

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. STATE UNIT

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING, held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney
on Monday, 21 September, 1992.

OPENING: The meeting opened with the President, Miss Phyl McKinnirey in the Chair. There were 32 present and one visitor and 16 apologies, as recorded on the membership sheets.

We commenced by singing together the ACW song taught to us at the 1991 National Conference. It was good to sing this together again.

The President welcomed Glo.Rajendan from Malaysia, who was a member for 8 years of ACWC. She came as the guest of Marie McCann who first met her in Bali at ACWC meetings and who also met her at F.L.C. meetings in Manila.

Glo brought greetings with her and expressed her pleasure in being at our meeting. For 4 years she was the Conference Secretary of ACWC and on her return from Australia in October she will be assisting the present ACWC Committee with preparations for the ACWC Consultation in Kuala Lumpur.

Shirley Wells was welcomed back after her long holiday and the Secretary was also welcomed after her time off for surgery.

New delegate Mrs Jean Archer Salvation Army was welcomed to her first meeting.

Appreciation was expressed to Joan Tong for her work as Acting Secretary and for standing-in for the FLC Convenor.

DEVOTIONS: Mrs Marie Majoor took for her theme the reading of the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5.

She used a book of prayers 'Dear God, I have this terrible problem' reading the prayer to God from "Depressed". It was in the 'reply' from God to this person, that we heard God's direction, a list of positive ways to live, all found in the Sermon on the Mount.

The parable about the snow flake being the 'weight of nothing' which never-the-less caused the tree branch to break was told by Marie, who finished by saying that it may be only one voice lacking for peace to come in the world. Prayer concluded the Devotional segment.

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING, 17 August were confirmed as a correct record.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

1. Spiritual Refreshment Day.

The general opinion of the day was that it was 'wonderful'. Several members spoke about the day, the speakers and what it all meant to them. It was agreed that we had all shared in an outstanding day. Members of Executive were thanked for their work with the catering and Margaret Jessup was thanked for the photographic record of the day. There were 96 present. A report is attached to the official copy of these minutes and there will be an article sent to Newsette and to ACW News.

The meeting agreed to the recommendation of the Executive that in 1993 a Day Retreat be held on July 19, from 10a.m. to 3p.m. By having a full day, we would allow time for 'quiet time' during the programme. The venue decided was the Golden Grove Healing Centre in Forbes Street, Newtown, where full morning and afternoon tea and lunch facilities are available and where we can use the tape recording facilities to record the day for those people unable to attend. Access to the Centre is easy, the Castlereagh St buses are the ones to use. Parking is available, also.

2. Functions attended since the last meeting.

Beryl McLaughlin attended the Annual Meeting of the Y.W.C.A. Vivienne Ashcroft is the new President of the Y., replacing Gwen Jones.

We were represented at the Bush Church Aid by Dorothy Lumb and at the

P.W.M.U. Rally by Phyl McKinnirey.

Joan Tong reported on her visit to the Regional Rally of Anglican Women held at Goulburn, where she was a speaker and told the 40 women assembled there (mostly from small country places) about F.L.C. Only 4 people knew about F.L.C. and after Joan's address, she had many requests for brochures and FLC collection boxes.

3. St. Andrew's Cathedral Flower Festival. This Festival was again a beautiful expression of the love of the arrangers for the creation and its Creator. Our display was again admired and thanks and congratulations were expressed to Peg Blake for all her work. It was reported that 5000 meals were served in the Chapter House and \$17,000 was raised for the entire four day Festival.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Correspondence was read and dealt with.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. National Committee Minutes, 3 August. Items of interest were read.
2. Invitations were received for functions on the 23 Sept. 28 Sept. and 8 October. Members of the Executive will attend.
3. The Secretary was asked to communicate with the National Secretary and Convenor for Special Days, expressing our pleasure at seeing the Information Page in the current World Community Day service and asking that this become a permanent feature of our Special Days services.
4. The meeting approved the suggestion that a letter of congratulation and encouragement be sent to ACWC and Eunice Kim in particular for the tireless effort ACWC has made in pursuing the matter of the Korean 'Comfort Women'. This matter has now gained world prominence.
5. Members were asked to give support to Amnesty International's Candle Day by buying a badge when they saw them during October.

REPORTS:

The TREASURER'S REPORT was circulated and the statement adopted. Accounts for payment were ratified.

W.K.S. The Convenor reported that the 1993 scholar has been selected. She is a nurse from Thailand, Malai Mahamaneerat of St.Louis Hospital in Bangkok. She has a Master of Nursing degree and her course here will be to give her experience in nursing the terminally ill, with emphasis on Counselling.

We were delighted to have news of 1994 scholar Rachel Sobhana by way of an invitation to us all to 'attend' her wedding on 14 September. However, we were disturbed to hear that there have been riots in the area Tamil Nadoo, Nagercoil, where Rachel lives. 16 people were killed. We are asked to pray for Rachel and for her community.

