

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

MINUTES OF MEETING 4-6-2007

**PRESENT:** E. Johnson, E. Reidy, B. Lacy, U. Birtchnell, B. Skilbeck, M. Welford, L. Adam, I. Bray, D. Bryan, J. Morley.

**APOLOGIES:** J. Maher, A. Murray.

**WELCOME:** E. Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Iris Bray and Lola Adam returning from overseas trips.

**DEVOTIONS:** B. Skilbeck led devotions using readings from Eddie Askew's book, "A Silence and a Shouting". Beth then opened the meeting with a prayer used by the Chaplain at her Village Devotions.

**MINUTES** of 14-5-2007 were confirmed on the motion of B. Skilbeck, sec. U. Birtchnell. Carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING:** 1.ACW **Publicity Brochure.** D. Bryan will be able to print the brochures on her return from Bangkok.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** IN 1.Brenda Dickinson re Web Site (2)

2.Mrs J. Thomson, ACT Unit, email, Constitutional change.

3.Mrs I. Hewitt, NSW Unit – Constitutional change

4.Mrs P. Smit – WDP Report for ACW Conference

5.Aust. Domestic & Family Violence Clearinghouse, May issue

6.J. Bishop, Minister assisting the Prime Minister for Women's issues and F. Bailey, Minister for Small Business & Tourism re Better Conditions, Better Business.

7.P. Freeman – draft WCD Order of Service. See Special Days report.

8.Religions for Peace issue 11,2007.

9.Major Gail Watson, NT unit – please note address. P.O. Box 189, Darwin, 0801.

10.M. Flint, SA Unit – Unit Report coming next week.

**OUT** 1.Brenda Dickinson, Web Site (2)

2.Church Women United Aotearoa New Zealand

3.Mrs J. Thomson, ACT Unit, phone/email, profiles, auditor etc.

4.Mrs P. Smit, greeting from ACW to WDP quadrennial meeting in Toronto, Canada.

5.P. Freeman – re draft WCD order of Service

B. Lacy moved, sec. M. Welford, that the correspondence be received. Carried.

**REPORTS:** 1.**President.** Elaine Johnson reported on her visits to NSW and QLD Units. In Sydney she attended the annual dedication service at St Brigid's Church-School, Australia's oldest centre of Catholic worship, situated in the historic Rocks precinct. President Carmel Keys who is still recovering from shingles led the service and Elaine gave the message. Following the service fellowship was enjoyed at the luncheon. Then several of the executive met for informal sharing. On Tuesday Elaine enjoyed a ferry trip to Manly with some of the ladies. Lyn and Ken Middleton were great hosts.

Elaine travelled on to Brisbane where she was hosted by Aileen and Allan Mortensen, then Averil and Noel Jell. On Saturday she attended a Women's Prayer breakfast with Aileen. On Sunday she attended the UCA with Fran Moss, then had morning tea with one of Fran's neighbours and the National President of UCAF who is coming to our National Conference. Lunch at Fran's home was followed by a ferry ride up the river. Elaine spoke at the QLD Unit meeting on Monday and also at the Musical morning tea on Wednesday. A great concert was presented at the Musical morning tea. Aileen and Allan, Fran, Averil and Noel all made Elaine feel very much at home and she appreciated the wonderful fellowship.

2.**Treasurer.** Iris Bray presented the Financial Statement from 14-3-07 to 30-5-07. Iris reported that 17 registrations for National Conference have been received.

3.**Winifred Keik Scholarship Co-convener.** Una Birtchnell reported that 2007 Scholar, Leinamau enjoyed her week in Newcastle and celebrated her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday there. Members of Scripture Union took Leinamau to talk at a NSW girls' school. The graduation from the 1<sup>st</sup> session at Alan Walker College is on 8 June and

Judith and Arthur Cayzer will be her guests that night. Leinaman would like to send a report at the end of the year instead of monthly. Una will check this with the Trustees. Una is expecting a letter regarding a visit to 1995 Scholar, Mia Zin Zin Wak. NSW Unit thought the WKS Leaflets were excellent. Please keep 2006 Scholar, Vivien Cheung in your prayers as she needs wisdom and guidance for her studies. Vivien, Eric and Alex are going to England for 3 weeks on 25 June for Eric's brother's wedding.

