

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NSW STATE UNIT

Minutes of the Council Meeting held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney, on Monday
24 April 1995

Prior to commencing the meeting, President Lucelle King extended congratulations and birthday greetings (joined by the members) to Doris Haberfield who had last week celebrated her 80th birthday. Mrs Haberfield responded with thanks.

Devotions having commenced the AGM immediately prior to this meeting, the President proceeded to welcome members and visitors.

PRESENT AND APOLOGIES: There were 42 in attendance, with 14 apologies. An apology was received from H Reid who has been ill. H Richardson thanked members for their prayers on behalf of her seven-month-old grandson, Thomas, whose condition is now stable. Our continued prayers were sought as the baby has now been moved to the Prince of Wales Children's Hospital suffering from severe combined immune deficiency.

MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING were confirmed as a correct record.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 1. Invitations for Dedication Service on 15 May now available and members were asked to distribute them widely within their denomination, bringing as many folk with them to the Service as possible. It should be seen to be an opportunity to expand, bringing others to see what ACW is all about. It was noted that a well-balanced menu is in hand for the luncheon. Ushers for the Service would be L Maze, R Phillis, J Baker, M Craig and B Elliott. The Trading Table would be supervised by E Cox, helped by Churches of Christ members. Those branches having a banner were asked to see that it was supported by 4' poles. It was agreed that items brought in for the trading table should be priced beforehand.

2. Special Functions: Ecumenical Luncheon on 17 July - Sr Lynne Green will speak on "Women in Ecumenism - a Search for Visible Unity". Commencing at 11 am, luncheon will be served at 12 noon and the function should finish at 1.45.

Spiritual Enrichment Day on 9 October - Speakers - Joy Jarman and Sheila Spencer (who is on the staff of the Anglican Evangelism Department).

3. ACWC Service - As the Burwood venue is not available, J Tong will try Campsie SA (Korean) or St Andrew's Anglican (Chinese).

4. National Conference: 21-25 August - details discussed and Application Forms distributed.

5. Notices of Motion: Executive to prepare motion re Disaster Fund and also re changing the name of ACW to Church Women United (CWU). It was agreed that the word "Australia" should also be added - CHURCH WOMEN UNITED AUST.

6. Functions attended: PSSEWA - M Majoor attended and her comprehensive report will be found in the next edition of NEWSETTE.

ABM - B McLaughlin attended; Salvation Army FAMILY SPECTACULAR - H Reid, L King and M McLaughlin reported on this excellent celebration; Mothers' Union Annual Festival - L King reported.

7. NCW Awards 1995: It was agreed that we submit Marie McCann's name and E Ridge to work on a profile. Mrs McCann was congratulated.

8. 'A Day Away': Highly recommended by E Ridge - 13 May.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1. From National Executive: *ACWC News; Circular 5; *Minutes of 10 March 1995: *Noted that a NZ rep. to ACWC to be invited as NZ guest for National Conference; *Continuing communication with Rev. David Gill noted, requesting update on relationship of ACW with NCCA; *WKS - new structure of Scholarship being considered. As Dorothy Haensel will be in Sydney on 15 May, it was agreed that as many as possible from the Executive might stay to meet her and discuss the new proposals; *Special Days Themes announced for 1996: Fellowship Day - "Dwelling in the Shelter of the Most High" and World Community Day - "Our Changeless God"; *Re ACW Memorial Bursary Book - noted that the Book is now called ACW Bursary Book.

