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MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN held FRIDAY, 21st NOVEMBER, 1969 at 10 a.m. in the Board Room, V.C.C. Office, 100 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

OPENING: The President, Mrs F.R. Ashton, opened the meeting with with devotions.

PRESENT: Mesdames F.R. Ashton (Chair), T.H. Coates, N. Faichney, Col. H.W. Saunders, E. Stephens, J.A. Strack, A.W. Burton, G.I. Duke.

APOLOGIES: Mrs H.T. Rogers, Deaconess F. McKechnie.

MINUTES of MEETING held Friday, 10th October had been circulated and were confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING: The Secretary was given permission to purchase a Stapler.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following Correspondence was read and received.

1. Mrs J. Coutts (P.W.A.) of Report & Delegates to National Com.
2. Col. F. Saunders - Salvation Army - Delegates
3. Dr A.A. Bartholomew - unable to speak at Nat. Committee
4. Mrs Hartam Tasmania
5. Report from W.I.C.C. of Victoria
6. Mrs Coombe - Federal Churches of Christ - report
7. Salvation Army Report
8. Q.W.I.C.C. - Report and new Office Bearers
9. Head Deaconess Mary Andrews - Anglican report and letter re Communication
10. Mrs Howie - South Australia - Report
11. Mrs Dougherty - N.S.W.
12. Dr R. Ball - unable to speak at Nat. Committee
13. Mrs L. Warner, Baptist Women's Fellowship of Victoria - observers
14. Mrs Hartam - delegate
15. Mrs A. Atkinson - A.F.M.W. - report
16. Mrs T.H. Coates - Committee on Co-operation report and request
17. Mrs Goudie - Canberra Church Women
18. Department for External Affairs - no help available with fares to E.A.C.W.C.
19. Mrs Faichney had received letter from Deaconess Lorna Stevenson of Darwin re World Community Day Service and the difficulty of translating the biblical passages chosen to women.

BUSINESS ARISING:

9. It was noted that the Anglican women had formed a Secretariat. More information to be sought concerning the Secretariat.
10. Block of Praying Hands to be sent to South Australia. Mrs Strack to handle this matter. Suggestions from South Austr. re National Committee Meeting noted.
11. N.S.W. suggestions noted and would be incorporated in altered plan for National Committee Meeting.
19. Mrs Faichney had replied to Deaconess Stevenson. It was resolved that criticisms of Orders of Service be conveyed to National Committee for discussion and action. *(info?)*

FINANCE: The Treasurer presented the following Financial Statement which was received:

RECEIPTS		FINANCIAL STATEMENT OCTOBER 10th to NOVEMBER 19th 1969		EXPENDITURE	
C/fwd.	3119.59	3119.59	Petty Cash	F. Saunders	5.00
F'ship Least Coin	1087.86	1087.86		B. Burton	5.00
Circle of Prayer	.30	.30	Ellams - envelopes & stencils		14.39
W. Kiek S'ship			Circle of Prayer Vol. III		48.79
W.I.C.C.S.A.	130.00		Balance		4998.34
W.I.C.C.Q.	4.00	134.00			
F'ship Day O. of					
Service Kingston	.60	.60			
Offerings					
V. W.I.C.C.	500.00	500.00			

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RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE
Community Day			
O. of Serv. N.S.W.	62.50		
Darwin	1.25		
Hawthorn	5.00		
Kingston	1.25		
W.A. Unit	<u>1.25</u>	71.25	
Offerings			
W.I.C.C.S.A.	32.00		
Hawthorn W.I.C.C.	24.00		
United Ch. Darwin	28.85		
W.I.C.C. Q.	43.02		
W.A. Unit A.C.W.	<u>21.25</u>	149.12	
Levy W.F.M.W.	<u>4.00</u>	4.00	
Scribal Pens			
E. Stephens	<u>4.80</u>	4.80	
		<u>\$ 5071.52</u>	<u>\$ 5071.52</u>

REPORTS: Fellowship of the Least Coin:
 Mrs Strack reported that she had received a copy of the book 'In Quest of the Least Coin'. She was negotiating with the Presbyterian Bookroom as to the possibility of importing copies in time for the National Committee Meeting. The new leaflet was under way. One bundle of Circle of Prayer Vol. III still on hand.

Publicity:
 Mrs Coates read through material prepared for the next news sheet. This would be completed and duplicated to be sent out.

United Churches: Mrs Faichney reported that she had visited the W.A. Unit of A.C.W. which was very active in its work. Community work in homes etc. was done on a monthly basis. New churches would be established at Francás Creek and Gove in the new year. Discussion took place as to the position of the United Churches in relation to A.C.W. It was decided to continue discussions at the National Committee Meeting. United Churches already contacted to be invited to send observers to the National Committee Meeting.

Ball Point Pens:
 Mrs Col. Saunders reported that \$72 dollars was in hand from sale of pens.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP:
 Mrs Durton reported that a meeting of the Committee had been held, Thursday, 20th November when FOURTEEN applications had been considered. All applicants had been worthy of assistance and the Committee had short list of four names to to be submitted to the Working Committee. Cost of fares had been considered and the opportunity applicants had had to engage in further study in their own country. It was resolved to offer the Winifred Kiek Scholarship to Miss Veronica Kafa, of the British Solomon Islands to continue study in education in Australia. Miss Kafa is 25? and will seek further training in the teaching of English. She is Anglican. It was decided to include brief details of all applicants in the Working documents so that members might see the number of women seeking help in further training. The question of the application from Captain de Fretes of Bandung, Indonesia would be pursued with Inter-Church aid. Investigations would be made into the possibility of accepting more than one person if help could be given with fares etc. Mrs Durton was asked to continue work on the course of study, place of residence etc, of Miss Kafa.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY 1970:
 Mrs Col. Saunders presented questions to be added to the Order of Service. These were accepted. It was resolved to support Life Line Centres in Seoul as the project for 1970 World Community Day.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The President and Secretary had met re the National Committee and presented the outline of proposed meetings. Consideration had been given to the comments from South Australia and N.S.W. requesting more time for discussion within the members of the Committee and it was decided to place the sessions on Thursday afternoon instead of the earlier proposed trip. The suggested programme is attached to the Minutes. Difficulty was being experienced in finding a speaker for the Drug Session and if no-one was available it was decided to ask someone to speak on the work of Life Line. This would be relevant in view of the project to be supported by the offering at 1970 World Community Day.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, 12th December at 10 a.m.

It was decided to leave the decision concerning January meeting till then.

CLOSING: The meeting closed with the Benediction.

CONFIRMED:

DATE: