

Minutes of meeting of A.C.W. N.S.W. Unit on 27th April, 1981 held at 139 Castlereagh St. Sydney.

The President opened with reading from JOHN 15. 12-17 devotional thoughts on 'Friendship' and Prayer.

Mesdames
Apologies were received from J Udy, J. Curtin, B Morgan, W. Dougherty, M. Bell, M. Price, B. Neville and Treasurer Miss D. Mitchell.
There were 42 ladies present.

The minutes were read of the meeting of A.C.W. Council 16th March., and confirmed.

Business Arising.

The delegates and Commission Leader recommendations were presented from the Executive, and it was agreed to forward to the Working Committee for consideration at the National Committee Meeting, the name of Dorothy McMahon for Commission Leader on the subject "Strategies and Resources for Peace", which Australia has been asked to lead, at the Asian Church Women's Conference in Nov. 1982, also the name of Mrs. Marie McCann as a possible delegate.

It was reported Mrs. Manefield, a former President of our organization, who had been injured in a car accident had passed away, - the Sec. attended the Service.

The Correspondence was presented. (INWARD)

Invitations P.W.A. 11th May for President.

Working Committee Minutes March, A.C.C. Leaflets and Women at Work.

Working Committee re A. C.W.C. appointment.

Working Committee Winifred Kiek Scholar Convenor.

Letter with details of Mrs. Rathie Selvaratum's appointment as W. Kiek Visiting Scholarship.

Reply Mrs. Manefield's sister thanks,
Thank you letter Miss Mitchell reply to card.

Request from Rathie to make contact with the Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship.

Recommendation Working Committee for project World Community Day for Korean Atomic Bomb Victims.

Invitation to National Council of Churches Women's Committee New Zealand to meetings in Christchurch in June, if in N.Z. then.

Australia Post re Category "A" new by-law \$20 a year.

Heather Stevens re group travel to Hobart for National Committee Meetings,

Also Mrs. Stevens a report of the New Zealand tour in March,

And request for hospitality for N.Z. ladies in a return tour in Aug./Sept. 1982.

Catholic Women's League re reps.

Several replies re Service in May.

Presbyterian Women's Association, re President-Elect, being considered.

Winifred Kiek Scholar Leaflets, to go in the Fellowship Day Orders of Service, 4000 received.

Christian Television Association invitation meeting May 28th Chatswood.

Outwards Correspondence.

Several letters to Working Committee to convenors and Secretary.

Mrs. Burtenshaw Lambton re Rathie's visit.

Mrs. Gummow best wishes.

Invitations posted to all denominations, affiliated groups and branches for the May Service.

The correspondence was received and outwards endorsed.

Brig. Smith brought a greeting from Mrs. Dodds of the Working Committee in Hobart following a recent visit, also indicating means of cheaper fares to N.C.M.

It was indicated the teaspoons from South Australia had not yet arrived.

It was endorsed to write to Heather Stevens accepting the request to invite and offer hospitality to New Zealand women in a tour from Brisbane to Melbourne in Aug. '82., and appreciation was expressed for her arranging this as well as the tour to New Zealand this year.

Brig. Smith agreed to attend the P.W.A. 11th Annual Meeting on behalf of our President as it is our Executive meeting.

The itinerary for Mrs. Rathie Selvaratnam was discussed, and as she would only be in Sydney 4 days on her round Australia tour, we needed to make quick arrangements for her to meet as many as possible. The meeting rooms we use at Uniting Church offices had been booked for the Tuesday 14th 9.30-12.30, Lambton Newcastle had been approached for the Wednesday for either a Reception or Service, and Parramatta for the Friday. Details are awaited. Publicity would be needed for these events.

The President indicated that although Rathie could not be here for the May Service this year 's Winifred Kiek Scholar Maline Weesinghe would be taking part. She was at Deaconess House.

Several members indicated where Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship could be contacted, so as to meet with Rathie.

As the Convenors Annual Reports would be given later in the Annual Meeting Mrs. Bent the F.L.C. Convenor brought the Segment from the Circle of Prayer on Peace, and the offering was taken.

Owing to Miss Mitchell's illness there was no Financial Report. It was indicated she would then bring the Annual Report to the June Meeting. The reports presented in the Annual Meeting would be printed for the Annual Report Newsletter and distributed at the May Service on 25th.

At the June meeting on 15th the speaker would be Dr. Benjamin, in relation to the Social Issues Committee, and the work being investigated by them.

The Secretary reported the recommendations from the Executive to the Council for the delegates to the National Committee Meeting in Hobart in Aug. were Glad West and Mabel Ward as delegates, and Doris Mitchell and Marie McCann be the observers. These were endorsed by the Council, the details were required by the Working Committee by 30th April. Reports and suggestions were required by the end of May.