2. From Lynette Green - ACWC rep. Conference report.

3. From Margaret Napier - ACWC Conference report.
 4. From ACT - Annual report.
 5. From Norah Hanlon advising of recommencement of Lambton/Jesmond Branch.
 6. From The Entrance rep - Margaret Ellis.
 7. From CWL giving list of names of 1995 delegates to ACW.
 8. From Churches of Christ - Invitation to President. L King to attend.
 9. SA Enfield invitation for 25 July. (Strathfield/Homebush Branch) L King attending.
 10. From WCTU - invitation.
 11. "A Day Away" 13 May. E Ridge attending.
 12. Beijing Update 7.
 13. The Independent Woman
 14. The Record
 15. From organisers of St Andrew's Floral Festival. P Blake to do the arrangement.
 16. List of office bearers for the year received from Strathfield/Homebush Branch.
 17. "Hersay"
 18. National Minutes of 31 March received: Noted (Corresp. 9) that a letter had been received from Bishop Arthur Malcolm, Aboriginal and Islander Commission - enclosing copy of overview of 3-year project undertaken by Ms Anne Pattel-Gray. Its purpose was to bring greater awareness of culture and daily struggles of Aboriginal women. Letter to be sent to Ms Pattel-Gray seeking information on ways in which ACW could possibly support her project.
Noted that a letter from Shirin Samuel advised that FLC celebrates its 40th Anniversary next year. State Units encouraged to stock up on FLC spoons and a special Circle of Prayer booklet which is to be produced.
Noted that Executive members were being asked to consider ways of promoting ACW in Northern Territory. Will advise of our contact in Alice Springs.
 19. Thank you card received from Deaconess Mary Andrews who appreciated 80th birthday greetings last month. A founding member of ACW, Deaconess thanked God "for the women of vision, venture and vitality who, as they have been led by the Holy Spirit, have done so much to spread the message of God's redeeming love..."
- REPORTS: The Treasurer's statement was received. Noted that \$1500 from FLC and \$1500 from Administration has been invested with the Uniting Church Trust Assoc. On-call Account at 7%. Marie encouraged members to remember the Trading Table at meetings and to pay their donation for Morning Tea which goes to Overseas Travel Fund.
- FLC: Devotion was taken from "The Voice from Thailand" - 'True Partnership in Christ'.
- WKS: Noted from National Minutes that Nighat Gulzar was married in November last. Letter received from Doreen (Tie) Tan. Mina spoke of the photographic exhibition in Sydney "Images of the Elderly" in which Deaconess Mary Andrews had featured and commended this exhibition of works of young photographers to members.
- PROMOTION: Reminder given that Packing Day will be 22 May at 10.30 in Rm 5a. Edith was asked to read the Memorial Minute she has prepared for the late Win. Dougherty who was a Life Member of ACW NSW Unit:

Win Dougherty was appointed as a delegate to Australian Church Women (NSW Unit) by the Methodist Church, through the Federation of Methodist Women, NSW. She was elected State Secretary of ACW and served from 1967 to 1970. When it was the turn of the Methodist Federation to nominate a State President for ACW, the Federation chose Win Dougherty, who was installed into that position in 1973 at Chatswood Central Church, and she served for one year. In 1977 she was appointed to the position of National President of ACW and led a team of NSW women for two years, chairing the National Conference in Sydney in 1979. It was at this Conference that Church Women United women from USA came on a 'Causeway Visit'. Win returned this visit with a team of Australian women to USA. In 1977 the NSW State Unit made Win Dougherty a Life Member.

*She attended the meetings of Asian Church Women's Conference in Japan, during 1978, as Australian Representative.
Win served as a Methodist and Uniting Church delegate to ACW with great distinction.
Her knowledge of and interest in ACW was profound.
She was a tireless worker for all organisations in which she served.
ACW is grateful for all the association we have had with this great lady.
"Well done, faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord"*

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PUBLICITY: H McIver announced that the invitations to the Ecumenical Luncheon on 17 July would be ready for distribution at the Dedication Service on 15 May. Photos of members at recent functions were available from Hazel if required.

GENERAL BUSINESS: The next meeting would be at the Dedication Service on 15 May. Thanks were extended for Morning Tea to the Uniting Church ladies and to the Catholics for placing chairs. At the meeting on 19 June, Morning Tea will be the responsibility of the Salvation Army ladies, Uniting Church attending to the chairs.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.30 pm with prayer.

M. Lake
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Minute Secretary

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