



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. State Unit)

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney, Monday, 21 June, 1999

OPENING: The President, Rev. Elizabeth Walker, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a reading from Matthew's Gospel, Ch. 10:24, followed by a Prayer of praise and thanksgiving for many blessings; of confession for our sins; and intercession for Christ's Church in all the world.

PRESENT: 41 as recorded. A welcome was extended to new members: Roman Catholic - Daphne Peterson (State President of CWL), Mary Melville, Joyce Fren/Margo Nancarrow who will share attendance; Churches of Christ - Noelene Roose (National Liaison for World Day of Prayer, Jean Porteous, and Elaine Wilson; Anglican - Dorothy Kenning.

APOLOGIES: Major Glenys Holley, Marie McCann, Elaine Wilson, Mina Whybourne and 14 as recorded.

MINUTES: ** The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 19 April, 1999, were read and initialled and the following corrections noted: Elsie Cox represents Churches of Christ, not Congregational; Judith Cayzer's name to be deleted from Social Issues C'tee. * It was noted, with thanks, that Ruth Moore has agreed to take the position of Stock Secretary. * Brig. Ruth Smith requested replacement as delegate to the World Day of Prayer C'tee. The President thanked Ruth for representing ACW for 20 years at WDP and assured her that Council would follow up her request. * Re Newsette Manager: Marie Majoor asked to be relieved of the preparation of mailing lists for Newsette; computer skills necessary to run off labels. Volunteer sought.

** Minutes of Council Meeting of 19 April were read and confirmed on the motion of Lily Hanlon and Helen Hill.

BUSINESS ARISING from meetings of Council (19 April) and Executive (7 June):

1. **ANNUAL SERVICE OF DEDICATION:** It was agreed that a very happy, well-organised day was enjoyed by all; that the act of dedication was most meaningful; the soloist was excellent; and that the opportunity to meet the National President was appreciated after hearing her challenging message. Joan Tong recommended that in the future, attention should be given to greater publicity by all denominations and suggested that a flyer be printed for distribution.
2. **ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON:** Plans well in hand for Monday 19 July at Salvation Army HQ at 11 am. Invitations need to be handed out and publicity given.
3. **ANNUAL REPORT:** Ready for distribution, thanks to Joan Tong.
4. **ACW NATIONAL CONFERENCE:** Brisbane, 27 Sept.-1 Oct. Registration forms available. Members encouraged to attend. It was noted that the Secretary of FLC International, Esther Byu, would be present. Council ratified reg. Accommodation and Air fare for President and Secretary (delegates). Marie Majoor and Heather Reid will be Observers; Executive members attending: Shirley Wells and Mina Whybourne.
5. **ACW (NSW) HISTORY:** Marie Majoor has matter in hand.
6. **OZINDO PROJECT:** Photos from Fiona and Mia in letter from Adelaide (after cycling 2,000 k) advising that \$12,000 had been raised in the first two months of their journey to assist needy Indonesian families. Members were encouraged to support the girls; financial assistance forms still available.

7. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN - NCW AWARD AND FOUNDATION DAY LUNCHEON: 17 August, President to attend. Members were delighted to hear that Beryl McLaughlin had been nominated by WCTU for the Award and that ACW had written supporting the nomination.

REPORTS:

The Treasurer: Marie Majoor reported finances in order and it was moved, seconded and agreed that cheques for payment be passed.

ACWC: Joan Tong, referring to the Conference in Chiang Mai, reminded members of the Scriptures in Luke 4:16-19 and Isaiah 61 pertaining to the Conference Theme, REJOICE (in our Gospel), RECLAIM (our right as Christian people to spread the Gospel challenge) and RESPOND (to work with the challenge). Joan was sure that the strongest way they were challenged at the Conference was through the Bible Studies, and she gave details of the wonderful leadership at those studies.

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon, 31 October at 3 pm at Campsie Salvation Army; plans well in hand and it is hoped that Philippino and Korean singers as well as the Salvation Army band from Campsie along with Chinese young people with tambourines, will perform. Members were reminded to publicise this function.

Calendars: Now available for all at \$8 (RRP \$10). Further supply (including the Chris Huber art) will be distributed at the Ecumenical Luncheon.

Publicity: Members were asked to pass on to Glenys Holley any article concerning ACW seen printed in their denomination's papers, and to let Glenys know if there were any media organisations in their denominations which have not been contacted.

Newsette: Deadline for items for next edition - 12 July.

Functions: Everything in hand for Ecumenical Luncheon, 19 July at 11 am in Salvation Army HQ; bookings necessary by 5 July.

Membership/Pastoral Care: Heather Badgery informed members that Dorothy Lumb is now in Hostel Care at Nuffield Village, Castle Hill; card had been sent to Edith Ridge who is making better progress now; Thora Thomas is in good spirits but needs continued prayer as she faces radio-therapy five days a week for six weeks. Thora is hoping to come in to the Council meeting after treatment today.

