

MINUTES of meeting of the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council, held at the Pitt St., Congregational Church, Sydney, on Monday, 15th March, 1976, at 10.40 a.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. G. Bent, President, (in the Chair) - 36 members attended, names as listed in the Attendance Register.

OPENING: The President opened the meeting with readings from Psalm 34 and "God Calling", and prayer. She welcomed Mrs Pack and Mrs Pfeiffer, who had been absent for several months through illness, and Mrs. J. de Wit, a new representative from the Presbyterian Church.

APOLOGIES: Mesdames Badger, Bragg, Gammie, Gilbert, Martin, Oates, Peterson, Rennie, Savage, Stolz, Sister M. Francisca, Miss Lea.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 16th February, 1976, were read and confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING: The Hon. Secretary, on behalf of the Executive, reported as follows: Mrs. Down had provided material relevant to "Special Days", which had been passed on to Mrs. Hill, Convenor of the Promotion Committee. The Executive recommended the publication of a new and up-dated information leaflet. This was agreed to on the motion of Mrs. Stanhope, seconded Mrs. Fishburn.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received from Brigadier Ruth Smith, extending an invitation to Council members to attend the Salvation Army Women's Rally in the Town Hall on 2nd April at 1.30 p.m.

FINANCE: The Hon. Treasurer presented a Statement of Receipts and Payments, together with an account for duplicating - Service Copying Co- \$6.88. It was agreed that the Statement be received and the account passed for payment.

REPORTS: Publicity- Mrs. Curtin reported on action ^{taken} recently to publicise Council activities.

Fellowship of the Least Coin- Mrs. Stanhope advised that she had received several invitations to speak in suburban and country areas. During a recent visit to Norfolk Island, she had met and spoken to ~~an~~ interested churchpeople, to whom she would be sending literature. She then conducted the F.L.C. devotional segment. Winifred Kiek Scholarship- Deaconess Andrews reported that Miss Sarah Ah You from Samoa, had commenced training at the S.P.C. Community Education Centre in Suva, Fiji. Mrs. Davis provided some interesting information about this Centre, of which she ~~was~~ the Administrative Officer for several years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Members were reminded that the Annual Meeting will be held on 12th April. Nominations for office-bearers to be in the Hon. Secretary's hands a few days prior to the meeting. Material for publication should be handed in at the Annual Meeting. The Installation Service will take place on Monday, 24th May at the Salvation Army Centre, Chatswood. Invitations will be available at the Annual Meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER: Mrs. Dorothy McMahon gave a most informative and stimulating address on the World Council of Churches Assembly, held in Nairobi, in November-December, 1975. The Assembly had been attended by 676 delegates from 90 countries, together with advisers, staff, observers and press representatives, a total of over 2000 participants. The speaker referred to plenary sessions, worship services, Bible study groups, and the work of the Sections dealing with Evangelism, Unity, Education etc. In spite of tensions arising from differences of opinion and emphasis, the Conference members had "stated

together", retaining something of the inspiration aroused by the celebration, and prepared to meet the challenge to be part of the struggle of people around the world, sharing the hope that the Church will be renewed. Following a brief period of questions and discussion, the President expressed the thanks of Council members to Mrs. McMillan for her challenging talk. She then closed the meeting with prayer at 12 noon.

Confirmed

Date

Gladys M. Bent . .
12th April 1976 . .