

MINUTES OF MEETING OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
HELD IN THE SALVATION ARMY MEETING ROOM, BARKER RD. SUBIACO ON
MONDAY, 31ST. OCTOBER, 1988 AT 10.00 A.M.

PRESENT: Rev.L.Edwards (Pres.) B.Bourhill, F.Hunt, M.Napier, A.Stewart,
J.Watts, L.Wilson, V.Wilson.

APOLOGIES: O. Dell and D.Gibson.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Mary Box.

OPENING: Rev.L.Edwards spoke of some of her experiences during her visit to Tzairé and then led us in a meditative prayer from "Praying Together" published by the community.

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held on 3rd.October, 1988 as circulated were ratified on motion of V.Wilson, seconded A.Stewart subject to the following alterations;

1. Page 1 under 'Present' the name of M.Napier should be included.
2. " " under 'outward correspondence' item 3 insert 'Miss M. Pittman's' between remove.....name.
3. " 2 1st. paragraph -line 3 - Instead of 'S.A.Unit' should read 'A.C.T. Unit.'

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 1989:

A considerable amount of time was put into planning evening programmes and Bible studies. A list of possible speakers and Bible study leaders was drawn up and these people will now be approached.

RE STELLA MIN:

W.K.S. convener reported she had rung Dorothy Haensel to see, if she had further news of Stella. Dorothy had advised her to contact Margery Crawford which she had done. A letter had now been received from her stating that John and Betty Helm do not advise trying to get a work permit for Stella Min at this time. This has been confirmed by a phone call to Rev.F.Way of the Burmese congregation in Rivervale W.A. His advise is also no work permit at this time. However he will talk to members of his congregation and be in touch again.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 88.9.1 Inward mail was received as follows:
1. 13/10 W.A.Unit advising nomination of Mrs.May O'Brien for Fellowship for Aboriginal Woman and enclosing information on her qualifications.
 2. 24/10 Tasmanian Unit advising contact name for A.C.W.leaflets and change of order for A.C.W.News.
 3. Minutes of Tasmanian Unit Meeting August 22.
 4. Minutes of Victorian Unit meeting August 26 and enclosing copy of their Newsletter.
 5. Minutes of W.A.Unit meeting September 9.
 6. Minutes of Queensland Unit meeting September 26 and October 24.
 7. Australian Council of Churches minutes September 1 and Agenda November 1.
 8. W.A. Women's Desk of Conf.of Churches of W.A. with Network News and pamphlet on Ecumenical Decade Churches in Solidarity with Women.
 9. Minutes of Aust. Christian Women's Fellowship September 12.
 10. 9/10 Status of Women News Release - Grants for Women now open and enclosing application form.
 11. Sport 88 Newspaper.
 12. Human Rights Newsletter - September
 13. 26/9 Min.for SS. - Unemployment Benefit numbers drop.
Mins.criticises 'one-stop'poverty judgements.
 14. Letter received from National Women's Consultative Council asking if they should put our name on the ir mailing list.

CORRESPONDENCE (cont'd)

88.9.1 Outward mail was endorsed as follows:

1. 20/10 Miss B.Grant re Address at Opening Service at Conference.
2. 20/10 Vic.Unit thanking them for information re Burma contact in W.A.
3. 20/10 Queensland Unit re Circle of Prayer booklets, spoons and contact person for A.C.W. Leaflets.
4. 20/10 Kingswood College re Conference.
5. 20/10 Tasmanian Unit re contact person for A.C.W. leaflets.
6. 20/10 S.A. Unit re contact person for A.C.W. leaflets.
7. 20/10 A.C.T. Unit re contact person for A.C.W. leaflets and request for copies of minutes.
8. 20/10 Mrs.B.Grealy re reports being ratified by National Executive before being presented to A.C.W.C.
9. 27/10 Father Bishop re use of St.Thomas More Chapel for Opening Service for Conference.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward:

10. Decided to send further application for grant to help finance Aboriginal Fellowship, but asking for lesser amount.

The President indicated that she had received 2 invitations during the month.

1. Marked 'information only' from N.S.W. Unit re Bicentenary Service.
2. Invitation to "Women 88 Awards" from chairman of Bicentennial Committee to presentation of these Awards at a Dinner and Entertainment at the Hilton Hotel, Melbourne. As President is unable to attend this Dinner, it was agreed that contact the President of Vic. Unit to see if she would like to represent the Nat. President at this function.

FINANCE: (F.Hunt)

88.9.2 Treasurer's Correspondence.

Nil.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD 1.10.88 TO 31.10.88

ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL

BROUGHT FORWARD	R. & I. CHEQUE ACCOUNT	\$3828.90
	" GOLDEN ACCOUNT	4000.00
		<u>7828.90</u>

RECEIPTS:

Sale Circle of Prayer	\$4.00	4.00
		<u>7832.40</u>

PAYMENTS:

Petty Cash - J.Watts	100.00	
Canning Bridge Pnt. - A.C.W. Ne	72.00	172.00
		<u>BALANCE \$7660.90</u>

FELLOWSHIP DAY:

BROUGHT FORWARD	NIL.
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RECEIPTS:

A.C.T. Unit	200.00
	<u>BALANCE \$200.00</u>

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS:

Admin. & General	\$7660.90
F.L.C.	3668.28
World Community Day	151.72
National Conference	6864.66
Overseas Conference	1652.83
Fellowship Day.	200.00
W.K.S.	606.90
	<u>\$20805.90</u>

IMPRESTS:

The following imprests were made.
 B.Bourhill \$100
 L.Wilson 50
 A.Stewart 75
 F.Hunt moved, seconded M.Napier,
 That Treasurer's report be
 endorsed, that \$1500 of Admin. &
 General Funds be transferred to
 Golden A/c at 8% and that imprests
 be made.

