

COUNCIL MEETING 18th Sept. 1978 of A.C.W.N.S.W. Unit. at 139 Castlereagh St.

Sydney.

The President led in devotions, then

Welcomed any branch visitors to open day for branches, Mrs. Goodwin North Ryde, Mrs. Pinchin Roseville, Mrs. Crooks, Lane Cove, and Mrs. Eileen Shead from N.Z. Church Women.

Apologies. Mrs. Savage, Brig. Smith, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. J. Baker, Dame Monica Gallagher, Mrs. Perriam, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. Vickery, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Stahhope. *Mrs. Stahhope*

There were 33 ladies present.

The President thanked Miss Blackwell for acting in the ^{Secretary's} ~~President's~~ absence the previous month. Mrs. Woodhouse, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Udy had been in Tonga for World Fed. Methodist Women Area meeting, Miss Mitchell in Samoa for Pan Pacific Conf. Mrs. King and Mrs. Ridley in Melbourne for Pacific Area Conf. for Baptists

Minutes of meeting 21st Aug. were read and confirmed.

Business Arising. The 'Simpler Lifestyle' discussion report had been forwarded to Working Committee as N.S.W. 'Theme', as recommended by National Committee.

It was recommended from Executive that in Celebration Year 1980 F.L.C. be featured as the main theme, and this to be indicated to Working Committee.

The National Council of Women had recommended that we urge that the new Child Welfare Bill be brought before Parliament before next Budget. Mrs. McCann indicated this was not now necessary as Elections were to be held, but to be followed up if it arises later.

Correspondence. Inwards.

Uniting Church nomination of reps.

Baptist Church nomination of reps.

Tamworth Branch

Working Committee Minutes and Women at Work Aug.

List of Church Women United. F.L.C. List of Projects last year.

Major Venables Good Neighbour Council information.

~~Material~~ Festival of Light re Mary Whitehouse's visit.

Women's Coffee-Morning-Child Care week. in Oct. Luncheon.

Outwards.

Baptist Women's Fellowship re Mrs. McCann to attend Rally.

To Mrs. Rachael Cocksas requested re voting rights, also copy to Mrs. Dougherty.

Financial Report. The Secretary indicated A/cs which had been agreed to being paid from the Executive meeting. Children's Films and T.V. Council, Nat. Council of Women, and another \$85 to Overseas Travel Fund, and \$500 to Inv. Sav. A/c.

Convenors Reports. Deaconess reported on the W.K.S. and Mrs. Benton F.L.C. Sec and the F.L.C. Collection was taken following devotional. Mrs. Lean spoke on promotions, and Mrs. Ridley on Publicity.

Tea Roster. Council was asked to take it in turns on roster, ~~and three ladies agreed to attend to the tea next meeting from Lane Cove.~~

A sub-committee had been meeting re the 6th Nov. Celebration. It was indicated that the invitations had been printed, and each denomination to accept responsibility for distributing to their own members, as they were handed out to Council. It was indicated organizational bodies would ^{have them} be posted to them. Mrs. McCann gave the suggested menu, and asked members to fill in on the sheet going round which they were prepared to do to assist on the night. Information was sought about addresses of Past Presidents. It was hoped to have an Historical Exhibition, of interesting material. It was hoped the monitor would be available to show the A.C.W. programme that was on T.V. Otherwise other arrangements to be made.

Nov. 3rd. Meeting at Chatswood Central Uniting Church at 10.30a.m. organized by Margaret Ralph of the Working Committee, to hear Win Dougherty's Report Back for North Shore people mainly, from the Tokyo Conference. She had arranged with Chatswood/Willoughby Branch to serve tea for basket lunch for all, before a Uniting Church meeting to be held at 1p.m. This report would be different to the State Unit one, and anyone interested was invited.

Mrs. Dougherty had been asked to report back on 20th Nov. at Council meeting, we would also farewell Barkat Dass, our Winifred Kiek Scholar, if she was here. It was agreed to take up a silver coin collection for Barkat, so that the Sec. and Pres. could buy her a bracelet to be inscribed as a remembrance gift from the ladies of N.S.W. State Unit. This was then collected. It was indicated personal Australian gifts might be useful for her to take home, also for friends. There would not be a meeting in Oct. owing to World Community Day Services. A list of where services were to be held was circulated, and ladies asked to fill in necessary information for publicity. If possible ladies to bring a greeting from the Unit at each centre.

Mrs. McCann reported on the worthwhile mornings she attended on our behalf -- the pan Pacific report at which Miss Mitchell was one speaker, also the

Baptist Women's Rally.

Mrs. McCann then asked Mrs. Dougherty to come forward, and gave her some flowers, and a pen to write her reports, at the Asian Church Women's Conference, which she would be attending 10th-15th Oct, in Tokyo. Mrs. Dougherty responded, and mentioned some of the difficulties the team from Australia were facing, as the planning went ahead. It was first time since Olga Badger attended in 1966 N.S.W. had had a representative. She asked for our prayers.

The Report Day followed. Mrs. Lt. Col. Baker reported on the National Council of Women meetings. Major Venables reported on the Good Neighbour Council, a worthwhile Conference she had attended last year, changes were happening, and in August meeting reported that the Government phase out the G.N.C. and migrants will be looked after under the umbrella of the Dept. of Immigration, and Ethnic Affairs, and G.N.C. wound up by 30th June 1979. Home Tutor scheme is hoped to continue through Govmt. centres.

Eng. Ward told of N.S.W. Council for Children's Films and T.V. and its problems of reorganising, to a workable organization.

Women's World Day of Prayer report was given by Mrs. Lean, -packing day, and help needed on 6th Nov. for preparing orders of service to be sent out. Deaconess has slides of Zambia International Meeting available.

Following the affiliated organizations reports, the branches then gave their reports. Mrs. Udy gave information from Parramatta, Mrs. Griffiths from Lane Cove/Longueville., Mrs. DeWit from Roseville/Lindfield/Killara, Mrs. Jessup had been present from Turramurra/Wahroonga, and Mrs. Goodwin from North Ryde where services are held. Mrs. Green reported from Epping, Mrs. Morgan from City Branch, Mrs. Fishburn from Bankstown, Mrs. Woodhouse from Chatswood/Willoughby. The Travel Fund tin is available for donations.

Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Curtin and Mrs. Green for being so faithfully in arranging the tea arrangements for our meetings. Three Lane Cove ladies will attend to it at our Nov. meeting. Mrs. Lean, Mrs. Griffiths and Mrs. Chambers

Mrs. Shead from New Zealand gave a greeting, she had attended Women's World Day of Prayer meeting in Zambia. Next meeting Nov. 20th. 10.30a.m. The meeting closed at 12:45 with the Benediction.

...M. McCann...President.

20th Nov. 1978.