



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

Minutes of Meeting held Monday 15 September 2003 at 76 Abernethy Rd Belmont

The meeting commenced at 10am.

Chair Lee Edwards.

Present Barbara Bourhill, Olive Dell, Phillis Dolling, Lee Edwards, Margaret Ker, Leeola Loughnan, Marie Majoor, Sheila Mellar, Laurel Pearce, Janet Watts, Leila Wilson

Apologies None

Devotions Lee Edwards led members in a reflection on Ephesians: 13-22. Members shared their thoughts on themes of peace and unity as experienced during our term of office.

Minutes of Previous Meeting Special Days Report: *Delete* New South Wales *Insert* South Australian

Business Arising none

Correspondence List attached.

Inward: Item 30: Leeola expressed appreciation to South Australian Unit for notifying her of duplication of motion in Conference Working Papers and advised that a motion from South Australia which had been omitted in error would become the new motion 6. Units to be advised of this in Circular. See also Inward Correspondence Items 48 and 49.

REPORTS

President (Lee Edwards) Lee gave a combined President's / Australian Women's Coalition report.

She reported that there had been no August teleconference of the Australian Women's Coalition because of the International Council of Women Conference. She had attended the opening ceremony of this and had participated in the hospitality evening. She had also attended the Water Wise seminar organised by NCW.

Motion: That the National Executive of Australian Church Women agree to the incorporation of the Australian Women's Coalition under the proposed Constitution was carried.

Applications to join the Coalition have been received from the National Council of Jewish Women, the Australian Women Lawyers and the Salvation Army.

Input from the Victorian Unit for Grandparenting project much appreciated.

Any input on UN special themes needs to be forwarded to Lee urgently please.

Work proceeding on Conference preparation. Input from younger women on Conference motions is being pursued.

Vice Presidents Leila Wilson and Barbara Bourhill reported that they had had a busy month with Conference preparations.

Secretary (Leeola Loughnan) 72 are attending the Conference, some not for the full time. 68 to attend Government House Morning Tea.

Treasurer (Sheila Mellar) No report as books still with auditor.

Publicity/ Publications (Phillis Dolling)

◆ Issue 7 despatched . 500 copies. Printing \$160.00, postage \$68.65.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm reconvening at approximately 1pm..

Fellowship of the Least Coin (Olive Dell) Reports to Phillis for Newsletter and to Leeola for Working Papers..

Winifred Kiek Scholarship/ Trust (Janet Watts)

Correspondence in: Margaret Greenslade(re Scholar), Elizabeth Kinrade (re Christina's itinerary), Kath Pearce(re Christina's itinerary). Correspondence out: Margaret Greenslade, Elizabeth Kinrade, Kath Pearce. Finance: In hand \$1.15, from Treasurer \$20, stamps \$1.50.

There will only be one Scholar as second successful candidate had to withdraw because she could only get a visa for 3 months.

Barbara Bourhill reported that she had put the Memorial Bursary Book in order.

Special Days (Marie Majoor) Letter from South Australian Unit accepting invitation to prepare Order of Service for World Community Day 2004.

Social Justice (Laurel Pearce)

◆ Information from Lee re CARAD.

◆ Laurel had attended International Council of Women and National Council of Women conferences.

ACWC see correspondence..

General Business

◆ It was agreed that a sincere thank you be conveyed to all at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for their generous hospitality over the past two years.

◆ Ecumenical Service: discussion of arrangements and allocation of responsibilities.

◆ Opening presentation: Lee outlined programme for this as discussed by Presidential team.

◆ Meeting to discuss Working Papers: Monday 22 September at home of Marie Majoor. Shared lunch.

Meeting closed 3.45pm.

Minutes prepared by Margaret Ker 90 Vincent St Mt. Lawley WA 6050.

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS 2003 – Meeting held 15th September 2003