The Secretary reported she had arranged for black and white photos to be taken of the Australian Banner used in the Philippines for the F.L.C. as the banner was at present in Sydney with Mrs. Stanhope. Negotiations had taken place with the printer to have it processed for printing in the Annual Report, and if it is sufficiently clear it was suggested we have bookmarks made for the Annual Service on silver card, and it was resolved that for about \$100 we have 2000 printed and let the working committee know for other states to order, as well as brandes, to sell at 20cents each when the outlay was covered any profit to go to F.L.C. funds, and after this year they could be used for Promotion purposes.

The invitations were available for those who had missed last meeting for the May Service. It was indicated the list was available for additions for people to bring to the luncheon sandwiches or cakes, which would be needed as the invitations had gone out far and wide and many visitors would be coming. The speakers in the afternoon would focus on the International Year of Disabled Persons.

It was resolved on the recommendation of the Secretary that Deaconess Mary Andrews and Mrs. Marjorie Stanhope be honoured for their outstanding work for A.C.W. over many years and Life Membership be conferred on them. This was detailed in a prepared minute for the books and records, and received wholeheartedly with acclamation. Thoughts were expressed that Mr. Stanhope had been so willing to assist, and driving people around, and thanks were expressed to him also.

The President indicated she had brought the tea today, and asked for others to assist, and the hostesses next meeting offers were accepted of Mrs. Perriam and Mrs. Jessup.

The General Meeting was closed and the Annual Meeting followed, and the Benediction was pronounced at 12:40p.m.

President.....*E. Kiek*.....

15th June, 1981.

RECOMMENDATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP OF DEACONESS MARY ANDREWS...?

Deaconess Mary Andrews is Head Deaconess of the Anglican Church, and has for many years been associated with our organisation.

In 1959, in response to her request, Archbishop Gough agreed to allow Church of England women to join N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council, and eight women were appointed by the Archbishop.

In 1960 Deaconess became a Vice President of that Council.

In 1963 she was invited to be a member of the Interim Committee of Australian Church Women, and when A.C.W. was formed in 1964 she was elected one of the Vice Presidents. Deaconess later became Convenor of Winifred Kiek Scholarship for N.S.W. and continues in this role today.

In 1967 she represented A.C.W. at the first International Inter-Denominational Women's Conference in Taize, France.

The year 1969-1970 saw her in the role of President of the N.S.W. Unit.

Church Women United held their Triennial Meeting at Wichita U.S.A.

In 1971 and Deaconess represented A.C.W. at those meetings.

In 1973 she Life Membership of A.C.W. National Committee was conferred upon her, and she has attended many International Committee Meetings.

After representing N.S.W. Aust. Church Women on Women's World Day of Prayer for a number of years, 1978 saw her appointed as Liaison Officer of W.W.D. of Prayer. That same year she represented Australia at the International W.W. Day of Prayer Meetings in Zambia. January 1980. in Australia Day Honours, Deaconess Mary Andrews became a member of the 'Order of Australia' for services to religion.

..... 1980 she went on the A.C.W. Causeway to Alaska and West Coast of U.S.A., after attending the 15th Triennial Meetings of Church Women United in Los Angeles with other Aust. Delegates.

November 1980 found her in Manila. Philippines, as an Aust. Del. to the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of F.L.C.

Deaconess Mary Andrews has served this State Unit of A.C.W. on its Executive for many years as W.K. Con., and has contributed much to its work, as she has a great knowledge of the background of this ecumenical organization.

RECOMMENDATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR MRS. MARJORIE STANHOPE

Mrs. Marjorie Stanhope is a member of the Churches of Christ, where over the years she had experienced much interchurch fellowship through informal associations. In 1967 she had her first experience of wider Interchurch and International fellowship while attending the founding of the World Day of Prayer International Committee in Sweden. There she met Mrs. Rathie Selvaratnam who was chairman, Dr. Margaret Shannon-Myers, and Miss Dorothy Wagner, well known in the World Ecumenical scene. Upon returning to Australia her church appointed her one of their representatives on the N.S.W. Women's Interchurch Council and in 1970 she became the President for the one year term.

In 1971 she became the State Convenor of the F.L.C. This world wide movement appealed to her very much, and as she travelled to many countries she shared with others who were truly one in the sight of our Lord.

Although relinquishing the State Convenorship to become the F.L.C. Convenor on the National Working Committee during its term in Sydney 1977-1979, she still assisted by speaking when asked at centres for F.L.C.

It was a delight to her when Lane Cove- Longueville Branch came into being in her own area, and she has been a faithful branch member ever since, even travelling with a team to Newcastle to help form a branch there.

A great interest in overseas people, she esteemes it a privilege to accommodate and extend hospitality to Winifred Kiek Scholars when they arrive in Australia. She frequently meets them at the Airport, and looks after their needs in a very fine way. Her great interest in the girls who come on the scholarship, and her interest in them and their work when they return home, stems from the time she met Rev. Winifred Kiek at one of the Adelaide National Meetings. Mrs. Stanhope has attended many N.C.M's and was one of the Aust. delegates to the F.L.C. Silver Jubilee in the Philippines in 1980. For willingness at all times to assist in any way, for continued help with the Scholars, and for time spent in touring round speaking at meetings on our behalf, promoting the F.L.C. We are grateful.