



## **AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

**Minutes of meeting held Monday 16 September 2002 at 76 Abernethy Rd, Belmont**

The meeting commenced at 10:05 a.m.

**Chair** Lee Edwards

**Present** Barbara Bourhill, Olive Dell, Phillis Dolling, Lee Edwards, Margaret Ker, Leeola Loughnan, Marie Majoor, Sheila Mellar, Laurel Pearce, Janet Watts, Leila Wilson

**Apologies** None

**Welcome** Lee Edwards. Members shared news: Simply Sharing Meal (Janet Watts), Mini Mission (Barbara Bourhill), sermon on living as a Christian in today's world (Sheila Mellar), retreat (Leeola Loughnan), Alpha courses (Olive Dell), husband's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations (Leila Wilson), ecumenical visitor / iconographer (Lee Edwards). Olive Dell also reported on a service for carers of dementia patients, and advised that the Salvation Army have a new General-elect, John Larson.

**Devotions** (Marie Majoor)

Marie reported that her parish has just had a mission to celebrate its second birthday. Following a programme of home gatherings, a week of church-based mission had followed, stressing the importance of family and community. Marie then shared Isaiah 2 and John 14, and concluded with the Prayer of St. Francis, leading us to reflect on the impact of 11 September.

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

Correction (p. 3, line 5 - AWC report - 'Prayer' should be 'Project')

With this correction, the minutes were accepted as a true and correct record.

### **Business Arising**

- Leeola advised that she has been ill and has not yet followed up all correspondence.
- Barbara Bourhill regretted that she had been unable to attend UCAF Fellowship Day, as she had been ill.
- Public Liability: Sheila Mellar advised that, in Anglican Church, cover applies to church only, not to halls.

Leila Wilson advised that, in Uniting Church, cover applies to both church and hall if Church agents are negligent, but not otherwise. It was confirmed that it is not feasible for ACW to become incorporated as a national body, and that cover cannot be taken out unless incorporated.

- Sheila Mellar noted that, in answer to a query from Jan Harrison, she had advised of time allocated for handover at National Conference 2003.
- Leeola noted, re General Business item on travel costs that the possibility of additional airline to be borne in mind.
- Barbara had investigated All Saints' Chapel, and advised that times of availability are limited.
- Constitution / Guidelines: All Guidelines checked. Leeola will now send copy of Constitution to double-check. All happy with draft cover, as circulated at meeting.

**Correspondence** List attached

*Inward*

- Item 1: South Australian Unit is incorporating.,
- Item 6: Juanita Miller is now a State Life Member. Prayers for Pauline Taylor and Thelma Jacobs requested. Discussion on AWC value: Lee to reply to concerns re this, expressed by Tasmanian Unit.
- Item 16: Lee noted that PPSEA WA has joined AWC.
- Item 18: Leeola to write, explaining that ACW cannot join.

## **Reports**

*President* (Lee Edwards)

- UCAF Fellowship Day attended and enjoyed. National President Ann Connan an excellent speaker.
- Professor Joe Camillieri spoke on September 11 at Murdoch Worship Centre: Lee to include material in Newsletter.

*Vice Presidents* Nothing to report

*Treasurer* (Sheila Mellar)

Books not yet returned by auditor. Discussion re form to be included when Units return money, clearly identifying all donations. Marie noted some difficulty encountered by NSW Unit in meeting 30 November deadline.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. for lunch. The meeting resumed at 12:45 p.m.

**Reports** continued

*Secretary* (Leeola Loughnan) Circular to be sent out soon.

*Publicity / Publications* (Phillis Dolling)

Preparation of next newsletter in hand. Deadline 30 September. Lee, Olive, Janet and Marie are contributing, also profile from Leeola.

*Fellowship of the Least Coin* (Olive Dell)

- Circles of Prayers taken to Adelaide by friend.
- Copies for Tasmanian Unit still to be sent

*Winifred Kiek Scholarship / Trust* (Janet Watts)

- Inward correspondence: from Kath Pearce (Tasmania) re Memorial Bursary Book. Janet had replied with explanation. Lee suggested inclusion of information in Newsletter.
- Outward correspondence: to State / Territory convenors with information on three scholars for 2003. Jean Roberts had replied, commenting on advantages of having three scholars. Petty cash: \$6.05 expenses, \$11.50 remaining.
- Janet had also written to States / Territories requesting notification of number of leaflets required next year.
- Fellowship funds (Guidelines, p. 17): Janet to ask Trustees whether any spent in 2001.

*Special Days* (Marie Majoor)

- No reply yet from Olga Scott re 2003 service booklet.

*Social Justice Issues* (Laurel Pearce)

- Laurel has given Phillis a report for inclusion in newsletter.
- Domestic Violence Clearing House: interesting material on domestic violence workshops.
- Information on osteoporosis prevention

ACWC (Barbara Lacy per Leeola)

- Assembly News: 105 participants expected. Cards much appreciated (more than 200 received).
- Resolution 15a/b 2001 Conference (fair trade): Two ACWC Executive members had expressed appreciation. Suggestion that issue is pursued with new Executive Secretary.
- ACW financial commitment to ACWC: basic commitment is half World Community Day offering.
- Please continue prayers for Assembly and participants.

