



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.

Minutes Council Meeting Monday 16th February 2015 at 10.00 am at 222 Pitt Street Sydney

WELCOME: President Natalie McLeod welcomed all to the meeting

Pamela Freeman presented a short report from the ACWC Assembly in the Philippines, October 2014.

DEVOTIONS: President Natalie mentioned a plant which surprises by only flowering in the dead of night. Bethlehem was a time of surprise when God surprised the world with his gift to the world. God often surprises us with his grace and goodness. In Luke 4: v 1-11 we read of the temptations of Jesus. We too are put to the test. By prayer we can resist temptation and be surprised by the strength which is ours each day to fulfil his bidding.

ATTENDANCE: 35 APOLOGIES 10

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING of Monday 17th November were moved and adopted by Helen Hill and Tricia Graham. Thanks to Carmel for taking the minutes of the November meeting in the absence of Pamela Freeman.

President Natalie invited Major Lyn Middleton to introduce Major Christine Stiles as new representative from The Salvation Army replacing Mrs Lorraine Hughes who has resigned.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. National Executive National President - Major Lyn Middleton reported [A] Registration Forms for Conference are prepared and have been sent out with Newsette. Cost \$750 all inclusive. [B] Thank you for the response to selling chocolates. \$400 was raised to administrative costs for conference. [C] A booklet of essays from the Essay Writing competition instigated by the Forward Group has been published. It is a worthy read and Lyn encouraged its purchase by state members. Cost \$5. [D] The first issue of *e-NEWS* for 2015 has been published and distributed. Martha has a couple of copies for those not on emails. [E] Lyn will be visiting the QLD Unit and speaking at their AGM on Monday 23rd February. [F] Council members were urged to pray for NE as they become deeply immersed in conference preparation and the completion of the term of office.

2. Archival Materials: Isabel is preparing a display of Past Presidents of ACW for the National Conference 2015.

REPORTS

Treasurer: Helen Richardson has sent \$23,171.73 to National Treasurer being the contributions from New South Wales State Unit Inc to Fellowship Day, Winifred Kiek Scholars [W.K.S.], World Community Day, Fellowship of the Least Coin [F.L.C.], Special Project Australia 2014 and Asian Church women's Conference [ACWC]. Accounts for payment included postage from Lyn Middleton [Special Days]; Martha Noël [Membership] and Jennifer Peffer [Newsette]; to PPSEAWA for annual fee and payment for president Natalie McLeod to attend the International Women's Day luncheon; to ACW Inc for ½ payment of rental for premises for storing of archival materials from NSW. Moved by Helen Richardson and seconded by Denise Secomb that the report be accepted and accounts be paid. Passed unanimously.

Fellowship of the Least Coin [FLC]: Major Lillian Hodges announced that International Committee of Fellowship of the Least Coin [ICFLC] had approved the application from Mums' Cottage as submitted by New South Wales State Unit Inc through National Executive for a grant of US\$4,600. Isabel is arranging for a group from New South Wales State Unit Inc to accept the invitation from Sister Helen Anne to visit this unique program. [Monday March 23rd.] Lillian thanked all for the prayers and notes sent recently when she had a health crisis.

Special Days: Lyn Middleton said that it had been interesting to read the reports from WCD 2014 as they have come in. Many commented on the beautifully written service and how significant the placing of the stones was as a part of the service. Full marks to the branch representative at Taree who organised for the service to be held as the morning worship at her church when no other church was able to host the event. At Armidale the men of the host church (Uniting) served the refreshments following the service - a great way to involve the retired men. Total attendance was 730 which was up on previous years. Thank was said to those who have supported and prompted this service. \$3,952 was the offering to be divided between Special Project and ACWC.

Lyn has received the Fellowship Day material from NE but the orders of service are not printed yet. It is Lyn's intention to have the parcels ready by the March Council meeting. The theme is *Building in Line with God's design*. Scripture readings are: Luke 12: 13-21 & 1 Peter 4: 8-11. This service has been written by the Tasmanian Unit.

Winifred Kiek Scholars [W.K.S.]: Judith Cayzer pointed out relevant information regarding the present Scholars for W.K., and distributed the new flyers. - Multicultural Australia - Hendriyane Anthony [NT] and Caryn Rogers [SA]. Greetings and news were read from former scholars - Rev Mary Au [1980 Hong Kong] Doreen Tie [1990 Malaysia] Christy Ferguson [2009 Victoria]. Entries for Honouring Australian Church Women are encouraged.

Social Issues: Rae Goth presented the following for action: [A] Raising the standards of Teacher Training in Australia; [B] the effects of the budget cutbacks especially in local Community Aid Centres; [C] children in detention centres.

Membership Changes to members listing have been made and new members added to listing. These have been distributed to Council members.

Pastoral Care: Prayers for Beryl Kirkwood who awaits surgery.