4. **Fellowship of the Least Coin Convener.** Lola Adam reported that the parcel of 500 Circle of Prayer books has arrived but there is no docket in the parcel. 160 books have been sent to Eva Cooper, SA Unit and 40 to Lin Morison, VIC Unit but without invoices. Telephone calls were made to B. Gear and I. Hewitt regarding the Anniversary Books. Copies of "Moves and Touches" arrived from E. Byu and were sent to each State Unit with a letter. The project submitted by the SA Unit received an FLC Grant as well as the Timor Leste project and the Rainbow project. All 3 projects submitted by ACW in 2006 received FLC Grants! Lola will write to E. Byu regarding the docket and D. Bryan will email E. Byu regarding the cost of Circle of Prayer.

5. **Social Justice Issues Convener.** State Units are asked to notify Marian Wellford if they have not received her recent correspondence.

6. **ACWC.** Donna Bryan reported that she had received a report from Shu-Wen regarding the Women's Ecumenical Accompaniment For Vision And Empowerment (WEAVE - Timor Leste). Donna has received her travel documents for attending the executive Committee meeting of ACWC from 9-13 June 2007 in Bangkok, Thailand. Please continue to pray for this meeting and for safe travel for the members of the executive. Pray too that all visa problems have been resolved so that a full complement of members can meet together. Please pray for our Asian sisters who are living with the constant threat of persecution and violence because of their Christian faith.

7. **Publication Editor.** Donna Bryan reported that she will print the ACW News on her return from Bangkok.

8. **Special Days.** The Order of Service for WCD 2007 prepared by NSW Unit was discussed. Beth Skilbeck will contact P. Freeman and tell her that D. Bryan will handle the matter on her return. Beth has sent letters to the State units requesting reports.

9. **Australian Women's Coalition.** See attached report from Anne Murray.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** 1. **Financial Review.** Joy Morley presented the schedule for all Units to share equally in the cost of travel for one delegate from each unit to National Conference.

VIC to pay	\$250	WA to receive	\$305
TAS to pay	\$90	QLD to receive	\$105
NSW to pay	\$60	SA to receive	\$40
ACT to pay	\$50		

B. Lacy will write to the State Units regarding this matter. Joy also reported that dialogue with the State Treasurers is progressing.

2. **Changes to Constitution/Guidelines.** The Notices of Motion to amend the Constitution from ACT Unit and NSW Unit were considered. The Notice of Motion from ACT Unit will be circulated to all State/Territory Units as it was submitted. The Notice of Motion from NSW Unit will need to be reworded before it can be circulated. B. Lacy will contact I. Hewitt regarding the change of wording. Proposed changes to the Guidelines from the National Executive were also discussed.

3. **National Conference 2007.** Time was spent planning for Conference.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** E. Johnson closed the meeting with prayer.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday 9 July 2007 at 10am at VCC rooms.

Devotions - D. Bryan Morning tea - U. Birtchnell

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President.....

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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH	WOMEN	NATIONAL	EXECUTIVE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT	FROM 30.5.07	TO	30.6.07

**Receipts**

Balance 9 – 11 · 30.5.07	\$32,996.35
H.C.W.	\$182.50
FLC AN Book	\$45.00
Fundraising	\$66.00
National Conference	\$20,670.00
National Conference Sunday Night B/B	\$350.00
Total	<b>\$54,309.85</b>

**Expenses**

National Conference	\$274.50
Petty Cash	\$200.00
FLC AN Book	\$165.00
H.C.W.	\$225.50
W.K.S.	\$460.35
Balance at Bank	\$52,984.50
Total	<b>\$54,309.85</b>

Iris Bray HON TREASURER

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FROM 31-1-07 to 14-3-07**

**RECEIPTS**

Balance 31.1.07	91,395.25
ACW Vic Fundraising	48.00
Anne Murray	72.00
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	\$91,515.25

**EXPENSES**

ACWC	7,183.00
F.L.C.	42,377.00
W.K.Trust	11,979.50
Catholic "Merrijig Project"	3,704.00
Presidents Travel	878.95
Balance in Bank 14.3.07	25,392.80
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	\$91,515.25

Iris Bray  
Hon. Treasurer