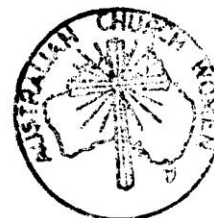


AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING, 10am 17th October 2000,
held in Koorong Bookstore Staff Room, 198 Waymouth Street, Adelaide



- WELCOME** President Mrs Marj Dredge welcomed all present.
- DEVOTIONS** Our President read from Leslie Brandt's "Psalms Now", the psalm speaking of life as a struggle but that God is in the midst of the struggle with us and we feel joy in being a child of God. Marj led in prayer.
- PRESENT** Marj Dredge in Chair, Laurice Smith, Maureen Clark, Dorothy Chapman, Margaret Greenslade, Dorothy Ferrier, Barbara Grealy, & Marj Crawford.
- APOLOGIES** Shirley Birch, Mavis Ellis and Shirley Sampson

MINUTES of the meeting of 19/9/2000 were signed as correct.

BUSINESS ARISING from the Minutes

- 1 **Web Site** - continuing to make progress.
 - 2 **ACW leaflets** - in the new year a master copy of the updated version will be sent to all state and territory units for each to print their own.
 - 3 **Aboriginal Reconciliation questionnaire** - see Social Justice Report
- CORRESPONDENCE** - on Page 3. Inwards received, Outwards endorsed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 (3) B Lacy confirming she will attend the National Executive meeting on Friday 10 November immediately after the lunch following the SA Unit's Annual Meeting.

TREASURER - Financial Report for month ending 30th September 2000

Balance 1-9-00				2,902.29
Receipts				
ACT Unit Bursary Book Donation (E Sherwin)		25.00		
NSW Unit reimbursement portion M Dredge airfare		200.00		
Interest Term Deposit		162.04		
Sales - "Circle of Prayer" (incl GST \$40.00)	440.00			
"Many Prayer, One Prayer" (incl GST \$3.60)	39.60	479.60	866.64	
				3,768.93
Payments				
ACT Unit - National Prayer Breakfast		62.00		
Reinvested Term Deposit Interest		162.04	224.04	
Balance 30-9-00				<u>3,544.89</u>
Balance cheque account as per bank statement		3,544.89		
Term Deposit maturing 31-1-01		5,151.29		
Term Deposit maturing 23-2-01		6,162.04		
Total Balance 30-9-00		<u>14,858.22</u>		
DESIGNATED FUNDS SUMMARY		2,704.20		
Administration		33.00		
Fellowship of the Least Coin		9,364.92		
National Conference Fund		<u>2,756.10</u>		
Overseas Conference Fund		<u>\$14,858.22</u>		

m D Chapman, s B Grealy that the report be accepted
 Books are still with the Auditor.

Agreed

Accounts passed for payment - that for Minute Sect, Marj Crawford for \$52.60 & those for Shirley Sampson and 'ACW News' to be paid when to hand.

Agreed

REPORTS

1 WKS Convener - Dorothy Ferrier

WKS Leaflets for all units will be posted next week

Winifred Kiek Scholar for year 2001 is Miss Celestial Lusi of Honiara in the Solomon Islands. Aged 33 she has been sponsored by the Roroni Women's Fellowship Group of the South Seas Evangelical Church (an interdenominational organisation). Celestial will be undertaking her final year of her Diploma in Theology at the Christian Leaders' Training College of Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific. Her ministry to date has included working with women and children within the women's fellowship and her local church. Sue Nitrai (2000 Scholar) has been catching up with her study following the time taken off immediately before and after her father's death and is confident that her year will finish without too much interruption.

2 FLC Convener - Margaret Greenslade

\$126 Canadian be forwarded to pay the postage on 'Circles of Prayer'.

A/c for 'Many Prayer, One Prayer' be paid.

Agreed

3 Social Justice - Mavis Ellis

I have written to all Unit Social Justice Conveners and Secretaries of NT branches with

1) a copy of a letter from Homeworkers Code of Practice re 'No Sweat Shop Information Campaign'. This seems to be an issue for State Units/Branches rather than the National Executive and I have reminded them all that it was a decision of the National Conference to support the Fairwear Campaign.

2) a recommendation that they contact the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation for a copy of 'Corroboree 2000, Towards Reconciliation' and 'Roadmap for Reconciliation' and make a commitment to the questionnaire in it. (I found it difficult to make commitments on behalf of the National Executive as we are in office for only another year but replied that I would encourage the Units/Branches to do so. I hope that we would all make a personal commitment).