Newsette: Articles for next edition by 6th April 2015 to Jennifer Peffer. All conveners to make contribution please. Moved Tricia Graham seconded Shirley Mitchell the adoption of reports. Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE [Inward]:

Documents pertaining to National AGM 14th November 2014.

From Nancy McLaren - National Convener for Winifred Kiek Scholars - W.K.S. Newsletter Dec 2014

Response from Churches of Christ regarding role of President of New South Wales State Unit Inc 2016-18.

Response from Commissioner Jan Condon [The Salvation Army] regarding the role of president of New South Wales State Unit Inc 2016-18

Resignations of Rhvllis Davey, Lorraine Hughes and Olive Bolliger from New South Wales State Unit Inc Council.

CORRESPONDENCE [Inward] (ctd)

News from Beryl Kirkwood – impending surgery
From ACWC - Prayer request from Philippines – [severe storm]
Notice of death of Margaret Lawton [ACT Unit]
UCAF Dedication Service Invitation – 11th February 2015.
SPAN Dec 2014 from Presbyterian Church
Girls' Brigade Newsletter *Brigade Affect* – Dec 2014

CORRESPONDENCE [Outward]:

To Council members - ACW National Enews Jan 2015.
To Churches of Christ – regarding proposal for role of president of New South Wales State Unit Inc 2016-18
To Commissioner Jan Condon [The Salvation Army] regarding proposal for role of president of New South Wales State Unit Inc 2016-18
To Council members – prayer request from ACWC for Philippines (severe storm)
To Rhyllis Davey, Olive Bolliger and Lorraine Hughes re resignations from New South Wales State Unit Inc Council.
To Jo Armstrong – Bible Society – welcome letter to New South Wales State Unit Inc Council.
To Council members – news on Jean Porteous
To Council members – prayer request for Lorraine and John Hughes – brother Alan killed in accident
To Council members - Girls' Brigade Newsletter *Brigade Affect* – Dec 2014

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS: Natalie presented details for Dedication Day to be held at St Alban's Anglican Church, Epping, Monday 18th May – 10.30 am with luncheon to follow.

At the AGM in April, all positions on New South Wales State Unit Inc Executive (other than president) are declared vacant. Nomination forms are available and need to be completed by the next Council meeting on Monday 16th March. The role of secretary needs to be filled.

The State Spiritual Enrichment Day in July 2015, is cancelled due to members being heavily involved with the co-ordinating of the National Conference in September. All Council members are urged to attend the Open Day of the Conference, Thursday 10th September.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Bible Society: No report.

Girls' Brigade Elizabeth Neale reported that the '*Brigade Affect*' had been distributed. Three companies have closed. A new company has started at Bel Air, Newcastle. During 2015, NSW Girls' Brigade is celebrating 75th Anniversary. The new State Parton is Mrs Linda Hurley, wife of the State Governor. Archival materials are a source of many photographic gems. GB NSW will attend the Kids' Conference NSW on 21st February to promote Girls' Brigade. The Easter Parade [April 6th] is another event where GB NSW is participating with the theme: *Choose Hope*. Elizabeth thanked Council members for warm encouragement and support.

Ecumenical Council: No report.

National Council of Women [N.C.W] Tricia Graham reported that NCW started 2015 with a luncheon Thursday 22nd January "*Celebrate Being an Australian*" where 14 young women were presented the NCW Australia Day Award and \$1000 towards costs of further study. These young women were sponsored by their university departments and another organization. Presidents of affiliated organizations have been invited to attend an afternoon tea on Saturday 28th March with the president of NCW Nola Barkl. [Tricia also presented an invitation to all to attend a Quiet Day as arranged by the Anglican Board of Mission on Saturday 28th February 2015.]

PPSEAWA No report

World Day of Prayer No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Thanks to the Presbyterian ladies for Morning Tea and the Baptist ladies for setting up the chairs.

NEXT MEETING Monday 16th March 2015

Morning tea: Baptist ladies Chair duties: Anglican ladies.

Trading Table: Churches of Christ.

PRESIDENT Natalie closed meeting with prayer especially remembering those of Council facing health issues. Council members were urged to remain faithful in prayer and continue to show love to others.

Signed: n. McLeod

Date: 16/3/15

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
1 - 31 JANUARY 2015

CREDIT BALANCE AT BANK 1 January 2015	5513.54
INCOME 1 - 31 January 2015	
Newsette	30.00
Fees	5.00
Bank Interest	0.06
	35.06
	5548.60
PAYMENTS 1 - 31 January 2015	
No payments in January	
Bank balance	5548.60

ACCOUNTS PAID OR TO BE PAID:

<i>L. Middleton - Postage wcd</i>	9.75
<i>J. Pappas - Newsette - postage printing labels</i>	258.80
<i>Acw Inc. 1/2 share of rental for archives</i>	150.00
<i>M. Moul - Postage</i>	17.50
<i>PPSEAWA - iWD lunch</i>	35.00
<i>PPSEAWA - memberships renewal</i>	45.00