

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING, 10am 17th JULY 2001
held in Koorong Bookstore Staff Room, 198 Waymouth Street Adelaide.



WELCOME President Marj Dredge welcomed all present.

DEVOTIONS Marj reflected on the NCCA Forum which she attended and the challenges from the Commission for Mission report: and this statement from the Churches of Christ Conference that the Church needs to be 'a community of needs instead of a community of place'. Then from the book 'The Threshold of Light' Marj read a story of St Kevin and closed with a prayer from the Celtic tradition.

PRESENT Marj Dredge in Chair, Shirley Birch, Laurice Smith, Maureen Clark, Dorothy Chapman, Dorothy Ferrier, Margaret Greenslade, Mavis Ellis, Barbara Grealy, Shirley Sampson & Marj Crawford.

MINUTES of the meeting of 19/06/01, with the correction on p 2 under Social Justice Report which should read 'Members of the Social Questions Liaison Group SA have each been given a car sticker & 3 postcards' were signed as correct.

BUSINESS ARISING from the Minutes

1 **Amendment p.30 guidelines ACWC** - will be sent with all the motions

2 **Federation Sunday 21st October** - part of the celebrations of the Centenary of Federation.

CORRESPONDENCE - on Page 3. Inwards received, Outwards endorsed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE

1(4) **Motion re Special Days:** That as well as providing the Order of Service for Special Days, it is recognised that these days may be held in the setting of a special celebration, function or other meeting. This may take the form of a less formal occasion, during which in the setting of a special function, focus is given to the particular project or theme.

Rationale: It needs to be recognised that the Order of Service is not essential in order to celebrate the projects.

* When participating churches have a less formally structured way of worship they may prefer to 'do their own thing'.

* It may also be more suitable for a less formal meeting to be held in some areas and to simply bring people together from different denominations for an ecumenical happening. The speaker for that function could be someone conversant with the project.

* It may take place during a regular meeting - e.g. The Salvation Army Home League.

These may be more attractive options in some areas. The Order of Service is very limiting for some people. A bright happy meeting, with good singing, items and speaker is far more likely to attract people from those denominations whose worship is less formal.

2(17) **NSW Executive addresses** - with these minutes

3 **Darwin** - send newsletters etc to NTCC, The Secretariat, c/- UC Synod Office, Uniting House, 191 Stuart Highway, PARAP NT 0820.

4 **Aust Domestic & Family Violence Clearing House** - questionnaire given to Mavis Ellis, Social Justice Convener.

5(28) **Motion:** That a short paragraph about Rev Winifred Kiek, BA,BD be included in the WKS leaflet with an explanation as to why the Scholarship is so named.

Rationale: The leaflet does not contain information of the late Rev Winifred Kiek after whom the Scholarship is named. The story of her life and work for church women needs to be passed on to church, community, awardees and future generations.

TREASURER - Financial Report for month ending 30th June 2001 - Page 4

m D.Chapman s B Grealy that the report be adopted

A/cs passed for payment - Minute Secretary \$60.80; B Lacy \$166.74; National President, transport expenses \$39.40: m D Chapman, s B Grealy

Agreed

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REPORTS

1 **WKS Convener** - Dorothy Ferrier

Replies received from ACT, Vic, NT, Q'ld and SA Conveners re Conference report.

Jenny Jarvis (ACT) enclosed copy of letter sent by Unit Secretary to the High Commissioner for the Solomon Islands informing them of Celestial's Scholarship. The President, Evonne Sullivan and several members of the Unit recently attended a luncheon at which he was the speaker. He is now aware of ACW and its many activities. Well done ACT!

REPORTS - cont

2 FLC Convener - Margaret Greenslade

A letter has been received from Esther Byu, acknowledging receipt of the FLC grant applications from Q'ld and NSW and the later application from WA. These will go to ICFLC in October.

9 copies of 'FLC Reports and Messages 2001' were received and a copy forwarded to each unit together with 50 FLC stickers.

Reports have been received from each unit and also from Alice Springs, and my thanks go to each convener for these.

