

## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

### MINUTES OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING, 1pm 10th November 2000, held in Draper Room, Pilgrim UC, Flinders Street, Adelaide

- WELCOME** President Mrs Marj Dredge welcomed all present and a special welcome to Barbara Lacy, Australian representative on ACWC reporting in person on the ACWC visit to Bangladesh.
- DEVOTIONS** Our President read Psalm 42 from Leslie Brandt's "Psalms Now", where the psalmist affirms that God is always there for us regardless of any adverse circumstances. He is our Hope. Then Marj led in prayer.
- PRESENT** Marj Dredge in Chair, Barbara Lacy, Shirley Birch, Laurice Smith, Maureen Clark, Dorothy Chapman, Margaret Greenslade, Mavis Ellis, Barbara Grealy, & Marj Crawford.
- APOLOGIES** Dorothy Ferrier and Shirley Sampson

**MINUTES** of the meeting of 17/10/2000 were signed with the correction on Page 2, line 1 in WKS Report which should read - 'The letters requesting the numbers of WKS leaflets required will be posted to all Units next week.'

#### **BUSINESS ARISING from the Minutes**

- 1 **Web Site** - continuing to make progress.
- 2 **ACW leaflets** - update in the New Year.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - on Page 3. Inwards received, Outwards endorsed.

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1(8) Mollie-Jean Hunt's back surgery - in reply to the Get Well card Mollie Jean was feeling the benefit of the surgery.
- 2(12) A copy of this letter will be sent to all Units with a covering letter over the signatures of Secretary Maureen Clark and Social Justice Convener Mavis Ellis.  
National Executive will write to Federal MPs in the New Year.
- 3(13) Units will be informed through Secretary's Circular Letter.

#### **TREASURER - Financial Report for month ending 31st October 2000 - Page 3**

m. D Chapman, s.B Grealy that report be adopted **Agreed**  
**Books are still with the Auditor.** BAS forwarded by Auditor 6/11/00.  
**A/cs passed for payment - \$41.32, B Lacy, \$23.60 Conference Expenses, \$225.60 WKS**  
Trust also those for 'ACW News' and WKS Leaflets when to hand - m. S Birch, s. B Grealy  
**Agreed.**  
**Percentages for Administration** when moneys to hand from Units - WKS 10%; FLC 3%  
ACWC 5%; m. D Chapman, s. S Birch **Agreed**  
**ACWC Bulletin - \$15 (Aust.) per year (4 issues) - m. L Smith, s. B Lacy** **Agreed**

#### **REPORTS**

##### **1 WKS Convener - Dorothy Ferrier**

Correspondence Inwards -

- 1 Jan Harrison (ACW Unit President) enclosing -
    - (1) Bursary Book photos - Mesdames Win Dougherty & Mabel Wyllie
    - (2) Hospitality to ACWC Delegates at National Conference time
    - (3) News of Edith Ridge - return to hospital - reaction to treatment.
  - 2 Betty Laurie (ACW ACT Unit WKS Con.) - congratulations on choosing 2001 Scholar
  - 3 Jean Roberts (ACW SA Unit WKS Con.) - advising number of 2001 leaflets needed
  - 4 Barbara Lacy (ACW VIC Unit Pres.) - re number of 2001 leaflets required - to be advised.
- Correspondence Outwards -
- 1 To all Unit WKS Conveners re number of 2001 leaflets
  - 2 Christmas greetings to 16 Past Scholars

The Trustees will be meeting on 9 November to consider update of application forms.  
These will be despatched to the ACWC area in early December.

As I will be away until Dec.1 the 2001 leaflet will be prepared for printing by January 2001.  
I intend using the same printer as last year - they were the cheapest and did an excellent job.

**REPORTS - cont****2 FLC Convener - Margaret Greenslade**

Units are actively using 'Circle of Prayer Vol.15' booklets. Requests have been received for FLC information material - leaflets, bookmarks, prayer cards and boxes. I have had reports of activities in Tas., ACT & SA Units. Thanks to NSW Unit for the preparation of World Community Day Order of Service - from all reports the services were well received.

**3 Social Justice - Mavis Ellis**

Since the last meeting I have attended several meetings on Social Justice issues - The Effective Living Centre at Christ Church UCA hosted a series of three Sunday afternoon meetings entitled, 'World Debt, Can We Afford It?' It was a thought-provoking look at the Jubilee 2000 campaign aimed at reducing world debt. Speakers were Chris Keating (Catholic Diocesan Justice & Peace Comm.), Elizabeth Moncrieff-Philp (from Tear Aust. & Chairperson of Jubilee 2000) & Tony Roach (Caritas Aust.). Although Jubilee 2000 hasn't accomplished as much as was hoped, some progress has been made and it is planned to continue under the name 'Jubilee Australia'.

The monthly meeting of the Council of Churches Social Questions Liaison Group heard reports on the latest situation regarding the Refugees being relocated from Woomera. It is hoped to obtain use of a property where they can go after the 7 nights' accommodation provided in a Backpackers Hostel has elapsed and before they find a more permanent home. Help is needed to assist them in learning how to live in Adelaide (ie shopping, applying for Benefits, finding their way about in Adelaide, etc.)

