

# A U S T R A L I A N C H U R C H W O M E N

## MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING.

Held at the Christian Welfare Centre, Perth at 10.15 a.m. on Friday, 6th May, 1977.

PRESENT: Carmel Downey, Marjorie Scurlock, Vera Dean, Joy Holland, Janet Watts, Vera Wilson, Jean Banyard, Dorothy Craig, Norma Ellis, Jean Vincent, Beryl Warr, Joy Shier, Clarice Forsyth and Grace Read.

APOLOGIES: Isabel Macintyre.

CHAIR: In the absence of Isabel Macintyre, Carmel Downey presided. She opened with a prayer of thanks for the life and example of the late Rev. W. Ellis (Master of Kingswood College), beloved husband of our "Women at Work" editor, Norma Ellis. Prayer was also offered for the recovery of Ray Vincent at present seriously ill in hospital. (Husband of Jean Vincent our W.K.S. Convener.)

OPENING WORSHIP: Vera Wilson led the devotions reading from "How to Pass the Day in a Holy Manner", also from Rev. 21 and John 17, v24-26 and prayer.

MINUTES: Moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting dated 1st April, 1977 be confirmed. Seconded and agreed.

### CORRESPONDENCE: Outward

1. Mrs. Wyllie - re filing cabinet for N.S.W. Unit.
2. Mrs. Maisie McKenzie - inviting her to speak at the Fellowship Day Service.
3. Mrs. Carpenter - re N.C.M.
4. Miss Mitchell, Sec. N.S.W. Unit - re missing documents and congratulations.
5. Rachel Cocks - accepting responsibility of half N.C.M. expenses.
6. Mrs. Ackland, Sec. Victorian Unit - re N.C.M. plus C.O.C.E.
7. Sydney Film-makers Co-operative Ltd. - requesting details of hiring of film.

### Inward

1. Sydney Film-makers Co-operative Ltd. - re confirmation of hire of film "Lalai Dreamtime" at the cost of \$40.25.  
It was requested that groups make use of this film.
2. Mrs. Norma Ellis - thanks and appreciation for flowers and support.
3. Queensland Treasurer - cheque for \$126 for two representatives.
4. Mrs. Fraser, W.A. - \$6 registration as Continuing Presbyterian observer.
5. Mrs. Miller, Tasmania - \$63 registration as representing Continuing Presbyterian.
6. Mr. & Mrs. Burmester, Canberra - \$120 registration to N.C.M. (1 representative).
7. Rachel Cocks - thanks and query re report.
8. Sec. Queensland Unit - re inclusion in N.C.M. Schedule.
9. Sec. N.S.W. Unit - re repeat of February documents and financing of one N.C.M. nominee.  
Vera Wilson moved: That we reply to the enquiry stating that the Working Committee would be happy to be responsible for one member of the Incoming Working Committee, this to come from our own Working Committee's special fund. Motion carried.
10. Major Craig, Salvation Army Territorial Sec. with report.
11. Sec. Fed. Church of Christ C.W.F. - report and copy of "The Changing World of Church Women".
12. Deaconess Mary Andrews, N.S.W. - \$6 registration and suggestions re N.C.M.
13. Mrs. Krutli, Victoria - form and \$63, observer.
14. Mrs. Wyllie - re filing cabinet.
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- CORRESPONDENCE:** 16. Mrs. Commissioner Goodier, Salvation Army, Vic. - re State observer nomination.  
 (Contd.) 17. Queensland Unit Treasurer - \$2405. (Fellowship Day \$350, Fellowship of the Least Coin \$1600, W.C.Day \$300, and Winifred Kiek Scholarship \$155 which includes \$100 for a Bond)  
 18. Mrs. J. St. Aubyn, Pres. Federal Church of Christ - C.W.F. form and \$63.  
 19. Mrs. Burmester, Canberra - report for N.C.M. and new officers.  
 20. Women's World Day of Prayer, Mrs. Johnston, - re two State observers.  
 21. Sec. Tasmanian Unit - \$24 for four registrations, also submission for N.C.M.  
 22. Mrs. Verco - apologies re N.C.M.  
 23. Mrs. Hickman, Tasmanian Unit - \$57 observer.  
 24. Mrs. Grindrod, Anglican Women's Federal Report.  
 25. Mrs. P. Eaton, Co-opt Member of Working Committee - resignation due to ill-health.  
 It was unanimously agreed that we accept the resignation with much regret. Letter of appreciation to be sent.  
 26. N.S.W. Unit, Sec. - thanks for all awaited mail and new officers.  
 27. N.S.W. Unit, Sec. - names of delegates, observers and incoming Working Committee.  
 28. Fellowship of Congregational Churches (N.S.W.) Sec. - apologies re N.C.M.  
 29. Major Venables, Salvation Army - report for N.C.M.  
 30. Mrs. Maisie McKenzie - telegram accepting invitation to speak on Tuesday 26th July at Opening Meeting NCM.  
 31. Aust. Baptist Women's Board, Sec. - \$6 observer and report for N.C.M.  
 32. Y.W.C.A. of W.A., Sec. - re new President.  
 33. Y.W.C.A., Mrs. E. Richardson, representing National President at N.C.M.  
 34. Mrs. Shirley Bowen, P.W.A. of Aust. - report for N.C.M.  
 35. Mrs. L. Frewin and Miss D. Fry, Victoria - cheque \$126, two State representatives.  
 36. W.I.C.C. of Victoria, Sec. - report for N.C.M.  
 37. Australian Federation of Methodist Women, President Mrs. Ayre - report for N.C.M.  
 38. Dorothy Wacker telephone call - thanks for successful Women's Forum Dinner and information re N.C.M. programme.

