



ACW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

MINUTES OF Meeting

Friday 8 August 2008 at 10.00 am

1. **Welcome** President Jean welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked Vonnie for hosting the meeting at her home.
2. **Devotions** Jacqueline Hipwell led the devotions with an "explanation of God" in the words of an eight year old boy, Danny, from Tula Vista in the United States.
3. **Present** Jean Thomson (in chair), Jan Abrahamffy, Constance Aronsen, Angela Devlin, Jacqueline Hipwell, Eileen Holley, Margaret Lawton, Helen Lloyd, Helen Raymond, Ruth Burmester (NLM) and Evonne Sullivan (NLM).
4. **Apologies** Donna Bryan, Brenda Dickinson, Fran Moss, Judith-Ann Sjostedt.
5. **Minutes** of meeting held on 11 July 2008, were accepted subject to an amendment to the report from Special Days convenor, Fran Moss.

Jacqueline, seconded by Jan, moved that the words "*Jean read a report in Fran's absence, with confirmation that the WA Unit will prepare World Community Day Service in 2009 and giving five suggestions for possible themes.*" be amended to read "Jean read Fran's Report that stated that she would invite WA Unit to prepare the World Community Day Service in 2009 after National Executive had confirmed the choice of the theme." Carried.

Moved Jacqueline Hipwell, seconded Jan Abrahamffy that the minutes, with this amendment, be accepted. Agreed.

5 a) Business arising. President Jean had prepared a draft questionnaire to be sent to State Units regarding denominational representation, membership, etc., which was discussed. Jean will now finalise the questionnaire for distribution.

6. **Treasurer's report** as attached.
Moved Helen L, seconded Constance Aronsen that report be received.

6 a) Business arising. Helen L advised that the Constitution states that "The National Conference shall appoint an accredited accountant, resident in the State or Territory of the National Executive, to audit accounts." An auditor is needed to reconcile the accounts for the end of the financial year, i.e. June 2008.

7. Correspondence IN August 08

1. Vic Unit – letter from Secretary with list of Office bearers following the AGM;
2. NSW *Newsette*;
3. WA Unit Minutes of meeting 20 June 08;
4. CWL (Canberra and Goulburn) Newsletter Aug/Sept 08;
5. Emails from Juanita Miller re her change of email address during Aug-Sept;
6. SA Unit Minutes of meeting held Friday 11 July 08;
7. QLD Unit Minutes of meetings held on 28 April, and 26 May 08;
8. Christian Conference of Asia Newsletter June 08;
9. Invitation from national council of Jewish Women (NSW) to their Anniversary Dinner.

Correspondence OUT August 08

1. Letter to retiring Governor-General thanking him for past, and good wishes for future;
2. Letter of "welcome" to Quentin Bryce, incoming Governor General;
3. Minutes of National Executive meeting 11 July 08, emailed to all Units and Life Members. Hard copies sent where needed;
4. Letter to WA Unit apologising for error in July Minutes.

Moved Ruth, seconded Helen R, that inwards correspondence be received, and outwards correspondence be ratified. Agreed.

8. Reports

1) **FLC** Jan reported on "chatty" letter received from Juanita Miller. Also a letter from Victoria Unit FLC convenor, requesting FLC flyers and prayer cards, which will be sent in the next couple of days. Additional flyers and prayer cards are on order. Aileen Mortensen had telephoned to advise that she is still the FLC Convenor, but Margaret Florence is helping out at the moment.

2) **WKS** Constance reported on correspondence received, including minutes and financial statement, from the Board of Trustees of the WK Scholarship. Applications for a scholarship(s) in 2009 have been considered and two have been successful. National Executive will endorse the two successful applicants and the Board of Trustees will confirm the scholarships and advise those who were not successful. Prayers were requested for Mrs Jean Roberts, a trustee of the WKS fund, who has been in hospital recently. The Executive signed a card wishing Jean a speedy recovery. Imelda now has her Degree in Mission and is to apply for an appointment to Filipino General Council under the Assemblies of God. She sends thanks for the financial support which helped her reach her goal.

3) **Special Days** Jean read a report in Fran's absence, with confirmation from Meryon Goode, of WA Unit, that the WA Unit will prepare World Community Day Service in 2009. A report of the Fellowship Day Services was also included. Fran has sent thanks to the WA Unit for agreeing to prepare the World Community Day Service.

4) **Social Justice** Judith-Ann was presently on holiday in Queensland, so no report available.

5) **Newsletter** Eileen reported that items for inclusion in the next Newsletter should be with her no later than the third week in September.

6) **ACWC** Donna had requested that we remember Cambodia in our prayers. She also reminded us that it was the turn of Australia to write the ACWC Service for 2009.

7) **Website** Brenda not in attendance, so no update on website available.

8) **AWC** Jean advised that AWC is to report to the Office of Women by September on a survey on "Healthy Aging". As yet the survey has not been received, but as soon it arrives she will immediately pass it on for completion and submission. AWC AGM will be held in Rushcutters Bay, Sydney on 8-9 November and Jean and Helen R will attend.

9. General Business

1. ACT Unit had received a motion regarding "Honouring Australian Church Women" seeking an amendment on page 19 of the current Guidelines – second paragraph.
2. Constitution and Guidelines. Margaret and Helen L have inserted the amendments that were passed at the 2007 conference. These still need careful checking and a number of 'inconsistencies', particularly with regard to the section on "Honouring Australian Church Women" and some spelling, will need to be more thoroughly examined.

3. Jean will accept an invitation from the NSW Unit to attend their 70th Anniversary – *A Day of Praise, Inspiration and Warm Fellowship* – on Monday 15 September 2008 at Scots Church, Margaret Street, Sydney. Some other members of the Executive also expressed interest in attending and will accompany Jean. Cost \$25.00 per person.

10. Next Meeting – at 10am on Friday 12 September 2008, at the same venue.

Meeting closed at 12.15 pm

Members then discussed Conference planning and some Housekeeping matters.

Signed: Jean Thomson Date: 12-9-08
(Jean Thomson, President)

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN – NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

Treasurer's Report 8 August 2008

CHEQUE A/C

Balance at 11.07.08 \$6,708.70

RECEIPTS

NIL \$6,708.70

PAYMENTS

ACW National News July-September 436.00
Balance at 11.07.08 \$6,272.70

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Balance at 11.07.08 & 8.8.08 \$22,327.45

Balance of Funds at 8.08.08

National Travel Fund	3,585.95
National Conference Fund	12,667.86
Overseas Conference Fund	2,435.00
"Winifred" Book sales	465.00
FLC badges	54.00
Postage reimbursed	18.70
A Legend & A Legacy	56.00
Honouring Aust Church Women	60.00
F L C	104.46
Asian Church Women's Conference	100.00
Administration	<u>9,053.18</u>

Total Funds \$28,600.15

Helen Lloyd
National Treasurer 8.08.08