F.L.C. Convenor Shirley Wells told us about her 14 weeks during which she travelled 18,000 kilometres across Australia. She thanked us for our prayers for her and her friend Gwen Morris, they had no trouble at all with their van. Shirley asked us to pray for our Aboriginal people that leaders from Christian aborigines might be raised to give them good leadership. Special thanks to Joan Tong were expressed by Shirley. Circles of Prayer and leaflets and offering boxes are all available. As the FLC collection was taken, Shirley read from Circle of Prayer, Voice from Africa. Jeremiah 9 verse 24 and the reading focussed on 'Justice -- Injustice'. Prayer concluded the segment.

UCA delegate Rhoda Gates told of her experience with a group in Alice Springs recently. This group aims to fight the results of alcoholism amongst the aborig. people and it is a group of aboriginal people doing this. Rhoda also visited Nungalinga College in Darwin. The meeting asked the Executive to explore the possibility of applying for a FLC Grant for some aboriginal project.

NEWSSETTE. The Editor requires copy for the next issue by 1 October. The next issue will be collated and prepared for posting at a working

on 26 October in Room "C", 9th.floor, 1p.m.

PROMOTION and PUBLICITY. All arrangements for World Community Day are in hand. Val Clements is arranging a service with the residents at Mowll Village, Castle Hill. This is a first for that village.

Jeanne and Peg again demonstrated with the map of Sydney where we are known (red spots) and the large blank areas where people do not have an ACW service. In introducing their programme to extend our work and publicity, they proposed that we start by targetting the Liverpool-Campbelltown area. It was proposed that the lists of contacts for the World Day of Prayer services might be of help to us. The Convenors hope that the Denominational Task Groups formed by Council members last year could assist them in this work. Each group is asked to appoint a Publicity person and use her in the denomination to do this. At the November Council meeting, these Publicity people could meet and share contact people and phone numbers.

Lists were distributed of the World Community Day Services, the venues, times and dates.

A list of Guidelines for people organising our services was presented in draft form and after some suggestions are added, the document will be duplicated for distribution to branches with the Fellowship Day, 1993 services.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY. The Secr. asked members to make some additions to the Membership List and alterations to the Branch lists were announced. When these corrections are made to the master list, a new format of the lists will be available.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Phyl spoke about the Women's Action Alliance meeting she attended, where plans for the U.N. International Year of the Family, 1994 were outlined. Submissions for an Australian Family Policy are to be invited. The Council members requested the Executive to contact Major Elizabeth Johnson of the Salvation Army, asking her if she would be willing to write the submission for A.C.W.

A.C.W.C. Joan Tong will leave on 6 October for the General Committee meetings of ACWC. From 8 October, a Consultation on Economic Injustice to Women will be held in Kuala Lumpur. Joan and Margaret Napier will attend for Australia, and we look forward to reading their reports. Joan has promised a precis of her report for Newsette.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

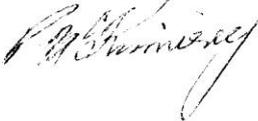
1. Previous members of Executive are to be asked to hand in any badges they may still hold.
2. Hostesses were reminded that tea, coffee and sugar are provided by ACW. At the end of the morning, these goods are returned to Helen Richardson's office on the 3rd.floor.

NEXT MEETING. 16 November.

CLOSING. The meeting was closed with the Benediction.

CONFIRMED.

16.11.92



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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1992

CR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/8/1992 \$4,483.78

ADD AUGUST RECEIPTS

Affiliation Fees	10.00		
Associate M/ship Fees	<u>50.00</u>	60.00	
Souvenirs - ex Natnl. Conference		40.00	
Donations - Festival of Flowers		54.00	
Overseas Travel - Tea Money	10.00		
	Trdg.		
	Table	<u>10.50</u>	20.50
F.L.C. Donations			67.81
Fellowship Day			3,180.90
A.C.W.C. Bulletin			7.50
Bank Interest			8.54
A.C.W.C. Partners			16.00
"Newsette"			<u>22.00</u>
			<u>3,477.25</u>
			7,981.03

DEDUCT - AUGUST PAYMENTS

"Newsette" Photocopying	81.00		
Postage	74.21		
Stationery	5.00		
Photocopy	<u>2.00</u>	162.21	
Postage - W.C.D.		58.30	
W.C.D. Service Leaflets		230.00	
Donation - Women's Christian Temperance Union		20.00	
Promotion		20.00	
Publicity Expenses		<u>115.55</u>	
			<u>606.06</u>

CR. BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD 31/8/1992 \$7,374.97

A/CS TO BE PASSED FOR PAYMENT (RATIFIED)

"Newsette"	162.21		
W.C.D. Postage	58.30		
W.C.D. Service Leaflets	230.00		
Donation W.C.T.U.	20.00		
Promotion	20.00		
Publicity Expenses	<u>115.55</u>		
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