

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE  
HELD IN ST. AUGUSTINE'S HALL, COMO, ON MONDAY MAY 22ND, 1989 AT 10.00A.M.

PRESENT: Revd.L.Edwards (Pres.) Mesdames M.Box, B. Bourhill, F.Hunt, M.Napier, J.Watts and V.Wilson; Mrs.Major L.Green and Lady Wilson.  
Mrs.Major O.Dell joined the meeting at 12.00 noon.

APOLOGY: Nil.

DEVORIONS: Revd.L.Edwards read Psalm 8, paraphrased by Leslie Brandt, and then led in prayer.

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held on 24th April, 1989 were endorsed on motion of V.Wilson seconded A.Stewart subject to following alterations -

1. Page 3 'Presidents Mail'
  - (1) Lines 1 and 3 should read "Myra Dixon"
  - (3) Line 2 - delete "opening Service for"

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Project - Operation Understanding: (Aboriginal Fellowship). On being telephoned on Thursday April 27th, Mrs.Muriel Olsson advised that she would accept the Fellowship. She has been advised by mail of details of travel and asked to advise whether she is taking holidays or unpaid leave and whether she will require remuneration for this. To date no reply has been received from her.
2. Badges: Advice has been received from the S.A.Unit that they are producing another 100 badges. State Units should place orders for badges direct to S.A.Unit.

CORRESPONDENCE:

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Inward mail was received as follows:

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| 24/4 | Lone Fathers Family Support Service accepting invitation to take part in Conference.  |
| 24/4 | S.A. unit re Badges, spoons, ACWC Partners, WKS applications for 1990.  |
| 24/4 | Qld. unit advising names of delegates to Conference   |
| 27/4 | Cheri Yavu-Kuma accepting invitation to be on panel for forum discussion.   |
| 27/4 | Shirin Samuel confirming allocation of I.C.F.L.C. grant and enclosing copies of 4 letters sent to J. Watts, (two of them haven't been received by Janet) and copy of new Circle of Prayer booklet.            |
| 28/4 | Vic. unit advising names of people to attend Conference, that they will be bringing banner, slight changes to wording for Constitution, that WKS leaflets had arrived.  |
| 2/5  | Eunice Kim - thanks for condolences following death of her mother and enclosing copy of ACWC Day Worship Service for ACWC Day November 15.  |
| 2/5  | A.C.T. unit Minutes of meeting March 31, copy of Annual Report 1988/89, list of new office bearers. Notice of Motion of change to Constitution if National Conference approves being incorporated nationally. |
| 5/5  | Tas. unit - Names of five people to attend Conference.  |
| 11/5 | Fed. Conf. of Churches of Christ requesting information on National Conference.   |
| 15/5 | O. Ackland with information on Role and responsibilities of ACW Representative to ACWC  |
| 16/5 | City of Perth confirming approval has been given for a Civic Reception on Wednesday, September 13 at 11.00 a.m.   |

CORRESPONDENCE: (Cont'd)  
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- Minutes - Tas unit meeting April 10.  
S.A. unit meeting April 14  
W.A. unit meeting April 14  
Qld. unit meeting April 24  
Christian Conference of Asia CCA News  
World Council of Churches publication On Line May 1989  
Focus March 1989 - Our PNG relationship  
31/3 Status of Women News Release re NAWGP grant allocations  
News Releases - Help for Pensioners born overseas  
June Indexation of pensions and benefits  
Ethnic families and pensioners benefit  
from April Statement  
Child support agency open to all  
Banks code of operation  
Banks and social security payments  
Minister at Child Poverty conference  
No increase in age pension age  
Retirement incomes  
Office of Status of Women Newsletter re Domestic Violence  
and Treasurer's April Statement - Its impact on women  
Domestic Violence publication and pamphlets for order.

Outward mail was endorsed as follows:

- 29/4 Mrs. Muriel Olsson with information on fellowship  
30/4 All units - aboriginal fellowship itinerary, enclosing  
questionnaire from B. Grealy and requesting approval for  
some financial assistance for WKS Trustee to Conference.  
30/4 N.S.W. re financial assistance for Incoming National to Conf.  
2/5 S.A. re badges, spoons, ACWC partners, WKS applications 1990.  
2/5 B Grealy advising that half apex air fare would be available  
to assist her to attend Conference.  
3/5 St. Augustine's church enclosing cheque for photocopying  
\$21.25 and use of hall (3 meetings) \$12 - \$33.25.

Outward mail continued:

- 3/5 Catholic Women's League requesting them to take  
responsibility for supper after Opening Service.  
3/5 Salvation Army Home League requesting them to take  
responsibility for supper after Wednesday concert.  
3/5 Rachel Cocks requesting information on 'role and  
responsibilities of ACW rep to ACWC'.  
3/5 S.A. unit reply to letter re aboriginal fellowship  
and contact by National conveners with State units.  
11/5 Mrs. Walda Blow ) thanking them for being prepared  
Mrs. May O'Brien ) to have their names put forward  
Mrs. Dorothy Harris ) and advising that fellowship has  
been awarded to Mrs. M. Olsson.  
19/5 Vivekananda Adibasikalyan Samite advising that ACW could  
not help with finance for their project and suggesting  
they contact Shirin Samuel, F.L.C.