FINANCE (cont'd.)

Treasurer mentioned that as yet she had only received W.K.S. monies from W.A. and A.C.T. Units. Secretary was requested to notify all Units that monies for both Fellowship and Community Days should be forwarded as soon as possible and also orders and money for A.C.W.C Bulletins.

88.9.3

REPORTS:F.L.C. (J.Watts)

Correspondence: Inwards: F.L.C. convener N.S.W.
" " Tasmania.

Outwards: Parcel from Shirih.
Parcels of brochures and prayer cards to
N.S.W., Queensland, Victoria, Sth. Aust. Tasmania and W.A.

Janet reported that a further parcel of F.L.C. leaflets and prayer cards had been received which she had divided and distributed to State Units.

PUBLICATIONS: (B.Bourhill)Correspondence: Inwards-

National Library of Aust.
National Women's Consultative Council (handed to Secretary)
A.C.W.C. (Barbara Grealy)
Queensland Minutes.
Victorian Minutes/Directory Newsletter.

Barbara expressed her thanks to all Units for contributions during the year and apologised to those items have not yet been published.

NOTE: One parcel of 20 September issues returned to me as address label which I had put on apparently came off. Whoever missed out on these can have them if you let me know.

SPECIAL DAYS: (O.Dell)

Convener reported that she expected to have copies of Fellowship Day Service available for next Meeting. Sth. Aust. Unit have advised that they are happy to accept the challenge of preparing the World Community Day Service for 1989 with the theme "Bridging the Gap."

W.K.S. (A.Stewart)Correspondence: Inwards:

1. Susanna Setae -Uniting Church in P.N.G. and Sol. Islands re Scholarship.
2. Dorothy Haensel -encl. Minutes and Financial Statement of W.K.S. Trust.
3. Put Petersen.
4. Marjorie Crawford re Stella Min.
5. Youth with a Mission, Madras.

Outward:

1. Failautusi M. Teb'ati -notifying W.K.S. offer.
- 2.3.4. Judith Vusi, Rachel Toa, Nese Palata - regret.
- 5.6.7.8.9. Mona Tangulu, Lana Demauna, Vinasi Aleve, Alice Athy, Eileen Jellico - Acknowledgment.
10. Dr. S. Devadason - Thanks.
11. Dr. Paul Gupta - thanks.
12. Beth Walpole - C.S.I. thanks
13. Mr. Ian Liu - Youth with a Mission - Madras -thanks.
14. Prema Benjamin- ChristaSeva Vidhyalaya, Madras - thanks.

One more application has been received since October 3rd. -but again too late. Letter has been sent to Failautusi Teb'ati offering her scholarship and letters of regret sent to other applicants. Preliminary enquiries have been made at the Australian Business College and Edwards Business College and Perth Tech. for suitable courses for Failautusi, also best way for her to travel to Australia from Kiribati. It is hoped that all details will be finalised soon. Sub-committee to meet on 17th. November, 1988 when it is expected that we will have received replies from Failautusi to questions we have asked and that costs will have been worked out.

88.9.3 REPORTS: (A.Stewart) cont'd.

re RASHMIRA A letter has been received from Rut Peterson with news of the Mahayans. Kaji did not have eye surgery after all, but steroid treatment to which he has responded favourably. Both he and Rashmira are in good health and spirits. However there is a cloud hanging over them politically. Kaji, because of his activities as a deacon, has to appear before the Supreme Court at the end of November. They are in great need of being upheld in prayer. Rashmira cannot settle down to thinking about any training until this trauma is over. ^{regard} With to a course for Rashmira, another Training College in India has been in touch- "Youth with a Mission in Madras. They advise of courses being run by them in Katmandu itself and in Calcutta. These are worth investigating as they would be more convenient for Rashmira.

89.9.4 GENERAL BISOMESS:

A.C.W.C.BULLETINS Orders and monies for these Bulletins should be in our hands no later than the 5th December, 1988

A.C.W.C. Representative: Secretary reported that after searching Minutes, Rule Book etc. she can find no guidelines as to the role of the A.C.W.C. representative. She will write to previous National Executive to see if they can supply any information.

re Incorporation: President reported that she had received a phone call from Joan Adcock (A.C.T.Unit) that the committee will be meeting with a lawyer in the near future and hope to be able to supply information or recommendation early in the New Year.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 28TH, NOVEMBER, 1988 IN THE SALVATION ARMY MEETING ROOM, BARKER ROAD, SUBIACO.

The meeting closed with the Benediction at 2.50 p.m.

Signed.....Date.....

A Edwards 28/11/88