



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NSW STATE UNIT INC.

Minutes Council Meeting – Monday 14th April 2014 - held at 222 Pitt St Sydney

WELCOMES: Welcomes were given at AGM which preceded this meeting.

DEVOTIONS: As for AGM

PRESENT: 32 **APOLOGIES:** 13

CONFIRMATION of MINUTES: The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 17th March were confirmed on the motion of Heather Reid and Denise Secomb

BUSINESS ARISING from the MINUTES:

1. National Executive [NSW] 2013-2015: Major Lyn Middleton has been communicating with the President of World Day of Prayer regarding ways in which the 2 organizations can assist each other with promotion of activities.

National Archives are being sorted.

Preparing to issue the National News as **E-News**, this can be accessed at your local library.

Decision has been reached regarding the Special Project[Australia] for 2014: Victorian Unit application for *Travellers' Aid [Pathways to Education]*. This program particularly assists students at risk of not completing education with travel costs to education facilities.

Beatrice Kay was involved by **SKYPE** with the meeting chaired by Lt Col Lynette Green regarding the future of Australian Church Women Inc. The purpose of the meeting was agreed to promote our own women and be seen within the community. Suggestion of a year 9 essay competition for girls about Faith. Further promotion of Fellowship of the Least Coin to be encouraged. Denise Secomb has had responses to the request for speakers at the National Conference in 2015.

2. Installation and Dedication Day Monday 19th May 2014. Invitations have been forwarded. Natalie taking replies.

3. Vacancy for State Life Member: To be held over to Natalie's presidency

4. ACWC Function: August 24th: Pamela requested a photographer for the day. Ros Abbey's offer to do this was accepted.

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Helen Richardson read a balance of \$5187.72. Helen moved that the report be received and the accounts that were presented be paid. This was seconded by Brenda Dickinson. Passed

Fellowship of the Least Coin: Lillian presented two projects from 2013 which received grants from FLC monies. a) 'Kidz Matta' [Prison Network Ministries for children of prisoners.] b) Thai program offering job training for sufferers of HIV/AIDS and facing severe discrimination to assist them in becoming independent financially. Lillian read a devotional segment from Asinate Samate, Vice-Chairperson for ICFLC.

Special Days: Lyn Middleton stated that the application from NSW '*Mums' Cottage*' is to be sent for a grant from FLC monies. Materials for Fellowship Day 2014 to be posted/ distributed. Lyn listed the inclusions in these parcels. Article for Newsette has been forwarded to Jennifer. World Community Day [2014] order of service as prepared by the Cootamundra branch is ready to be sent to National Executive, Special Days Convener for distribution to the other Units.

Winifred Kiek Scholars: New Pamphlets have been received. Prayer requested for the two scholars for 2014. **Rev Wasana Fernando [Sri Lanka]** 32 yrs old; studying in UK for Masters Degree in Transformative Theologies of Gender; **Seng Ja [Myanmar]** 28 yrs old; BA in International Relations and qualification from Myanmar Institute of Theology; to complete studies for Master of Divinity at Baptist Theological Seminary, Singapore.

Social Issues: a) Expression of concern regarding the proposal to resettle asylum seekers in Cambodia; b) Australian service personnel enlisting as guards at detention centres and their behaviour; c) Retiring Coroner recommends police to be better trained in the handling of individuals thought to have mental health problems.

Pastoral Care: Prayers for Natalie McLeod and husband Ian; Merle Menzies and Norma Dumbrell caring for husbands; Heather Reid and Martha Noël have visited Shirley Wells now in High Care Unit; Jennifer Peffer recovering from surgery; Lillian Hodges recovering from shoulder surgery.

Newsette: In Jennifer's absence, this report was presented to the meeting by Pamela.-Thank you to the conveners who submitted reports for inclusion in the issue currently in production. It is anticipated that this will be mailed out before the beginning of May. Currently the production/printing process is being re-examined. Recent changes in postage/printing charges indicate a need for a review of the present system. Items for the August edition need to be to Jennifer by the first week in July.

Publicity: No Report

The reports were received on the motion of Ros Abbey and seconded by Valerie Hazlewood.

CORRESPONDENCE: [Inwards]

National Executive Circular Newsletter no2.
Easter Greeting from National W.K.S. Convener, Nancy McLaren
Correspondence from Pat Cory.
ACT Unit Autumn Newsletter. Email and hard copy.
National Council of Women [NCW] Jean Arnot Luncheon
Uniting Church Adult Fellowship [UCAF] *Connexion* magazine March 2014.
Bible Society report of Literacy program in PNG.

CORRESPONDENCE: [Outwards]

National Executive Circular Newsletter no 2 to Council members.[Email]
ACT Unit Autumn Newsletter forwarded by email to NSW Council Members
Invitations sent to Installation and Dedication Service, Monday 19th May, 12.30 pm.
Greetings to Cela Cooper, now in Canberra, on her 90th birthday
Correspondence was accepted on the motion of Pamela Freeman and seconded by Jan Jeffrey.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS: Members of Council were encouraged to fill out details for emergency contact, place in sealed envelope with name on outside and hand in to Martha Noël.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED to ATTEND: MU Service 11/4/2014, Jean Arnot Luncheon 9/5/2014

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

Girls' Brigade: Elizabeth Neale informed that the next issue of 'Brigade Affect' has been distributed. This is a useful tool in connecting the various churches hosting the Girls' Brigade activities. Articles from women influenced by Girls' Brigade in their youth have been featured. Pioneer Leadership Training is due to be held in May as well as the state conference. On Easter Monday 21st April, Girls' Brigade members are to participate in Sydney Easter Parade in City to promote the message of Easter, as well as activities of the organization.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Brenda Dickinson requested that information be sent to her regarding coming events for inclusion on the ACW website.

Isabel recommended the book '*Rich in Rich Years*' published by the Broderhof community. \$5 per copy.

Thanks to the Uniting Church ladies for morning tea and the Catholic Church ladies for chair duties.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 16th June

Morning Tea: Catholic Church ladies

Chair Duties: ladies from The Salvation Army

Trading Table in 2014 is arranged by Presbyterian ladies.

Isabel closed in prayer using a prayer attributed to Sir Richard of Chichester, 1197-1253

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits you have won for us,
For all the pains and insults you have borne for us.

Most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
And follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen

Meeting closed at 12.02 pm.

Signed *N. McLaren*

Date *16/6/14*

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
1 MARCH - 31 MARCH 2014

CREDIT BALANCE AT BANK 1 March 2014 4968.89

INCOME March 2014

Newsette	50.00	
FLC	126.35	
Travel Fund	129.70	
Fees	10.00	
Bank Interest	<u>0.03</u>	<u>316.08</u>
		5284.97

PAYMENTS March 2014

M. Noel - Envelopes & stamps	17.25	
P. Richardson - Auditor	<u>80.00</u>	<u>97.25</u>
		5187.72

Bank balance 5187.72

ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID:

The Printing Department	
Fellowship Day Order of Service	470.00
Winifred Kick Leaflet	926.00
NSW Fair Trading NSW	52.00

NCW Jean Annet Lunch
 made Menpis 80.00
 Mela Dickson 80.00
 Isabel Hewitt 80.00 180.00
 Treasurers Petty Cash 50.00
 M. Noel - Postage 33.00
 P. Freeman Postage + stationery 123.64
~~NSW Fair Trading 52.00~~
 Donation to Berea Baptist Anglican Church 50.00