1. 18/8 Qld Unit Margaret Florence – further details of Mollie Jean Hunt for National Life Member.
2. 19/8 Archbishop Hickey's secretary advising Mrs Sue Larson, field officer for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Co-ordinator for the Commission for Australian Catholic Women will be the representative at Ecumenical service.
3. 22/8 Pat Walker re ACWC Newsletter requesting how to pay the subscription. Also to encourage other women to subscribe.
4. 22/8 Pat Walker – details of a contact person for a lady from Townsville to order bulletin. Advised contacting Qld Unit.
5. 22/8 The Coptic Orthodox Church in WA – invitation to Ecumenical service declined with regret.
6. 22/8 In Unit – A publication of National Council of Churches Australia.
7. 13/8 Jean Hambley – nomination from the ACT for the AWC representative – Jean Hambley.
8. 18/8 CWL Australia Media Release – copy to all Units in next circular.
9. 19/8 Isabel Hewitt – advising Joan Tong will be WKS Convenor and Isabel will be away to 28 Sept – Jan Harrison will receive her mail.
10. 19/8 Swanleigh – Tax Invoice for deposit for forthcoming conference.
11. 23/8 Shu-Wen, ACWC Executive Secretary advising receipt of letter to Yasuko.
12. 15/8 Lee Edwards – AWC papers to be read and sent back to Lee by 3rd October.
13. 25/8 Maureen Clark – advising she did not receive any corrections to the Minutes in 2001.
14. 25/8 ACW SA Unit Business Meeting Minutes 8th August 2003.
15. 25/8 Ronis Chapman, still keen to come to Conference.
16. 25/8 Ronis Chapman – keen to come need to discuss how much time off work. Will advise as soon as she knows.
17. 26/8 Yasuko Nakayama, Treasurer ACWC responding to letter secretary sent re Motion for Conference.
18. 26/8 Archbishop Carnley's secretary advising Bishop Brian Farran will attend the ecumenical service.
17. 26/8 Denise Zan, Wesley Mission – advising of payments for Wesley church and organist, afternoon tea.
18. 26/8 Lillian Deane, national Liaison Officer, World Day of Prayer, Australia advising she is unable to attend the Conference and Jan Graham will be her representative.
19. 27/8 Yasuko Nakayama – further discussion re Signature Campaign.
20. 27/8 Lee Edwards requesting info about our new Life members.
21. 27/8 Pat Walker – replying to a letter secretary sent to her re ACWC position.
22. 28/8 Lee Edwards – advising on Wildflower Tours.
23. 01/9 ACW NSW Council Meeting Minutes 16th June 2003.
24. 02/9 ACW NSW Council Meeting Minutes 18th August 2003.
25. 01/9 Pat Walker advising she had sent ACWC Treasurer's Report to NE Treasurer.
26. 02/9 ACW QLD Meeting Minutes 28th July.
27. 02/9 ACW VIC News.
28. 02/9 CWL WA Bev Macri, secretary advising members will be attending Ecumenical service.
29. 03/9 Barbara Lacy – advising all is well with her daughter's pregnancy.
30. 04/9 Coralie Wright, ACW SA – advising their motion will take about 15-20 minutes. Also 'lost' motion.
31. 04/9 Elizabeth Kinrade, ACW VIC – will prepare Morning Devotions on Tuesday 7th October.
32. 04/9 Kath Pearce – advising deaths of Pat Dodd and Mattie Balk.
33. 04/9 ACW VIC advising their Council is happy to accept invitation to take over the role of National Executive from 2005-2007.
34. 04/9 Eunice Reidy – re accommodation after tour.
35. 05/9 Pat Walker – ACWC August Update – copy to all Units in next circular.
36. 05/9 ACW News.
37. 05/9 Shu-Wen, ACWC Executive Secretary – commenting on complete annual financial report in future, especially the contribution of the member countries.
38. 08/9 Lee Edwards – re Government House Morning Tea invitations.
39. 04/9 Lee Edwards – re Government House Morning Tea information.
40. 05/9 Swanleigh – Abi – advising of only 3 houses available for our conference.
41. 06/9 Shu-Wen, ACWC – advising me that we have not caused any trouble with our questions.
42. 08/9 Janet Watts – re bookshop at conference.
43. 10/9 ACW TAS Minutes of meeting 7th July.
44. 10/9 ACW WA Minutes of meeting 15th August.
45. 11/9 Lee Edwards re numbers for Morning Tea plus other info.
46. 11/9 Ruth Burmester – advising she is unable to attend Conference but sending her thoughts and prayers.
47. 11/9 Sr Marie Craddock, advising receipt of Working Papers, staying a few days after Conference.
48. 13/9 Maureen Clark, accepting secretary's apology for losing copy of motion. Advising South Australia's comments on Motions for Conference.
49. 13/9 Maureen Clark – copy of motion – to be advised in circular.
50. 13/9 Pat Walker Motion 12 no reference to annual affiliation fee to ACWC

TELEPHONE CALLS RECEIVED:

1. Churches of Christ Delegate is Eunice Reidy.
2. Pat Smeeton and friend attending ecumenical service
3. Joyce Sands – National Council of Women attending service.
4. Brian Bull – St VdeP President attending service.
5. Brian and Pat Bull attending Conference dinner.
6. Margaret Ullman accepting invitation to Ecumenical service.
7. Greg Harris, Swanleigh, secretary to phone Monday morning re accommodation.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

1. 20/8 Yasuko Nakayama, Treasurer ACWC – advising of Motion 12 and asking her for further information on monies received from World Community Day. Attached Motion 12 for her reference.
2. 23/8 Revd Eira Clapton, invitation to Ecumenical Service.
3. 23/8 Margaret Ullman, invitation to service.
4. 23/8 Mollie Smith, invitation to service.
5. 23/8 Mrs Marilyn Garlett, Uniting Church invitation to service. (per Phillis)
6. 23/8 Mrs Agren, Ufloreat Uniting Church Ladies Fellowship – invitation to service.
7. 23/8 Edith Ridge, Archivist, asking for advice re Unit and National Executive files, postage, etc.
- 23/8 YWCA Australia National Office – change of Secretary
9. 23/8 Fr Paul Baczynski, Cross Roads Community, WA, advising World Community Day Project.
10. 23/8 Presbyterian Ladies College Sydney, advising World Community Day Project.
- 23/8 Brian Bull, President St VdeP Society, invitation to service and Conference Dinner.
12. 23/8 Revd Eira Clapton advising times at Conference for Bible Study.
13. 23/8 Mrs Denise Zan, Perth Wesley Mission, confirming booking for Wesley Church and organist, afternoon tea at Wesley Centre and info on payments for same.
14. 23/8 Pat Walker advising info on Registration form and motions for the Conference, and info on Christina.
15. 23/8 Eunice Reidy, advising of telephone call re Delegate for Women's ministries, Churches of Christ and also accommodation after conference.
16. 23/8 Albert Logan, Herrain Photographic Studio, re photograph to be taken on Monday afternoon.
17. 23/8 Elizabeth Stokes, girls Brigade, WA, re Conference.
18. 06/9 Abi at Swanleigh re letter direct to Greg about accommodation.
Letter to Greg, advising we would not accept new accommodation arrangements.
19. 06/9 Copies of Unit and National Executive devotions to members involved in the organising of same.
20. 11/9 Abi at Swanleigh advising the numbers are ready and to make appointment for Margaret Ker and Lecola to visit Swanleigh to organise accommodation.