Moved that the Inward Correspondence be received and the Outward approved. Seconded and agreed.

**AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:** The following publications and News Releases were received:

1. W.C.C. Programme to combat racism Executive to visit Australia.
2. W.C.C. makes special effort to inform local congregations.
3. Churches express concern over proposed amendments to the Trade Practices Act.
4. A.C.C. releases text of submission to Australian Broadcasting Tribunal.
5. Third World News.

**ACCOMMODATION RECORDER:** Marjorie Scurlock was asked to consult State Unit re a special person for accommodation arrangements.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Agreed that the following Financial Statement be received:

<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	<u>\$</u>
To balance at 31.3.77	16234.27		
<u>Fellowship of Least Coin.</u>			
A.C.W. - Queensland	1600.00		
<u>Winifred Kiek Scholarship.</u>			
A.C.W. Queensland	55.00		
"       "       - for bond	100.00		
Donation - Mrs. K. Davies	10.00		
Bond Interest	148.81		
<u>Fellowship Day.</u>			
A.C.W. - Queensland	350.00		
<u>World Community Day.</u>			
A.C.W. - Queensland	300.00		
<u>Travel Fund. State Contributions.</u>			
W.A.	400.00		
S.A.	450.00		
<u>N.C.M. Special Fund.</u>			
W.A. Federation of Methodist Women	10.00		
Mrs. N. Ellis	40.00		
Miss V. Dean	5.00		
Mrs. J. Vincent	20.00		
Mrs. V. Wilson	50.00		
Mrs. P. Eaton	25.00		
Anglican Diocese of Perth	100.00		
Mrs. J. Watts	21.00		
Focus on Church Women	96.88		
<u>Administration &amp; General.</u>		<u>Administration &amp; General.</u>	
Registrations - 10	60.00	Canning Highway Uniting	
Residence	285.00	Church - Stationery etc.	8.10
		Balance as at 30/4/77	20352.86
	<u>\$20360.96</u>		<u>\$20360.96</u>

Summary of Balances.

Fellowship of the Least Coin	6178.50
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	7008.33
Memorial Bursary	204.55
Fellowship Day	1874.24
World Community Day	1281.02
Overseas Conferences	816.26
N.C.M. Special Fund	575.48
Travel Fund - State Contributions	850.00
Administration & General	1219.48
Reg. & Accomm.	<u>345.00</u>
	1564.48
	<u>\$20352.86</u>

Accounts passed for payment: Interstate telephone calls, \$9; Hire of film, \$40.25; Petty Cash (Sec.), \$50; Queensland Bond, \$100.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Vera Wilson reported as follows:

Correspondence (Inwards)

1. Mrs. D. Strack (Vic.) - re copies of "Circle of Prayer" (v.6.)
2. Mrs. Stanhope (N.S.W.) - 10 copies of Vol. 6.
3. A.C.W.A. News Bulletin (from Mrs. Solomon)



FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN (Contd.)

Correspondence (Outwards)

1. Mrs. Stanhope (N.S.W.) - re "Circle of Prayer" Vol.6.
2. Mrs. Meadows (Q.) - re V.6. and orders for leaflet.
3. Mrs. Strack (Vic.) - re Vol.6. and orders for leaflet.
4. F.L.C. Sec., (U.S.A.) - re order for Vol. 6.
5. D. Wacker - re programme for Public Meeting, Tuesday, 26th July.

Convener presented text and format of a new F.L.C. publicity leaflet. Printing quote and further information to be brought to next meeting.

Copies of A.C.W.C. Newsletter to be sent to State Conveners.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Jean Vincent reported as follows:

Correspondence (Outwards)

1. Rev. John Garrett - requesting him personally to ask S.P.C.T.C. to send the Working Committee the account for Sarrah Ah You.
2. Jennifer Yeo - requesting photographs and material for poster for N.C.M.

Correspondence (Inwards)

1. Supaporn Kongphrom - acknowledging letter.
2. Applications for 1978 Scholar received from Pakistan, Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka, 14 in all.

Forms coming in for this year's W.K.S. Meeting to be arranged to choose short list. Report for next meeting. publicity pamphlets posted to all States.

A.C.W. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DAY SERVICE: Marjorie Scurlock received Fellowship Day Service from Dorothy Wacker and sent master copies to each State. Darwin would require 150 leaflets, these to be sent up by airmail. Acknowledgements received from Mrs. Pover, (Vic.) and Mrs. C. Connell, (Q.) Queensland enclosed Fellowship Day Service leaflet and separate information leaflet.

"WOMEN AT WORK": Next issue to publicise the three public meetings of N.C.M. Also "S.O.S." re forwarding reports and application forms and A.C.W.C. News Bulletin. Decided that Norma Ellis be asked to contact Catherine Martin of the "West Australian" re publicising the three public meetings.

PREPARATION FOR N.C.M. of A.C.W.: Further preparations noted. Working Committee decided to meet for further preparations on Tuesday, 10th May at 1.30 p.m.

CLOSE: Meeting closed with Prayer at 2.30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, 3rd June, 1977.

DATE..... SIGNED.....

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: ALL REPORTS REQUIRED FOR N.C.M. !!! :	
: PLEASE SEND IMMEDIATELY IF NOT ALREADY FORWARDED !!! :	
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: REGISTRATION FORMS :	
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: PLEASE SEND NOW!! :	
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