President's Correspondence: Outward

1. To Marie McCann - incoming President National Executive
2. Four people registered for Wildflower Tour.
3. Three people registered for Southern Forest Tour
4. Barbara Grealy - in reply to her letter
5. Muriel Olsson - re plans for 'Operation understanding.'
6. Failautusi.

FINANCE: - (Mrs.F.Hunt,  
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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD 25.4.89 TO 22.5.89

ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL:

Balance brought forward - Golden Account	4000.00
Cheque Account	4571.68

RECEIPTS:

Queensland Unit - Circle of Prayer	17.00	
W.A. Unit - A.C.W.C. Bulletins	37.50	54.50
		<u>8626.18</u>

PAYMENTS:

Postage - M. Box	131.05	
Petty Cash - L.Wilson	50.00	
M. Napier	50.00	
B. Bourhill	25.00	
W.K.S. Scholar - Living Away Allowance	100.00	
Girls Friendly Soc. - W.K.S. Scholar	440.00	
Canning Bridge Print - W.K.S. Brochures	440.00	1236.05
		<u>7390.13</u>

Balance 7390.13

ABORIGINAL FELLOWSHIP:

RECEIPT

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES - F.L.C.	6250.78
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PAYMENT

R. & I. Travel - Air Fares	2298.00
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Balance 3952.78

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

Admin & General - Golden Account	4000.00
Cheque Account	3390.13
Fellowship of Least Coin	1808.27
World Community Day	3445.30
National Conference - Term Deposit	6000.00
Cheque Account	1439.66
Overseas Conference - Term Deposit	1000.00
Cheque Account	652.83
Aboriginal Fellowship	3952.78
	<u>14688.97</u>

W.K.S Scholar Account - Balance brought Forward	1293.85
Payments - Living away from Home allowance - 100.00	
Girls Friendly Soc. - Board	440.00
	<u>540.00</u>
	Balance <u>753.85</u>
Book Allowance Balance	<u>99.00</u>

Treasurer's Correspondence:

Inward: Mrs.E.Kim  
Outward: Mrs.E.Kim.

Imprests for Approval:

Leila Wilson	\$50.00
Barbara Bourhill	25.00
Janet Watts	30.00

Treasurer moved, seconded A.Stewart that the Financial Statement for above period be adopted.

REPORTS:  
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W.K.S. (M.Box -assisted by A.Stewart)

Report Failautusi: Failautusi enjoyed her work experience in the U.C.Synod Office. Work pressure is building up in her course and she has been worried with increasing number of tests and handling of work load when several teachers set assignments for the same day. She is also beginning to feel the effects of our winter and was shaken to learn that it would last longer than for one month. It has been necessary to replace her speed and accuracy work book which was stolen.

Boarding Fees: Secretary reported that the G.P.S. had waived payment of fees for the period <sup>she</sup> was touring in South West.

Office Equipment for Kiribati: It was suggested that if any typewriter etc. was to be purchased for Failautusi to take back with her, it should be done soon so that she could familiarise herself with it completely before leaving Australia.

L. Green therefore moved, seconded M.Box

"That we underwrite cost of purchasing modern electric typewriter etc. for Failautusi, cost eventually to come <sup>from</sup> proceeds of W.C.D. to enable it to be brought in July."

KIRIBATI PROTESTANT  
CHURCH

Eastern States Tour: Draft itinerary has been prepared for Failautusi's visit to State Units on her way home from Perth after National Conference. This to be sent to State Units this week.

Re Rashmira Marharjan:

Further inquiries have been made re course at Tung Ling Bible School in Singapore, and costs ascertained. Total course costs, fares, board etc. are within our budget but no further action can be taken until a sponsor is found for Rasmira in Singapore. At the suggestion of W.K.S. Trustee, Mrs. D. Haensel, we have written to the A.C.W.C. representative in Singapore, Mrs. Jenny Phuah, asking if she would either sponsor Rashmira or find a sponsor for her. No reply yet.

re 1987 Scholar - Stella Min:

No further information has come through the telephone link with the Catholic Archbishop of Burma.

Re 1981 Scholar:

Vera Wilson reported that in response to Christmas letters she had written to previous W.K.S. Scholar's on behalf of M.Box, she had received a reply from Milani Bevananda, our 1981 Scholar from Sri Lanka, telling her of the work she is doing there. In response to Vera's query as to whether she had any project in view and related to her work where we might be able to give some financial support - Milani replied that a project they had undertaken to fill a great need in their work was the printing and publishing of simple Bible stories for children. It was hoped that we could help by providing them with up to US\$1875 to fund this project. Vera felt that if there was any surplus money from this year's WCD project it could be used for this purpose or it could be looked at as project for 1990. Committee to look at this and report to June meeting.

