at Wesley Centre and able to have venue for next two years; Ettalong, Terrigal, Peakhurst, Caringbah, Turramurra, Wollongong - well attended.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Salvation Army - Commissioner L. Buckingham able to speak at 60th Birthday Celebration.
2. Mr. Cliff Perriam - return thanks.
3. WCTU Invitation to President's Reception. Monday 23rd March 1998, 10.30 a.m.
4. Salvation Army - Major Brian Watters.
5. National President, Aileen Mortensen. Thanks and advising Ailsa Skippen in hospital again.
6. Bonnie Lyons - Branch Report.
7. National Executive Minutes - 13th February.
8. National Secretary encl. copy of ACW submission on Rights of the Child.
9. PPSEAWA - information and invitation to attend their meetings also representative

CORRESPONDENCE (Cont.)

10. Ecumenical Decade of Churches - thanking ACW/FLC for grant for Somali Refugee women.
11. The Premier's Department.
12. David Jones.
13. YWCA - Invitation to service.
14. Beth Finlay
15. Jean Thompson.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

Executive met with National President, Aileen Mortensen, in Board Room, Salvation Army - very pleasant meeting.
We will invite Aileen to our 20th July Birthday celebration.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED:

President Peg spoke at Kogarah World Day of Prayer Service, and at Anniversary Luncheon of PWA Woonoona as President of ACW.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Marie Majoor circulated Report and said that the financial position was quite good. Some ACWC Bulletin subscriptions were outstanding. Conference bookings coming in.
Moved her report be received - seconded Joan Tong. Carried.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells has copies of Circle of Prayer No. 14 available - \$2. She read the Devotion from India and ACWC written by Mrs. Navamani Peter based on Joel 2:28-29. "Our vision for God's children". Coin box circulated.

SPECIAL DAYS : Edith Ridge reported that the Fellowship Day Service format had been received - written by Western Australia - "A Message for all Seasons" Packing Day will be 27 April.
Edith was awaiting return of order forms before she could organise quantity for printing.

SOCIAL ISSUES:

Heather Reid had attended the launching of the Networking Exchange of Women's Services by Hon. Judi Moylan M.P. first in the world.
This could be used to publicise our meetings, conferences, etc.

Heather had arranged appropriate application forms for all denominations for the consideration of their various organisations, e.g. Mothers Union, C.W.L., P.W.A., etc.

President Peg Blake and Mina Whybourne had attended the launching of a brochure regarding "Dedicated seats for Aboriginal people in the NSW Parliament" - by the Social Issues Committee of NSW Parliament.-held at the Eora Centre for Aboriginal Studies, Chippendale. This issue is quite important and will be discussed at many meetings - members asked to retain any newspaper cuttings, etc. for Heather.

We had received letter from the Premier thanking us for our letter of support re drug situation.

Also received letter from Major Watters of Salvation Army thanking us for our letter of encouragement and prayer regarding drug laws.

Heather suggested we write David Jones as individuals, regarding a Nativity format for their 1998 Christmas window presentation - to L. Peter Wilkinson, Chief Executive, David Jones Limited, G.P.O. Box 503, Sydney 2001

Copies of Members of Parliament - State and Federal - names and addresses have been obtained for Council members information.

PAN PACIFIC & SOUTH EAST ASIA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA - PPSEAWA - we are invited to send representatives to their meeting - 10.30 a.m. 4th Wednesday, Mitchell Room, Level 4, Imperial Arcade - February to November.

NSW COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN'S FILMS & TELEVISION - another representative is needed for this Council. Annual General Meeting is to be held on 30 March at 3.45 p.m. at Greengate Street, Killara.
(Phyl McKinnirey and Marie McCann are representatives of other organisations.)

NEWSETTE - Items due 3rd April..

ANY FURTHER BUSINESS:

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF N.S.W: (Major Joan Tong now President):
Marie McCann our representative said that the Council has a project - "Christianity celebrating Jubilee 2000" and we would be informed in due course how we could become involved.

NEXT MEETING - 20th April - Annual General Meeting and Council.
Morning Tea - Salvation Army Chairs - Uniting Church.

President Peg thanked the Uniting Church ladies for serving morning tea and the Catholic ladies for preparing the Meeting room, and pronounced the Benediction at 11.45 a.m.

After a short break for lunch, Rev. Chris Letcher of the Aborigines Inland Mission of Australia joined us, and spoke of the work of the Mission. The Mission was formed in 1905 - the aim being to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Aboriginal Australians. They train and equip indigenous leaders for the Aboriginal Church. Very comprehensive and interesting address - encouraging to hear of progress being made against enormous difficulties in some districts.

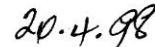
Rev. Letcher was thanked very much for his enlightening and informative address and presented with a contribution towards the work of AIM.

The meeting closed at 12.45 p.m.

Confirmed



Date



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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS for one month ended 28.02.98

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.02.98 7246.70

ADD RECEIPTS FOR ONE MONTH

Affiliation	130.00	
Associated Member	10.00	
Sale of photos	1.50	
Nat. Ccl Women - Luncheon - M McCann (Contra)	40.00	
Sale of promotional items	64.50	
Newsette	170.00	
O/seas Travel Fund - Morning Tea	9.95	
State Conference	30.00	
F.L.C.	183.35	
ACWC - Partners	.30	
" Bulletins	15.00	654.60
		7901.30

DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR ONE MONTH

Newsette - Brd of Finance & Property - Printing	49.35	
" Carmel Emmett - Postage	<u>69.89</u>	119.24
National Council of Women - J Arnot Luncheon - P Blake	40.00	
" " " - M McCann - (Contra)	<u>40.00</u>	80.00
Government Charges	2.30	201.54
		7699.76

CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT

Margaret Collier - Expenses for Conference	\$26.80
NSW Council for Children Film & TV - Affiliation	10.00
Frank Fryer - Auditor -	30.00
Uniting Church - Use of room for meetings 1997	200.00
Jan Harrison - Secretarial Expenses	121.90