

INTERIM COMMITTEE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, October 3 at 10 o'clock in the Meeting Room of the Australian Council of Churches, 511 Kent Street.

OPENING: Prayers were led by Mrs. H.J. Lilley.

PRESENT: Mesdames F. McKay (in the chair); J.F. Dey; H.J. Lilley; S. McPhee; Mrs. Doratis; Deaconess M. Andrews, the Revs. Harvey L. Perkins, John R. Neal, Clive H. Norton and Mr. V. Hinton.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mrs. M.G. Wyllie and Mrs. S.M. Barrett.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting having been duly circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS:

It was reported that the letters, together with the two statements, had been forwarded to the Heads of Churches and Denominational Women's Groups. Mrs. Dey passed on a query raised at a meeting she had attended concerning the basis for determining representation - viz. Congregational representation as compared to the other churches. It was pointed out by the meeting that the representation listed was for Federal organization and that it would be for the States to determine their own proportion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Women's Inter-Church Council of Victoria - letter received advising that the Council had accepted the Interim Committee's invitation to be the unit in Victoria.

Churches of Christ Women's Guild, Vic. - supporting the decision of the Victorian Women's Inter-Church Council to become the State unit.

Baptist Women's Board - letter received conveying a resolution of a meeting held in Melbourne recently:

"That as the Australian Baptist Women's Board is a Committee of the Baptist Union of Australia and a loyal unit of that Union, we therefore take no part in 'Australian Church Women'".
Resolved that the correspondence be received.

REPORTS: Visit of Mlle. M. Barot:

The Revs. Clive H. Norton and John R. Neal and Mr. Hinton reported on the plans made for the visit of Mlle. Barot.

Wednesday - lunch - unable to make arrangements for the theological students to have lunch with Mlle. Barot owing to examinations.

- evening - The French Consul has agreed to arrange a reception for Mlle. Barot at his home.

Thursday - lunch - with the National Council of Women has been arranged through Miss Arnot.

-evening - a public meeting has been arranged by the NSW State Committee at the Roseville Presbyterian Church to which special invitations have been sent to WCCF members living in the area.

Transport - the Rev. John Neal was asked to coordinate transport arrangements.

Publicity - Mr. Hinton reported that he had contacted the Press and TV and had sent stories to the church papers in the States where she will be visiting.

Meeting with Interim Committee - Friday 11am - final arrangements were made re catering and decorations having been agreed that the members of the Interim Committee undertake the catering themselves.

COMMUNITY DAY:

Mrs. Lilley reported that she had been disappointed in the numbers present at the Sydney Community Day - there being 65-70 present but she said it had been well worthwhile. The study had proved very suitable but there had been too much time allowed between the morning and afternoon sessions. Appreciation was expressed of the address

given by Mrs. D.J.A. Verco.

Requests for Community Day materials had been received from:

Bathurst, NSW	50
Syndal, Vic.	50
Alice Springs, N.T.	50
Mangrove Mountain, NSW	50
Condobolin, NSW	25
Campbell Town, Tas.	50
West Oatley, NSW	25
Dynnyrne, Hobart, Tas. sample	
Beaconsfield Upper, Vic.	100
Caulfield, Vic.	100
Women's I.C.C. Vic.	300
Women's I.C.C. NSW.	100
Brisbane, Q'land	25

It was agreed that the States be advised concerning the centres requesting materials.

INTERIM COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

It was resolved that Mrs. D.J.A. Verco be invited to be a member of the Interim Committee.

STUDY MATERIAL:

Study material was tabled - 3 scripts - members were asked for their comments. Following discussion it was resolved:

That the Committee produce a study for use by local groups revising script 3 with parts of script 2 and that it be also noted the possibility for leadership training programmes using the remainder of the material.

Further resolved that in consultation with Mrs. Wyllie, Mrs. Dey and the Rev. Harvey L. Perkins prepare the study material for local groups for presentation at the next meeting.

MRS. MCKAY'S VISIT TO VICTORIA:

Mrs. McKay reported on her visit to a meeting of Presbyterian women in Victoria. The meeting was well attended and from the many questions asked Mrs. McKay felt that it had been a well worthwhile meeting and valuable for future planning in Victoria.

CONFIRMED: Mabel G. Wyllie
 DATE: 6. 11. 63

NOTICE OF MEETING:

Please note that the next meeting of the Interim Committee will be held on Wednesday, November 6 at 10 o'clock in the Meeting Room, 511 Kent Street.