

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - N.S.W. STATE UNIT.

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street Sydney on Monday, September 18 1995.

OPENING: President Lucelle King welcomed members and especially new members to the Council - Mrs. Jan Harrison (Anglican), Rev. Alison Todd (Uniting) and Mrs. Pat Sutton, representative of Sutherland Shire Branch.

43 members present - 23 apologies, as recorded in attendance roll.

Mrs King based her devotions on Matthew 5:14-16 - 'You are the light of the world'.

BRANCH REPORTS: Presidents and Secretaries of Branches presented Reports.

Bass Hill: supports Fellowship of Least Coin, several men attend Services.

Chatswood Willoughby: Endeavouring to boost their numbers - encouraged that

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Chatswood will be the host for World Community Day after an absence of several years. (Report tabled.)

City - Service to be held at Polding House.

Dee Why: Venue changed because of fire damage - Lucelle King to speak.

Camden; New Branch commenced by Lucelle King - 40 at World Community Day 1994 and 100 at Fellowship Day. Proposal to have an evening service at Campbelltown

for World Community Day thus allowing women who are working to attend.(Report tabled)

Du lwich Hill - meeting 26 October - hoping for increased attendance.

Epping: Branch has very happy and co-operative meetings. (Report tabled.)

Killara-Lindfield: functioning well. (Report tabled.)

Lane Cove-Longueville: Very active Branch but requiring younger members to take over. (Report tabled)

Seven Hills-Toongabbie: functioning well - (Report tabled)

Strathfield-Homebush: Functioning well (Report tabled)

Sutherland Shire Branch: " " " "

Terrigal: " " " "

Turramurra-Wahroonga: Active Branch -(Report tabled)

Woollahra: Goodwin Village residents support Fellowship Day and World Community Day Services - support FLC - and the prayers from Fellowship Day Services have been used at other ecumenical services because of their suitability.(Report tabled)

Parramatta: - functioning well

"BRAIN STORMING THE CONVENERS: Members were asked to question the Conveners regarding any queries they might have regarding Fellowship of the Least Coin, Winifred Kiek Scholarship, etc.

Joan Tong explained the significance of ACWC - Asian/<sup>Church</sup>Women's Conference and how important it was that we support them - N.S.W. Unit is asked to contribute \$500 per year. Branches to be encouraged to support this Fund.

Australian Church Women(National Executive)are to contribute \$10.000 to the 1st National Ecumenical Aboriginal Christian Women's Conference to be held 2-10 December 1995, at the University of N,.S.W.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: No annual subscription required. It is a Fellowship of Prayer - collections received at World Community Day. Shirley Wells said she had special collection boxes available, Fellowship of Least Coin brooches and literature.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Rev. Kiek's vision to enable Asian and Pacific Island young women to have further theological and other training in Australia was explained and through this Scholarship thirty scholars have benefitted and have been able to return to their home countries able to share the knowledge gained. The Scholarship commenced in 1965.

NEWSETTE: Beryl McLauchlin said she is always pleased to receive contributions which may be of interest to subscribers .

The Minutes of Meeting of August 28 were confirmed - after corrections Mrs. Mabel Wyllie - Mrs. Athalie Ford.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. FLOWER FESTIVAL - 8-11 SEPTEMBER: Thanks to Peg Blake for arrangement of flowers, Mina Whybourne and Bev Elliott for involvement in transport, etc Peg's arrangement of yellow and blue flowers was very lovely - the verse chosen "And now these three remain, faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love". 1 Cor. 13:13. Bev Elliott had the opportunity to extend our greetings and good wishes to Mrs. Sinclair who had opened the Festival.
2. STATE CONFERENCE - 16/17 MAY 1996: Marie McCann reported arrangements in hand. Conference venue booked - Salvation Army Centre, Stanmore. Numbers limited to 45 - with some overnight accommodation.
3. ACWC SERVICE - MONDAY NOVEMBER 20 - CAMPSIE SALVATION ARMY CITADEL:  
Each denomination to send invitations to Churches in the area.  
Council members to bring plate for morning tea. Baptist ladies to serve tea/coffee for morning tea and lunch.  
Suggested programme:
 