Australian Women's Coalition (Lee Edwards)

- Women and Justice Forum: ACT Unit requested to represent if possible.
- Expression of concern to Nigerian High Commissioner re sentence of death by stoning.
- International Day of No Prostitution 5 October: conference in Melbourne.
- Guides Australian notified AWC of Kenya Girl Guides project re HIV / AIDS education.
- Soroptomist paper on 'Parent Development Program'
- Card / leaflet on AWC.
- PPSEAWA is joining AWC.
- UNIFEM Tais exhibition in Canberra.

#### **General Business**

- Conference 2003: work continuing on ideas / planning. Response from Governor awaited.
- Motion 12 (WCD guidelines): Leila's ideas to be distributed for discussion October meeting.
- Social gathering in Mandurah to be held Monday 9 December.

Next meeting: Monday 21 October 2002

Devotions: Laurel. Morning Tea: Sheila

The meeting closed at 2:15 p.m.

Minutes confirmed

National President

Date

## **CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS 2002:**

1. 21/8/02 ACW SA Unit Minutes 9/8/2002
2. 22/8/02 Iluminada Domingo – confirmation 2 more copies sent, Leeola not received them, 2 more on the way.
3. 25/8/02 Yasuko Nakayama – acknowledged receipt of monies.
4. 25/8/02 Barbara Lacy – information to those attending the ACWC Assembly in Korea.
5. 26/8/02 Census Update
6. 26/8/02 ACW TAS Unit – Pauline ill, members queried advantages to ACW of joining AWC.
7. 26/8/02 ACW TAS Unit Minutes 22/7/2002/
8. 26/8/02 AWC News from AWC August Face to Face meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> August.
9. 26/8/02 Barbara Lacy – thanks for information re Pat's badge, ACW report very close to being finished, query re letter from Tasmania.
10. 27/8/02 ACW NSW Minutes 17/6/2002.
11. 27/8/02 ACW NSW Minutes 19/8/2002.
12. 27/8/02 ACW NSW updated Executive for 2002-2003.
13. 27/8/02 Tracks to Reconciliation July 2002.
14. 27/8/02 ACW TAS reply to email re mail addressed to Barbara Lacy.
15. 31/8/02 Pat Walker – advising receipt of retyped Constitution and ACWC Guidelines.
16. 02/9/02 Pan Pacific & South East Asia Women's Association of Aust Inc – Vol 11 No.3, August 2002.
17. 03/9/02 Pat Walker – advised correct Constitution and to say hello.
18. 03/9/02 ACW VIC Unit re 'Australians for Just Refugee Program'/'
19. 03/9/02 ACW VIC News – August/September 2002
20. 04/9/02 Barbara Lacy advising the death of Yasuko Nakayama's father.
21. 04/9/02 Barbara Lacy – Country Report 1999-2002.
22. 05/9/02 ACW QLD Minutes 22/7/2002.
23. 09/9/02 Nungalinga College News August 2002 – advising or receipt of change of address (again).
24. 09/9/02 Barbara Lacy – requesting confirmation of report to be forwarded to Iluminada.
25. 10/9/02 Working Together – Evangelical Alliance – Issue 3 2002.
26. 11/9/02 Barbara Lacy – to Yasuko Nakayama, details of amendments to ACWC Constitution, also advising of our contributions to ACWC (World Community Day collection) plus info/agenda for Assembly.
27. 11/9/02 Barbara Lacy – revised Country Report to ACWC at Assembly in Korea.
28. 12/9/02 Barbara Lacy – re contributions to ACWC.
29. 13/9/02 Lee Edwards – AWC – Transcript of the Prime Minister's address to 11 September Ecumenical Service.
30. 13/9/02 Pat Walker to Barbara Lacy confirming card, stickers and small pkts of used stamps plus other info, plus confirmation of her address to Secretary.
31. 13/9/02 ACW WA Minutes 16/8/02.

## **CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:**

1. 22/8/02 Iluminada Domingo advising her of non receipt of books.
2. 03/9/02 Pat Walker – retyped Constitution and ACWC Guidelines plus National Conference voting details.
3. 04/9/02 Barbara Lacy – general information.
4. 05/9/02 Yasuko Nakayama, ACWC – sympathy card sent on death of her father from all members of ACW.
5. 13/9/02 Iluminada Domingo advising her of non receipt of second lot of books.
6. 12/9/02 UNIFEM – apologising for not arranging someone to attend their AGM.

## **TELEPHONE CALL OUTWARDS**

1. 12/9/02 ACW VIC Elizabeth Kinrade, secretary – apologising for not advising her of the UNIFEM AGM held on the Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, due to Leeola's ill health.