W.K.S. Correspondence: Inward:

1. 28/4 Material re Tung Ling Bible School from Mrs. C.C. Koh, Singapore.
2. 4 Han Zhenzao, Gen. Sec. Amity Foundation, Nanjing Ex. Vice-Pres. China Christian Council - acknowledging receipt of application forms for W.K.S. Will be sending names.
3. 14/4 Jwitarat Sripratoom-rak, Bangkok Thailand - application form.
4. 4 Moira A. Wright, Lieut. Col. Salvation Army, H.Q. for Singapore/Malaysia - Do not wish to nominate.
5. 4 Ms. Wong Siong Ting - re distribution by her of application forms - Sabah, Miri Sri Aman and Sibiu.
6. 19/5 Mr. Han Zhenzao sending application for Ms. Li Enlin (Amity Foundation Nanjing China).
7. 4 Rev. Dr. Boayen, Gen. Sec. Church of Christ, Thailand sending forms for Miss Sirirat Pusurinkhum.

REPORTS: W.K. S. (Cont'd)Inward Correspondence (Cont'd)

8. Ms. Ingrid P.Y. Liao, Rainbow Project Taiwan informing us that forms are in the hands of their Women's committee.
9. Mrs. Warunu Yamruban, Prae Christian Hospital, Thailand. Looking for candidate information sent to Women's Dept. Church of Christ.
10. Miss Ling Ai Hiong - applying for scholarship. Sponsored by Bishop Ho Chee, Sin Methodist Church, Singapore.
11. Ms. Milini Devananda ex W.K.S. Scholar seeking funds for educational project.

Outward Correspondence:

Mrs. Jenny Phuah, A.C.W.C. representative for Singapore asking her to either sponsor Rashmira or find sponsor for her.

F.L.C. (Mrs. Janet Watts)Inward Correspondence:

1. 10/5 Glad West, N.S.W. - Thank you and notifying new convener.
2. " Joan Joyce W.A. - F.L.C. Report.
3. " Barbara Grealy A/C.W.C - Parcel of 10 copies of "Circle of Prayer"
4. " Shirin Samuel Pakistan Re confirmation of grant.
5. 17/5 " " " letter to secretary re grant.

Outwards:

1. 1/5 Barbara Grealy S.A. Notifying number of Circle of Prayer to each State.
2. 17/5 Shirin Samuel Pakistan - thank you for copies of Circle of Prayer and info. re grant.
3. 17/5 Barbara Grealy S.A. - re order for 150 F.L.C. Badges.

Grant Applications: No applications have been received from State Units yet for F.L.C. Grants.

Reports: Convener has only received reports from N.S.W. and W.A. Units so far.

F.L.C. Badges. 150 of these badges will be ordered.

SPECIAL DAYS: (Mrs. Major O. Dell)

Nothing to report this month.

Special Project for 1989 World Community Day Service;

Minute secretary reported that on checking back on her notes she had discovered that the motion passed at the Executive meeting held on the 3rd. April, 1989 re the Special Project had not been recorded in the minutes for that date.

The motion is now re submitted -

It was moved V. Wilson, seconded A. Stewart

"That Special Project for World Community Day for 1989 be to provide necessary office and other equipment to the Kiribati Protestant Church to enable its special Projects for women in the various islands to be implemented."

Agreed.

Olive will contact State Units immediately seeking their approval to this project, and asking them to reply promptly.

PUBLICATIONS: (Mrs. Barbara Bourhill)Inward Correspondence:

1. N.W.C.C. (Esther Doyle) "News" and "Domestic Violence".
2. "Newsette" - N.S.W.
3. Minutes - Q'd. April Meeting  
S.A/ " "
4. A.C.W.C. News - Barbara Grealy.
5. Marion Dodds (Vic)
6. A.C.T. Directory.

Outwards:

To Jane Mitta, enclosing Testimonial on Glad Locke; Constitution; last Year's President's Report - unit.

June issue of "News" not yet completed but will be in hands of printer by weekend. Nothing else to report.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE:

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Tidings of great joy opened the report with the news that while she would be leaving for Darwin as planned at the beginning of July, our Secretary, Margaret Napier, would return for the Conference.

Plans are falling into place well.

Registration Forms are printed and will be going out to State Units this week.

Preliminary Drafts of opening and closing Services of Worship have been prepared and approved.

Conference Fee for visitors to Conference who will not be "living in" to be ascertained and advised.

GENERAL BUSINESS

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W.K.Deed of Trust.

As members of National Executive consider there are some items in the Deed that need slight alteration, a sub-committee will look at this and bring suggested alterations to June meeting for submission to National Conference.

NEXT MEETING: WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 26TH.JUNE, 1989 AT 9.45 A.M..

The meeting closed with the Benediction at 3.05 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON.....

*A. Edwards*

DATE.....

*26/06/89*