9.45 morning tea
10.30 Service
12.00 Council meeting and lunch (bring a sandwich)
1.30 Conclude
4. NCW CENTENARY AWARD SPONSORSHIP: NCW delighted that we will contribute \$500 towards an Award to a young lady who shows great promise.  
AGM - September 28 - Peg McIntee to be speaking about Beijing Conference.
5. CALENDARS: available for sale @ \$8.00.
6. SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY: 9TH OCTOBER; Room to be prepared on Saturday Oct 7 - Members volunteered to assist and two required to serve tea on Monday. Other arrangement in hand.

BUSINESS FROM EXECUTIVE:

1. Recommendations from 1994 State Conference - is every representative implementing these?  
Denominational groups - reminder re "task force" - that every member be active in supporting and implementing ACW programmes.
2. WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - PACKING DAY - Monday October 16 - volunteers required - Bible House, 93 Bathurst Street, from 9 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE - INWARDS

1. NCW - Plans for Centenary.
2. Aboriginal Christian Women's Conference data (copies available)
3. National Minutes - August 11 - Iluminada Domingo (ACWC Secretary\_ is planning a trip to Australia in 1997 - we to suggest Executive and Council dates as appropriate dates to meet with her.)
4. Habitat for Humanity information.
5. In Unity from National Council of Churches.
6. ACW News - September/October - a copy for all members.
7. Awakening 1995 - Special March for Jesus - Easter 1996.
8. PWA - list of representatives for 1995/1996.
9. Letter from Mrs. Joan Macleod - who had visited Vanuatu and met Miss Rachel Rolland - WKS Scholar 1995. (very impressed with her.)
10. Australian Board of Missions - Notice of meeting on 27 Sept. 10.30 a.m. C.M.S. Conference room - 10.30 a.m.
11. YWCA - "Business Women of Today" Breakfast - 11 October. Sandra Yates will speak on Beijing Conference. Information for YWCA as Conference Centre.
12. Shalom - copy of Newsletter. Grant - US\$6,000 received from FLC.

CORRESPONDENCE (Cont.)

13. The Mothers' Union - In Form.  
14. Presbyterian Market Day - 4th October 1995.at Showground.  
Free bus 052 from Eddy Avenue - 9.30 to 2 p.m.

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT; Finances satisfactory. Offering from ACWC service on November 20 to be given to ACWC Partners.  
ACWC Bulletin subscriptions are due - \$8 - required by November meeting.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells reported that Grants for 1995 had been approved and were listed in Leaflet received by members - grants for 1994 shown on Excerpts from Treasurer's Report sheet.  
Shirley led devotional prepared by Canada.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP; No information received from Trustees re future plans.

PROMOTION: All Services distributed for World Community Day.

NEWSETTE: Deadline for items for publication 9th October (Spiritual Enrichment Day).

BRANCHES: Beth Finlay - letter to all Branches going forward shortly .

ACWC SERVICE: Invitations available.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Margaret Jessup had received some delightful photographs of the women of Mbale, Zambia with the sewing machines sent by Rotary - the machines had opened new initiatives to the women.

DEACONESS MARY ANDREWS: A Biography written by Mrs. Margaret Lamb is to be launched by Mrs. Shirley Sinclair on 6th December in St. Andrews House at 3 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: COUNCIL: November 20, Campsie Salvation Army, Anzac Square  
opposite Park, 12.00 p.m.  
Bring a sandwich.

President Lucelle thanked the Churches of Christ ladies for morning tea and the Anglicans for room setup and closed the Meeting with the Grace at 12.30 p.m .

Confirmed



20 November 1995