

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 Christian Welfare Centre, Perth, at 12.00 noon on Friday 3rd October, 1975.

OPENING: Rev. Dorothy Wacker opened the meeting with prayer and with reference to Worship at the Nairobi Meetings of the World Council of Churches.

GREETINGS, APOLOGIES, FELLOWSHIP: Rev. Dorothy Wacker (Chairman), Vera Dean (Secretary), Jean Banyard (Treasurer), Jean Vincent, Carmel Downey, Beryl Warr, Peg Eaton, Norma Ellis, Elizabeth Dearie, Vera Wilson, Marjorie Scurlock and Ednah Daw.

It was reported that Mrs. McIntyre's health is improving but she is still at home.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September, having been circulated, were taken as read and were confirmed.

GENERAL BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. Committee Members: Beryl Warr will be Minute Secretary for the next few months. Minutes to be available one week after meeting. Another member to be asked to do this next year.  
Extra people to be involved on Committees if necessary.  
A letter of resignation was received from Elizabeth Appleby due to her inability to attend meetings and her husband's move to a parish at the end of this year. Letter to be sent in reply, expressing regret.  
Vera Dean to contact Joy Holland re serving on Committee. Lesley Gilks, Elizabeth Curran and Beryl Mortlock to be contacted if necessary.
2. Mailing Lists: These to be revised by Dorothy Wacker and Vera Dean, after noting any "feedback".

CORRESPONDENCE: Inward:

1. Australian National Advisory Committee I.W.Y. : Tabled
2. Tasmanian Council of Churches re Conference, February, 1976 : Tabled.
3. Australian Council of Churches re Nairobi/Aborigines, etc. "
4. Commission on Christian Education : re Conference in Adelaide, November, 1975.
5. National Library, Canberra : re A.C.W. Information (Aims/Officers/etc):  
To be sent
6. A.C.W.C. : re Zoning and Workshop : (Our Region now to include : Australia/  
New Zealand/Philippines/Indonesia/Malaysia/Singapore): Workshop to  
be held in Manila in March or April : Noted.
7. Gwenda Murchland : re address given by Estelle Gobbett : Noted.
8. " " re N.C.M. Minutes : alteration to be made to  
Minutes and extra copies of Minutes to be forwarded.  
Vera Dean to attend to these matters.
9. Mrs. Verco : re Minutes. \$50.00 general donation : to be acknowledged  
by Vera Dean.
10. Cora Connell : re Minutes : \$5.00. towards postage : to be acknowledged  
by Vera Dean.
11. Olive Ackland : re news and number of minutes required, etc.
12. Elizabeth Appleby : re resignation. (see above).

CORRESPONDENCE: Outward:

1. Secretary of State Unit : re Fare Pool and support.
2. Members of Ex-Working Committee : re thanks.
3. Olive Ackland : reply re report sent.
4. Lutheran Women of Australia : re information about A.C.W.
5. Ruth Gray : re Lutheran Women.
6. Shanti Solomon : re Working Committee information.

The correspondence was received and endorsed.

FINANCE:

1. Statements and Accounts: It was agreed that the Financial Statement be received and that accounts totalling \$135.70 be passed for payment.

FINANCE (cont'd) : Financial Statement :

<u>Receipts:</u>		<u>Payments:</u>	
Balance at 1.9.75	\$11955.80	<u>F.L.C.</u>	
<u>F.L.C.</u>		Fellowship of Least	
Sale 'Circle of Prayer'	13.40	Coin International.	5000.08
<u>Administration &amp; General.</u>		<u>W.Kiek Scholarship.</u>	
Interest on Fixed Deposit.	276.67	Special Bond.	100.00
Donation.	50.00	<u>Administration &amp; General</u>	
		Petty Cash - Secretary	50.00
		Stamp Duty	0.08
		Balance at 30.9.75	7145.71
	<u>\$12295.87</u>		<u>\$12295.87</u>

Summary of Balances:

Fellowship of Least Coin	420.50
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	4037.32
Memorial Burser.	75.00
Fellowship Day	552.81
World Community Day	290.19
Overseas Conferences	816.26
Administration & General	953.63
	<u>\$7145.71</u>

<u>Accounts for payment:</u>		Deaconess House, Newton, N.S.W.	
	- Board M. Weme		\$54.00
	Pacific Sales -		
	Stationery		54.20
			<u>\$108.20</u>
	Petty Cash W.K.S.	20.00	
	" " F.L.C.	5.00	
	Postage "	2.50	<u>\$135.70.</u>

The balance of money is still in the bank in South Australia, but expected in Perth within a few days. (\$1,000.00 will remain in Adelaide re Mary Weme.)

