



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday 21 June 2004 at 10.00 a.m.

WELCOME: Past President Jean Porteous welcomed Major Lyn Middleton to her first meeting as President and offered a prayer for the new ACW year, for Lyn and the Executive. Lyn then welcomed all to the meeting, particularly the new Baptist delegates, Martha Noel, Jennifer Pepper and Winsome Penn.

DEVOTIONS: Lyn Middleton led devotions based on Matthew 5: 14-16 "You are the light of the world....let your light shine....they will see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven". We reveal the Christ within us, we are to be Christ to a world in need of his love and compassion. Malachi talks of the refining of silver, a process which burns away impurities. We are the image of God. We wish to bring sunshine and help to those we meet. In prayer, Lyn gave thanks for our coming together and for God's word; asked that we might reflect Christ's glory, that Fellowship Day be a time of blessing.

PRESENT: 49 **APOLOGIES:** 8

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 19 April 2004 were initialled on the motion of Merle Menzies and Helen Hill.

The Minutes of the Council meeting of 19 April were confirmed on the motion of Irene Carder and Nancy McLaren.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. **Conveners:** Lyn Middleton reported that Major Valma Pethybridge had offered to take on the position of Special Days Convener, Janet Lang that of Fellowship of the Least Coin Convener, and Major Nancy McLaren, Publicity Convener. Executive had welcomed these offers and recommended their confirmation by Council. Council members accepted the appointments to the three positions and Lyn led in prayer for Val, Janet and Nancy. The position of Social Issues Convener is still to be filled.
2. **Service of Installation:** The Service had been a great time of fellowship and there were many positive comments about it. Jean Porteous thanked members for the pot plant she had received which is still flowering well. Sandra Wise asked that thanks to the people at Dulwich Hill Salvation Army be recorded for their wonderful hospitality, including the pianist, and Joan and David Tong for their work.
3. Plans were presented for the *Word and Walk* Day Conference, Monday 20 September 2004 at The Salvation Army 140 Elizabeth Street Sydney. The three presenters are Major Geanette Seymour who will lead the spiritual reflection "Walking in the Word", Rev Colin Scott from Hope Street Urban Compassion, and Jan Corbett-Jones from Kairos Prison Ministries. Cost for the day is \$25 and members were encouraged to register before 7 September 2004. Publicity leaflets with registration tear-offs were available.

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REPORTS:

TREASURER: Helen Richardson reported on finances from 1/4/2004 to 31/5/2004, with the current balance of \$4523.38. Moved Helen Richardson, seconded Judith Baker that the report be received, that \$2000 be moved to investment fund, and that accounts be paid. Carried.

MEMBERSHIP & PASTORAL CARE: Heather Badgery reported that she had received a card from Heather Reid who was enjoying her travels. Thora Thomas was unwell. Elsie Cox has had to move into hostel care. Judith Cayzer reported that Elaine Wilson was getting on well in Bathurst.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Judith Cayzer reported that Mereani is to go to Melbourne and will be in the care of the Victorian Unit. She gave information on Project Respect which is an NGO working to promote the human rights of women in the sex industry.

Judith had also had a report from Gaye Inall, one of the recipients of WKS last year. It was an inspiring letter telling of the huge amount of work carried out by Gaye in her work with deaf people.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Nancy McLaren thanked Council for the privilege of this convenership which has now passed to Janet Lang. Nancy led a short devotional on 'Be thou my vision' before leading in prayer.

NEWSETTE: Copy for the next issue is needed by 19 July 2004.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Ramona Cowle reported that she has arranged for a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon to be held 10 October 2004 at Punchbowl Baptist Church, 20 Arthur Street Punchbowl at 2.45 p.m.

Ramona also urged members to consider subscribing to the ACWC Newsletter, and asked for prayers for the ACWC gathering.

FUNCTIONS: Lyn reported that after consideration at Executive it had been decided to set aside this convenership.

SPECIAL DAYS: After thanking Irene for her work, Lyn welcomed Valma Pethybridge as the new convener. The theme for Community Day in October is "Be one that the world may believe". Irene expressed her wish to remain on the Special Days Committee.