3 Social Justice Convener - Mavis Ellis

Following our last meeting when it was decided that Laurice Smith and I should attend the Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Consultation, I contacted Teresa in the Sth Australian Office. She knew very little about it but promised to send the discussion paper when she received it. I phoned Laurice and discussed it with her and we decided that although we would no doubt learn a great deal from the day, we couldn't see how it could benefit ACW in any way as it was in preparation for the UN World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance to be held in South Africa in September. I have since checked with the office and about 55 people attended. Those planning to go to South Africa were briefed about the situation in SA. Some people feel that racism is getting worse in Australia. I have learned that Christopher Keating from the Catholic Church is going to South Africa but was not able to attend the workshop. I have sounded him out on the possibility of him addressing a SA Unit meeting next year.

I wrote to all Unit Social Justice Conveners asking them for a brief report on their activities for the last two years by 15th July and have so far only heard from three.

4 ACWC Report - Barbara Lacy

Margaret Napier, R.I.P. Members of ACWC are being informed of the passing of their former Assembly Secretary, Margaret. She worked hard for the aims of ACWC, and Australia has every reason to be proud of her representation.

Visitations: These have not been decided yet. However, Iluminada Domingo, Executive Secretary and Uma David, Vice-President, will definitely visit NSW Unit. I do not have arrival dates etc. As yet...for anyone !!! apart from President Nancy Lin who arrives on 20/9/01.

ACWC Day Liturgy 2001: Theme "Restore, Reconcile, Rejoice" is enclosed to be sent to all State Units for use on ACWC Day on 15th or during month of November.

Alan Wong: I believe Iluminada has sent information to Alan for his consideration. Nancy (President) has suggested we give him my address (ACW Rep.) in case he wants some clarification before we arrange our meeting with him.

Laos: President Nancy and I will be visiting Laos from 3-9 August in the hope their women will consider joining ACWC. I ask for prayer support for this difficult assignment.

ACWC Assembly - Korea 2002: Venue and definite dates are being negotiated at present.

GENERAL BUSINESS

It is hoped that the Working Papers will be forwarded mid-August.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Conference matters were discussed.

CLOSURE We joined together in The Lord's Prayer

Date of next Meeting - Tuesday 21st August 2001 at 12.30pm at Koorong Bookstore

Confirmed

National President..... Date.....

Inwards:

- 21/6/01 1. ACW(Vic Unit) Annual report 2000-2001
- 22/6/01 2. WKS Trust minutes meeting 13/6/01
- 22/6/01 3. Women into Politics Women's Charter invit. to launch in Canberra 27/6/01
- 25/6/01 4. The Salvation Army motion for conference and names of delegate and observer
- 27/6/01 5. ACW(ACT Unit) Biennial report for National Conference
- 27/6/01 6. The Salvation Army Eastern Territory Biennial report for National Conference
- 28/6/01 7. ACW(NSW Unit) agreeing to represent ACW at Presbyterian Women's Assoc. Fed. Conf.
- 28/6/01 8. ACW(NSW Unit) nominating Lisa Jackson (who is under 35!) for ACWC Assembly
- 28/6/01 9. B. Lacy re Nancy Lin's arrival date and Uma David's visa information
- 2/7/01 10. B. Lacy ACWC biennial report for Nat. Conf. & proposed amendment to P.30 ACWC Rep.Guidelines
- 2/7/01 11. Government House Adelaide unable to grant our request.
- 2/7/01 12. Ruth Burmester, Nat. Life Member apology for non-attendance at conference
- 2/7/01 13. Aust. Bureau Stats. Information re Census and booklet
- 4/7/01 14. ACW (QLD Unit) minutes meeting 29/5/01
- 5/7/01 15. ACW (QLD Unit) Biennial report, motions for conf. & report on 'Future of ACW'
- 9/7/01 16. ACW(WA Unit) minutes meeting 15/6/01; awards; names, addresses etc of Incoming Nat.Exec.
- 9/7/01 17. ACW(NSW Unit) minutes meetings 19/3/01 & 23/4/01 & Annual Report with Exec. Directory
- 9/7/01 18. ACW(SA Unit) minutes meeting 8/6/01
- 9/7/01 19. Salvation Army & Catholic Heads of Churches replies to invites. to Conf. Ec. Service
- 7/01 20. Catholic Women's League Australia biennial report and advising name of delegate to Nat. Conf.
- 10/7/01 21. NCW of SA Inc reply to invit. to Conference Ec. Service
- 11/7/01 22. ACW (ACT Unit) paper on 'Future of ACW'
- 13/7/01 23. ACW(SA Unit) nomination of Pat Walker for ACWC Delegation to ACWC Assembly
- 13/7/01 24. Padma Ebenezer acceptance to attend Conference
- 13/7/01 25. ACW(SA Unit) nomination of Christine Barber for Winifred Kiek Scholarship Trustee
- 12/7/01 26. Email Elizabeth Gilson re WKS Scholarship
- 16/7/01 27. ACW(NSW Unit) 'Future of ACW' report
- 16/7/01 28. ACW(Vic Unit) Motion; delegates; deceased; biennial report; 'Future of ACW' report; Unit Exec; transport
- 16/7/01 29. B Lacy ACWC report; ACWC Order of Worship 2001 'Restore, Reconcile, Rejoice'

