

MINUTES of Council Meeting, held at Pitt Street Congregational Church, on Monday 21st March, 1977, at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Lt. Col. E.K. Baker, President, (in the Chair) and 48 members and visitors.

APOLOGIES: as listed in the Attendance Register.

OPENING OF MEETING: Following devotional readings and prayers, the President welcomed several new members and visitors, and asked members of the Executive to stand and introduce themselves.

MINUTES: of the previous meeting, held on 21st February, 1977, were read and confirmed.

SPECIAL BUSINESS: The Hon. Secretary advised that copies of the proposed Constitution of "AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN-NSW STATE UNIT" had been circulated among members together with copies of two Resolutions which the Executive recommended for acceptance, to enable the Council to function under the new title. Following discussion, Miss Mitchell moved- (a) that the existing Constitution be amended by substituting the suggested draft for the existing Constitution; (b) that the present Council and officers continue until the first meeting of the Council under the amended Constitution. This was seconded by Deaconess Andrews and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was received:-

From the Presbyterian Women's Association, Catholic Women's League and Salvation Army, advising their representatives to Council for this year; Mrs. Major I. Hill, advising her inability to continue in office as Convenor of Promotion; Mrs. O. Moores, Secretary St. George Area branch, A.C.W., advising of her appointment to this office, to succeed the late Mrs. Grace Pack, and requesting supply of printed material.

FINANCE: The Hon. Treasurer presented the Statement of Receipts & Payments, 7th - 28th February, and moved its reception; this was agreed to. Mention was made of the Delegates' Travel Fund, to which contributions were invited.

A.C.W. WORKING COMMITTEE: On behalf of the Executive, the Hon. Secretary presented names of those ladies who were recommended for nomination as members of the Working Committee of A.C.W., to be appointed at the National Committee Meeting in Perth in July.

CONVENORS' REPORTS: These were presented by Deaconess Andrews, W.K.S.; Mrs. R. Stanhope, F.L.C. and Mrs. J. Curtin, Publicity and received.

ANNUAL MEETING: Members were reminded that, at the Annual Meeting on April 18th, office-bearers, convenors and representatives to other bodies would be appointed. Nominations were invited, to be in the Hon. Secretary's hands prior to the meeting if possible.

PRESIDENT: Deaconess Andrews moved that Mrs. E. Baker be invited to continue in office as President for another year. This was seconded by Mrs. Bent, and carried unanimously and with acclamation. Mrs. Baker indicated her willingness to accept this invitation, and expressed her thanks to the Council for their confidence and support.

ANNUAL SERVICE: It was agreed to arrange for a Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication to be held on Monday morning, May 30, 1977. Detailed arrangements were left in the hands of the Executive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Invitations were extended as follows:-

A meeting at St. James' Church, Forest Lodge, March 24, at 8.00 p.m., when Dr. Ray Davey, founder of Corrymeela Community would speak.

A morning function, arranged by the A.B.M. Women's Auxiliary, to meet and hear Dr. Alix Reindorp, at St. James' Hall, Phillip St., Sydney, on 21st April, at 10.30 a.m.

Morning Tea, arranged by W.I.Z.O., Tuesday May 3, 9.45 a.m., at the War Memorial Centre, Darlinghurst; Guest of Honour-Mrs. Aya Dinstein.

At the conclusion of business, the President invited the Hon. Secretary to speak about her recent visit to New Zealand. Miss Mitchell told of her very happy meeting in Christchurch with several members of the Women's Committee of the National Council of Churches of N.Z., and of attending the World Day of Prayer Service in Dunedin.

CLOSURE: The President closed the meeting with the Benediction at 12.50 p.m.

Confirmed: *Lana Sparks*
Date . . . 18. 4. 77 . . .