2. Investments : It was agreed that \$3,000.00 be put into an investment account with the Commonwealth Savings Bank and that at the next meeting it should be decided how much can be put on Fixed Deposit; subject to enquiries being made concerning investing in a Building Society. This to be discussed at the next meeting.
3. Travel Funds: It was agreed that a Travel Fund for the next N.C.M. be established and that all States be encouraged to set up their own travel funds immediately. Suggestions to be brought to the next meeting re ways of raising money.  
It was agreed that we recommend to the W. . State Unit that letters of thanks be sent to the people concerned in giving, indicating that the National Committee will be in W.A. for 2 years and the National Committee Meetings will be held here in 1977, and their financial support is necessary. Availability of speakers to be indicated also.  
Suggestions were made "gathering" money : direct giving and saving plan; functions with an A.C.W. or teaching purpose; sale of pens or cards, Bangladesh goods, individual talent schemes, specific money-raising activities. An article to be included in "Women at Work". Decision to be made at the next meeting.

FINALISATION OF N.C.M. BUSINESS: This was left to The President and Secretary to determine what is necessary, after going through N.C.M. Minutes.

PREPARATION OF SPECIAL DAYS:

1. Elizabeth Appleby will be quite happy to help prepare the 1976 Fellowship Day and will gather wisdom of other Nairobi delegates.
2. 1976 Community Day : Service needs to be ready for May/June next year.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP:

1. No word has been received re 1975 student and arrangements necessary for her in Perth. Letter to be written to Mrs. Whitehead to say we and the Y.W.C.A. are concerned re lack of information.
2. 1976 Student : Letters have been received from Pauline Campbell, Supervisor of Deaconess Training in Soma, and Miss Sarah Ah You. The course at the South Pacific Commission Community Education Centre will be of 10 months' duration, the major theme being Planning for better Family Living. Youth Leadership, Home Economics and English will be included in the course. Employment to be arranged in community programmes on return home. Word should be received shortly as to whether Miss Ah You has been accepted for the course. If she is not accepted, application will be made to the Methodist Training Centre.
3. A letter has been received from Miss Cleary re Mrs. Kerepia. As the G.F.S. is too far from Mt. Gravatt, where she will be studying, private board will be obtained. The course she will undertake is Management and Child Care and a refresher course in Child Care studies. Requirements re money to be worked out and money then sent to Brisbane.
4. The Sub-Committee will meet early in November. Initial application forms are to be duplicated and a pamphlet on W.K.S. is to be printed with new information, space to be left for Donation Forms, 1000 pamphlets to be printed. The short list form will also be revised and reissued. Jean Vincent recommended that the book allowance of \$50.00. be reviewed at the next N.C.M.
5. The Samoan Church and T.P.N.G. Church to be informed of arrangements for 1976 students and invited to make any contribution possible.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Vera Wilson reported that a letter had been received from Mrs. S. Solomon's office with reference to Australia's applications for grants for F.L.C.. Two of three requests have been granted. "Circle of Prayer" books, Vol.6, have been ordered. Cheque for \$5,000.00 has been sent to W.C.C., Geneva. Vera Wilson suggested that Committee members be members of the F.L.C. on a personal "at home" prayer basis, and it was agreed also to use the "Circle of Prayer" at meetings following a prayer time during the F.L.C. report. Elizabeth Dearie was thanked for organising the printing of labels : Cost \$16.00 passed for payment.

CONTACT WITH A.C.W.C.: It was noted that Rachael Cocks is our contact; and that details re the Regional Workshop are awaited.

"WOMEN AT WORK": Thanks to Norma Ellis for first issue. Little feed-back. Will continue present format until feels more "professional" !

NEXT NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Elizabeth Dearie reported that accommodation is available at the Railton but because of the inflationary age in which we live, definite costs could not be given. However, a reduction of 15% would be allowed and 1 in 15 would be free. Twin accommodation basis could be used. Good facilities are available. All meals could be supplied if required. Dates need to be decided. Definite bookings to be made in February.

THE AIMS OF A.C.W. & FULFILMENT IN 1975-1977:

1. A.C.W. Pamphlets are available. Committee needs to determine areas for discussion, emphasis, suggestion, resource material etc.
2. It was noted that the National Church Women's Conference had been held in Sydney with Dr. Rosemary Reuther and that Lesley Gilks had organised a seminar at Floreat Park as a follow-up : from 9.30 am. to 4.15 pm. on 18th October, 1975.

CONTACT WITH STATE UNITS:

To be kept "in mind" and "in action".



CONTACT WITH A.C.C. & MEMBER CHURCHES: It was noted that greetings need to be sent to National Assemblies. Information needed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7TH NOVEMBER, 1975, at 12.00 NOON.

CLOSE: Rev. Dorothy Wacker closed the meeting with prayer, at 3 p.m., after receiving greetings from the Committee Members re her long service leave and attendance at the W.C.C. Meetings in Nairobi.

CONFIRMED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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