

Minutes of Meeting of Australian Church Women N.S.W. Unit 17th Sept. (79)

The President welcomed all and opened with Devotional.

Visitors were from Lane Cove, Wauchope, Mrs. Chambers, and Mrs. Merrington. Apologies were received from Mrs. O'Reilly, Dent, Armstrong, Curtin, Grant, Stephope, Udy, Peil; 36 members being present. Deaconess Andrews spoke about the way the State Unit had helped for the visits of the National Committee Meeting and Consultation. The City Branch was thanked for bookmarks, Mrs. Morgan and her team, Mrs. Tully and her bookmarks, books of Australian wildflowers, three groups on North Shore for plates of fruit, the President and helpers for posies of wildflowers. A small thank you momento was given to the National Secretary, Miss Mitchell, who responded, and also thanked all for the work at the afternoon tea on the Sunday afternoon Service. The President also said a word of thanks to all who responded, and helped, particularly Miss Evelyn Blackwell. She explained the various flowers which had been in the posies.

Minutes were read and confirmed.

Business Arising. The President reported about her visit to P.W.A. Rally, the Girls Brigade National Rally, The letter to the Herald had been printed, and for the information of the meeting it was read, by the Secretary.

Correspondence.

Working Committee Minutes for August, A.S.C. Leaflets, 'Women at Work', Working Committee re Recommendations.

Ecumenical Reflection Day 6th Oct.

City Branch as Rep. on Herald as Representative.

the numbers to attend the Ecumenical Day indicated would be about 5006.

Financial Report.

As attached.

A/cs for payment. Sec. \$605 Pres. posies \$20 (11:50 aft tea. expenses. Turrumunna Branch sent \$8 to assist with expenses. This was passed. Moved and seconded further \$1000 be placed in Savings Investment A/c. Thanks were expressed by the President to those who accommodated overseas and interstate visitors the week-end preceeding the Conference.

W.K.S. Report. Deaconess reported she had received a cassette tape from Barket Dass, who had been having angina attacks.

Publicity. Grig. Ward reported she had been on the station 2GBA/PM re Aust. Church Women.

Promotions. Mrs. Jean said 25 centres had celebrated Fellowship Day.

Orders of Service for World Community Day were available in packages for branches. Guidelines were still available. Application forms for Newsletter were available in packets for Services.

The President had proofs of the Prayer Rally photos and anyone could order through us from the Catholic Weekly.

E. J. Segment, Miss Evelyn Blackwell read from the Circle of Prayer Newsletter. The Secretary indicated the first Newsletter would be available in Nov. at the meeting, but if ladies were not in attendance it would be posted. Leaflets were handed round for application for it for £2 and those interested invited to pay today, or by 5th Nov. The 4 on the committee were the Dres. Sec. Brig. Ward and Mrs. Jean.

More copies of the "Tourism" paper were available.

"Winifred" the book of Winifred Wick was available today for £4.15 Mrs. Stevens had brought 12 for sale, later in book shops it would be £5.

News for Newsletter was asked for from members.

List of World Community Day Services dates and churches were required. For publicity.

Anglican Women's Work segment was given by Mrs. Elaine Blair which was very interesting, and somewhat differing from the other denominations. The Lutheran Church was represented at the National Meetings, and Mrs. Langley was interested in our meeting. It was agreed to write inviting the Lutheran ladies in N.Z. to rejoin the State Unit and renew their membership.

The Working Papers for the N.Z. State Unit were available for anyone wishing to see them.

Reports. Mrs. Green from Spring Branch started the Branch reports followed by Mrs. Longon from City Branch, Mrs. Chambers from Lane Cove/Longueville, Mrs. De Wit from Lindfield/Hillare/Roseville, Mrs. St. Col. Baker from Parramatta, Mrs. Fishburn from Bankstown, Mrs. Jessup from Turramurra, ^{Wahroonga} Hyde sent a verbal report, Mrs. Woodhouse from Chatswood/Willoughby. All had different stories to relate, but all are enthusiastic in

their areas, and the shared ideas can help each other.

The organizations with which we are affiliated were reported upon by Deaconess for the Women's World Day of Prayer, -National Council of Women by Mrs. St. Col. Baker, Children's Films and R.V. by Brig. Ward, Good Neighbour Council, which has become under the Dept of Ethnic Affairs, and doesn't now meet, was commented upon by our previous representative Major Venables, Mrs. Curtin sent a small report as representative to Aust. Council of Churches.

The President then mentioned that 'Cents for Sight' of National Council of Women in Year of the Child, and a container was available on the table for anyone who wished to contribute.

The President then asked Mrs. Dougherty to come forward, and expressed thanks for what she had done, on behalf of the Unit, Deaconess then spoke also, and ^{said} it had been a privilege to work with her. Deaconess presented a small gift on behalf of the Unit, to which Mrs. Dougherty responded, and thanked all for assistance.

Mrs. Perriam and Mrs. Renn were the hostesses for today. Mrs. J. Baker and Mrs. J. DeWit in Nov.

In Nov. all reports of various aspects of the National Meetings will be given.

Miss Blackwell asked for leave of absence for Nov. and Mrs. Ridley offered to stand in for her. Miss Mitchell announced that Miss Margaret Davey would speak in this room at 10.30a.m. for Pan Pacific about Nairobi on 10th Sept.

The Benediction was pronounced at 12:45p.m.

President *Marie W. Conn*.....
19th Nov. 1979.

MARY MRS. MARGARET WATSON.

Margaret had been a member of Dipping church for 59 years, since her father had become the minister. Music was a great interest, and her wide knowledge and experience gave her a high standard of performance, and this was an expression of her personality. For many years she was church organist and at times choir leader. She attended numerous meetings and as a delegate she would return with a careful report of discussions and decisions taken. She had been a member of the U.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council since its inception in 1920 and felt it a truly ecumenical venture. She was involved in the "Welfare" activities. She represented the Congregational Church, then from 1977 the Uniting Church, on the State Unit of what is now Australian Church Women, also in 1977. She reluctantly declined to nominate this year owing to ill-health, as she felt it wasn't fair to retain her seat when unable to attend. She still hoped to be able to attend some meetings, and hoped to receive our Newsletters. To give thanks to God for her life and witness.

CLARA WATSON.

Australian Church Women - NSW Unit
Statement of Receipts & Payments - June 1 - Aug 31, 1979

June 1, 1979 Cr. Bank Balance. 556.03.
Add - Receipts.
 Affiliation Fees 6.00
 Sales of literature 36.20.
 Nat. Travel Id. 24.80
 F.L.C. 140.07
 W.K.S. 99.28
 Ship Day 947.55
 D'dries 2.20.
 Transfer ex.
 Sav. Inv. Ac 700.00 1956.10
 2512.13

Less - Payments.
 Excess Holiday Luncheon 46.52
 'Small Beginnings' 12.50
 Nat. Staty. Mtg. 28.64
 Nat. Cler Mtg 274.58
 Ship Day. Post. 13.20
 Gift to Soc. Unit
 (In ex. to NCM) 500.00 875.44

August 31, 1979 Cr. Bank Balance \$ 1636.69.
 Savings Inv. Ac \$ 1000.00

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Accounts for Payment Hans to M. Mitchell
 Henderson

Service copying bo. W.C. Day. Printing. 404.00
 Secretary's exps. Duplicating notices }
 re Newsletter. }
 Excess N.C. Mtg. }
 Receipt Book } 6.05
 Presidents exps N.C.M. gifts (purses) 20.00
 Church Service 11.50 31.50