3) a copy of Jean Thomson's report on the ACT workshop she attended (reported last mtg)

4) a report on the Coalition for Justice for Refugees workshop (reported before to N Exec).

The insight program on SBS last Thursday night was on the situation at Womera and amongst those interviewed were Farhad Noori employed by the SA Council of Churches to assist refugees brought to Adelaide and Scott Litchfield of UCA World & Cross Cultural Ministries. Unfortunately I didn't have the presence of mind to tape it. I intend to write personally to the Prime Minister about some of the issues raised.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1 'ACW News' - the next issue (copy required 17/11/00) will be October-December 2000

Please be aware of - A scam targeting females in particular purports to be from the Post Office asking for confirmation of their firm's postcode. When given, the person is told she is eligible for gift vouchers and her home address & postcode is needed to receive the vouchers. 90% of women who have given this information are burgled (it is assumed no one will be home during the day).

Also - you may receive a phone call from someone claiming to be an AT&T Service Technician testing the line and that you should press 90# and hang up. **Do not do so** - it gives full access to your phone line to place long distance, international or chat-line calls billed to your account. (Police have information that suggests many of these calls are emanating from local jails)

Marj Dredge closed the meeting with prayer.

Next meeting 10th November 2000 at Draper Room, Pilgrim UC following SA Unit's AGM & lunch.

National President.....

Date.....

Inwards:

- 26/9/00 1. Edith & Barry Ridge thank you
- 26/9/00 2. OSW two posters *Be Strong, Be Free, Smoke Free* anti-smoking campaign
- 28/9/00 3. B. Lacy, ACWC rep. flight arrangements for attending Nov. Nat. Exec. Meeting (using Frequent Flyer points) & copy of letter re Signature Campaign from NSW Unit
- 28/9/00 4. ACW (ACT Unit) Newsletter Oct/Nov/Dec
- 28/9/00 5. ACW (QLD Unit) minutes Unit meeting and AGM 28/8/00
- 28/9/00 6. Homeworkers Code of Practice Committee re 'No Sweat Shop Campaign'
- 3/10/00 7. Rev. Lee Edwards reply to outward corres. No 3
- 4/10/00 8. E. Kinrade thank you
- 4/10/00 9. ACW (SA Unit) minutes meeting 8/9/00
- 5/10/00 10. ACW (Vic Unit) minutes meeting 25/8/00
- 5/10/00 11. E. Walker minutes of NCCA Network on Women & Gender Relationships meeting 8/3/00 (15 pages + 4) recently received!
- 9/10/00 12. ACW (ACT Unit) request for 200 ACW leaflets with suggested alterations
- 9/10/00 13. Dept. Family & community services reply to 6 Outward, thanks for interest taken
- 11/10/00 14. ACW (ACT Unit) Executive Directory 2000
- 11/10/00 15. M. Ellis copy of ACW(ACT Unit) Social Policy report
- 12/10/00 16. ACW (NSW Unit) advising new Secretary Mrs Isabel Hewitt, 16 Hillcrest Avenue, South Strathfield NSW 2136, Edith Ridge in hospital, re ACW leaflets, visit of ACWC Exec. to Sydney prior to National Conference
- 13/10/00 17. ACW (WA Unit) minutes meeting 22/9/00
- 13/10/00 18. ACW (WA Unit) thanks for copy of Constitution and letter from member suggesting the words 'sponsored by ACW' be included on the cover of special day orders of service

Phone call

- 3/10/00 1. L.Loughnan (WA Unit) advising M. Napier in hospital with secondary cancers, please pray; request for copy of National ACW Constitution

PUBLICATIONS:

Business & Professional Women Australia/Australian Women Entrepreneurs August & September Newsletters
NEWS#15, NEWS #16 and NEWS Survey

Outwards:

- 21/9/00 1. Circular 2000/8 to all State/Territory Units
- 21/9/00 2. ACW (SA Unit) re expectations of them for National Conference
- 22/9/00 3. Rev. Lee Edwards re report on Organising Committee for 'You and Your Future Options and Opportunities' Conference
- 22/9/00 4. Get well card to Elizabeth Kinrade, Sec. Vic Unit
- 22/9/00 5. Senator Jocelyn Newman re threat to funding for Women With Disabilities Australia
- 22/9/00 6. Director, Gov. & Community Team, FACS copy of letter to Sen. Jocelyn Newman
- 9/10/00 Phone reply to No 6 Inward by M. Ellis
- 10/10/00 7. M. Ellis to all Units and NT Branches re social issues