PUBLICATIONS:

BPW Australia Federation News, Chat Page

CCA News June

Working Together 2001 Issue 2

'It's an Honour' literature

Australian Domestic & Family Violence Clearing House

news #7, Issues Paper #3

Women's NEWS#5

Women's Charter for Political Reform 2001

Outwards:

- 20/6/01 1. Circular 2001/16 to all units
- 20/6/01 2. Fed. Sec. Presbyterian Women's Assoc. of Aust. Re Federal Conference 23/7/01
- 16/01 3. ACW(NSW Unit) re attending PWA of A Federal Conference 23/7/01
- 20/6/01 4. ACW(WA Unit) replies to queries
- 21/6/01 5. B. Lacy ACWC rep. answers to queries
- 21/6/01 6. 14 Invitations to Conference Ecumenical Service
- 22/6/01 7. Invits to Conference to Sue Nitrai and SA Council of Churches
- 23/6/01 8. NCCA re Federation Sunday
- 23/6/01 9. OSW re Australian Women Speak Conference
- 2/7/01 10. Uma David stating dates required for visa (reply to 9 Inward)
- 7/7/01 11. Mr Doug Napier sympathy card on passing of Margaret (WA Unit)
- 10/7/01 12. Get well cards MJ Hunt (hip), A Skippen (knee)
- 10/7/01 13. T Reeves, E Ridge re Conference

Motion No.1 from Queensland Unit

- c. That the National Executive ascertains to what extent the abridged version of Fellowship Day and World Community Day services are used in retirement and nursing homes within each State/Territory.
- d. That if the National Executive consider the abridged orders of service for Fellowship Day and World Community Day service is being used enough to continue preparing same, the Queensland Unit request that the National Executive prepare Guidelines for the preparation of abridged order of service.

RATIONALE: Guidance is required for the following: length of service, number of hymns, number of prayers, one general offering or general offering and Fellowship of the Least Coin offering.

Motion No.2 from Queensland Unit

That the National Executive prepare Guidelines for the Australian Church Women nominated project for World Community Day service. **RATIONALE:** In considering the projects there are no guidelines – guidelines are required for the following – if the project should be for non Government supported groups, national groups, overseas groups or non overseas groups etc.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE **Financial Report for month ending 30th June 2001**

Balance 1-6-01			3,553.98
Receipts			
Travel pool			
SA Unit	460.00		
Vic Unit	<u>110.00</u>	570.00	
Vic Unit reimbursement portion M Dredge airfare		75.00	
National Conference - registration & accommodation		<u>1,923.50</u>	<u>2,568.50</u>
			6,122.48
Payments			
National Conference Expenses - M Clark		10.35	
Open Book Publishers - ACW News		176.00	
M Dredge NCCA conference fees & airfare		716.74	
WKS Transfer of Bursary Book balance		25.00	
Petty Cash			
Secretary, M Clark	79.07		
Minute Secretary, M Crawford	65.90		
FLC Convenor, M Greenslade	51.95		
Publication Editor, S Sampson	60.76		
ACWC Representative, B Lacy	19.40		
WKS Administration	<u>223.26</u>	<u>500.34</u>	<u>1,428.43</u>
Balance 30-6-01			<u>4,694.05</u>
Balance cheque account as per bank statement		4,694.05	
Term Deposit maturing 31-8-01		5,330.20	
Term Deposit maturing 23-9-01		<u>6,348.30</u>	
Total Balance 30-6-01		<u>16,372.55</u>	
DESIGNATED FUNDS SUMMARY			
Administration		2,187.67	
National Conference Fund		10,866.78	
Overseas Conference Fund		<u>3,318.10</u>	
		<u>\$16,372.55</u>	