It was moved Lily Hanlon, seconded Robin Phillis that the reports be received.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

PWA Invitation

YWCA - Promotion of events

PPSEAWA NSW - Office Bearers, Annual Report; Minutes 24/3/2004

National Executive - Minutes 19/4/2004; 10/5/2004; Circular Letter 3/2004; MP

Jill Wells, Bodalla

Baptist Women: Margaret Hawkins/Val Renn resigning, Martha Noel, Jennifer Pepper, Winsome Penn new;
New President Mrs Joy Arnold

Joan Macleod UCA Sydney Day Mission Support Group - 11 am Service 9/8/2004, Roseville

Mothers' Union - Annual Report

Jean Porteous - thanks for pot plant at service

Jan Harrison - thanks for time on Executive

Bev Elliott - new President Kincumber Branch Lily Hanlon, Dorothy Woodhouse has retired

The Branch, CWL Parramatta 5/2004

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CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

Deidre Miles, Mayfield Branch
Jan Corbett-Jones, Kairon Prison Ministry – re State Conference
Mrs J Ryan, World Day of Prayer – ACW Delegates 2004
Henry Porteous – thanks for support
Frank Fryirs – thanks for auditing accounts
Dulwich Hill Salvation Army Corps – thanks for venue/hospitality
PPSEAWA – ACW Delegate 2004
Jill Wells, Bodalla – re Branch affiliation fees
Olive Edmondstone – thanks
Major Geanette Seymour – re State Conference
Rev Colin Scott CEO Hope Street – re State Conference
Martha Noel, Jennifer Pepper, Winsome Penn – new Baptist reps.

Moved Janet Lang, seconded Norma Dumbrell that the Correspondence be received. Passed

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

PPSEAWA Autumn Luncheon 28/4/2004 – Lyn attended – good occasion

OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN: Shirley Wells reported that there are vacancies on NCW Executive which meets at noon on the third Wednesday of the month. On 30/6/2004 at 6.00 pm Dr Gary Sykes is to speak on Ethiopia, in particular on the fistula hospital.

PAN PACIFIC & SOUTH EAST ASIA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Edith Ridge reported on Marie Richardson's address on living and working in East Timor which is making some progress with the help of many voluntary workers. Marjory Wood is now President of the NSW Branch. At the April luncheon Maureen Flanagan was the motivational speaker. In May, to celebrate 50 years the "Revised History of PPSEAWA in Australia" was launched. ACW is entitled to a second delegate and Edith would like someone to take up the opportunity.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: The draft for next year, prepared by women in Poland, will be discussed at the next meeting.

NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: Due to illness Nola Dickson was unable to attend, and Helen Richardson reported on the Annual Meeting held in Wollongong. The Ethiopian Orthodox Church was admitted as a member church. The Rev Professor James Haire addressed the meeting, and asked the question 'would churches be willing to give up their logos?' The next meeting is to be held at Redfern in November.

GIRLS BRIGADE: Ruth Dickinson reported that at their May AGM Janet King became the new Commissioner. A weekend was held at Port Macquarie recently with 500 attending, and good reports received. Leaders are training for a Korean Company of Girls Brigade.

WCTU: The address given by Tom Frame is now available in booklet form.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS: In the absence of a Social Issues Convener, Cela Cooper suggested that any members wishing to do so should write to their local MP expressing concern over proposed legislation allowing same sex marriages in NSW.

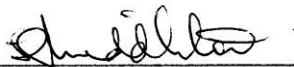
There was a further suggestion relating to the proposed changes to the Anti-Discrimination Act to remove exemptions in the Act for religious groups. Anyone concerned about this can write to their local MP expressing their concerns.

Thanks were expressed to the Uniting Church ladies for the morning tea, and to the Anglican ladies for setting out the chairs.

The Trading Table was available for purchases to be made.

NEXT MEETING: 16 August 2004 Morning Tea: Anglican
Chairs: Presbyterian

CLOSE & BENEDICTION: Lyn Middleton closed the meeting with prayer at 12.20 – thanks for God's presence and asking for the Spirit to guide us; for healing for Thora; for support of Elsie in hostel accommodation; and seeking love, peace and joy until we meet again.

CONFIRMED: 

DATE: 16. 08. 04

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
FOR 2 MONTHS TO END OF MAY 2004

CREDIT BALANCE AT 1 APRIL 2004

3432.24

Receipts -	Membership Fees	400.00	
	Morning Teas	17.90	
	Winifred Kiek	100.00	
	Trading Table	58.00	
	Newsette	35.00	
	Installation Offering	444.65	
	Sale of Badges	14.50	
	Fellowship of the Least Coin	<u>1083.60</u>	<u>2153.65</u>

5585.89

Debits -	Returned Cheque	68.00	
	Jean Porteous - Expenses	99.46	
	Australia Post - Newsette	100.00	
	PPSEAWA Lunch	20.00	
	Irene Carder - Expenses	24.00	
	NCW - Jean Arnot Lunch	50.00	
	Collectors World - Badges	528.00	
	Uniting Church - Printing	67.60	
	Salvation Army - Dulwich Hill	50.00	
	Jan Harrison - Flowers	46.45	
	National Executive - Notebooks	<u>9.00</u>	<u>1062.51</u>

4523.38

Amounts for Ratification/Payment

Australia Post - Newsette	\$100
Annual payment for Incorporation	\$40
Uniting Church Investment Fund	\$2000
UC - Printing Fellowship	\$201.80
Day Services	
Nola Dickson - Labels for Newsette	\$25.98