A meeting arranged by the Office of the Status of Women heard from Amorita Dasvarma who attended the UN Beijing+5 meetings in June in New York. Here again although not as much as was hoped has been achieved, some progress has been made and it is a matter of pressing on. Unfortunately, Amorita's position which was financed by the Federal Govt was only till the end of June and she has returned to University studies.

The only reply I have received so far to my last letter to all Units has been from Vera Wilson who advises that Lee Edwards has been appointed Social Justice Convener for WA.

**ACWC REPORT - Barbara Lacy, Australian Representative**

Barbara thanks all Units and Social Justice Conveners for the information sent her for her talk on 'Family Violence Against Women and Overcoming Violence'. The 'Family Violence' pamphlets provided by Jan Harrison, NSW Unit were taken by those present so they could be printed and distributed in their home countries

**ACWC Assembly** will be held from 20th-30th October 2002 in Seoul, South Korea, with the theme, 'Restore, Reconcile, Rejoice'.

'ACWC Bulletin' - National Executive has ordered one copy

'**Violence Against Women Declaration**', Bangladesh October 2000 will be in 'ACW News' as will the Report of ACWC Visit to Bangladesh.

**THANKS** - President Marj Dredge expressed the thanks of the National Executive to Barbara Lacy for coming to Adelaide to present her report in person.

**Closure** - Marj Dredge closed the meeting with prayer.

**Next meeting 30th January, 2001 at 10am at Koorong Bookstore Staff Room, 198 Waymouth St. Adelaide.**

National President.....

Date.....

Inwards:

17/10/00	1. Family & Com. Services reply to letter re funding for Women With Disabilities Aust.
24/10/00	2. YWCA Week Without Violence starts 22/10/00 literature
26/10/00	3. ACW Alice Springs Branch re ACW leaflets
26/10/00	4. Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commission re launch 'Harsh Realities 2' 8/11/00
26/10/00	5. ACW (SA Unit) minutes meeting 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2000
26/10/00	6. ACW (ACT Unit) advising Mrs Margaret Reeson appointed Moderator UC of NSW
27/10/00	7. ACW (Qld Unit) re ACW leaflets
27/10/00	8. ACW (Qld Unit) minutes meeting 25/9/00
31/10/00	9. ACW (NSW Unit) minutes meeting 21/8/00
3/11/00	10. ACW (ACT Unit) update on Edith Ridge's health – our 'best' prayers needed
3/11/00	11. D. Ferrier WKS Trustees report for meeting 10/11/00 & copy of letter from NSW Unit
6/11/00	12. Women's Action Alliance (Aust) Inc re IVF for single women
7/11/00	13. Senator Jocelyn Newman nomination forms for the Order of Australia
7/11/00	14. Mollie Jean Hunt thank you for Get Well card

PUBLICATIONS:

^CWC Newsletter Jul/Aug/Sept

Aust. Dom. &amp; Family Violence Clearing House newsletter to M. Ellis

Women With Disabilities Australia report to M. Ellis

Nungalinga News

NEWS#17

Outwards:

18/10/00	1. Women's NEWS Survey completed
23/10/00	2. B. Lacy arrangements for visit 9/11 <sup>th</sup> November
23/10/00	3. Joan Puzey (WA) thank you for suggesting 'sponsored by' on orders of service
23/10/00	4. Circular 2000/9 to all State and Territory Units
28/10/00	5. Mollie Jean Hunt Get Well card after operation

**Financial Report for month ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2000**

Balance 1-10-00			3,544.89
<b>Receipts</b>			
Fellowship Day Offering, Alice Springs Branch		98.00	
Reimbursed postage, ACT & Q Units		11.60	
Sales - "Circle of Prayer" (incl GST \$41.00)	451.00		
"Many Prayer, One Prayer" (incl GST \$12.60)	138.60		
"A Legend & A Legacy" (incl GST \$4.80)	52.80		
"FLC Badges" (incl GST \$3.00)	33.00	675.40	785.00
			<u>4,329.89</u>
<b>Payments</b>			
Circle of Prayer Volume 15 - Postage		177.50	
Many Prayer, One Prayer plus Postage		547.30	
Petty Cash - Minute Secretary, M Crawford		52.60	777.40
Balance 31-10-00			<u>3,552.49</u>
Balance cheque account as per bank statement	3,552.49		
Term Deposit maturing 31-1-01	5,151.29		
Term Deposit maturing 23-2-01	6,162.04		
Total Balance 31-10-00	14,865.82		
<b>DESIGNATED FUNDS SUMMARY</b>			
Administration	2,588.80		
Fellowship of the Least Coin	33.00		
WKS - Bursary Book	25.00		
Fellowship Day	98.00		
National Conference Fund	9,364.92		
Overseas Conference Fund	2,756.10		
	<u>\$14,865.82</u>		