WKS: * A fax received from Edith showed that the three young women whose names were submitted by NSW, viz Lt. Lyn Edge, Mrs Santine Lelange-Haan and Pastor Rowena Curtis, had all returned their application forms for the year 2000 Scholarship and it now remains for the Trustees to make their decision

* It was noted that Mina Whybourne had received a letter from Rachel McManus thanking NSW Unit for continued prayers and saying that she had enrolled in a TAFE Welfare Studies course. Rachel has announced her engagement and is planning her wedding in October. Mina has sent congratulations on our behalf.

* It was heard, with pleasure, that the EXODUS FOUNDATION has been approved as the project to receive part of the World Community Day 1999 offering.

FLC: Shirley Wells reported that an application for the 1999 Grant had been received from Rev. Cliff Letcher, President of Australian Indigenous Ministries, seeking \$6,000 for the Bible College Computer Project at Humpty Doo, NT. This College is a training institution designed to train aboriginal Christians to minister to their communities and churches. The major focus of the training programme is to develop leadership in the context of sound Biblical teaching.

A video was shown which gave insight into the running of the residential schools on the property at Humpty Doo. Shirley read from Circle of Prayer – Voice from Italy. (3)

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS: Rev. Elizabeth Walker welcomed Thora Thomas who had been able to call in on her way home from medical treatment. Thora spoke briefly to the meeting, thanking members for the mantle of prayer of which she was constantly aware. The President then sought ratification of the suggestion that Life Membership be conferred on Edith Ridge - moved Shirley Wells, seconded Thora Thomas, carried. It was resolved that the ceremony should take place on the occasion of the Ecumenical Luncheon on 19 July.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Secretary was congratulated on her handling of the large volume of correspondence. Members were encouraged to query any of the items on the list. (Correspondence listed at end of Minutes, pp 3 & 4).

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND: 1. UCAF Lunchtime Reception 10 May, President and Secretary attended. 2. PPSEAWA Reception 13 May - President attended. 3. UC SDMSG 31 May - Beryl McLaughlin attended. 4. PPSEAWA Luncheon 23 June - President will attend. 5. PWA Conference 5 July - President will attend. 6. NCW Foundation Day Luncheon 17 August - President will attend.

GENERAL OR ANY OTHER BUSINESS: * The President thanked Peg Blake for acting as Minute Secretary in Mina Whybourne's absence.

* Marie Majoor referred to ACWC Partners explaining, for the benefit of new members, that the practice of asking for \$1 per year from members originated years ago for the purpose of helping Asian women to attend the Conference, following the realisation that these women had been unable to attend a Conference to be held in Australia because of lack of funds. It was agreed that the Fellowship Day Service would be an ideal occasion on which to publicise ACWC Partners.

* The President thanked the Churches of Christ ladies for preparing morning tea and the Baptist ladies for attending to the chairs.

* Members were reminded that there will be no Council meeting in July as it is in that month that the Fellowship Day Service is held.

* At the next meeting of Council, 16 August, Mrs Julie Breckenreg of Girls' Brigade will be our Guest Speaker.

* Morning tea will be provided by Anglican ladies and the Church of Christ members will attend to the chairs.

CLOSE: There being no further business, the meeting closed with the Benediction at 12.20 pm.

Confirmed

Date 16.8.99

CORRESPONDENCE:(Outward)

1. Nat. Secretary - letter and cheque for \$243.40 for Nat. Pres. airfare to Ann.Ded. Service
2. Major Glenys Holley - welcoming as new Publicity Convener and information
3. Nat. President - confirmation and details re Annual Dedication Service.
4. Elaine Giddey - ACWC Newsletters (2)
5. PPSEAWA-Helen Richardson - ACW Rep. 2 members - Marie Craddock RSJ and Marie Majoor
6. World Day of Prayer - Judith Ryan - ACW Rep. 4 members - Ruth Smith, Judith Baker, Margaret Jessup, Marie McCann OAM.
7. Ecumenical Council - Ray Williamson - ACW Rep. Marie McCann OAM
8. NSW Ccl Child.Film & T.V. - Dorothy Kenning - ACW Rep. Alison Todd and Lily Hanlon
9. NCW - Margaret Bartley - ACW Rep. 2 members - Shirley Wells Helen Richardson
10. Carmel Emmett - thanks for commitment as Newsette Manager & giving 1 year's Sub. as Ass M.
11. St. Mary's Cathedral Flower Festival Committee - letter, cheque for \$150 & Biblical quote
12. Clem and Joyce Dawes - UC Strathfield - thanks for all help - Dedication Service
13. Ann Burton - Strathfield/Homebush Branch ACW - thanks for help "
14. President wrote to the Uniting Church and National President thanking
15. Secretary phoned 5 people who had assisted in various ways - Dedication Service
16. Peter Middleton - soloist - thank you

Correspondence items 17-40 continued on page 4.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)Received between 19th April & Executive 10th May.

1. Invitations from other organisations - see under Functions Attended/to Attend.
2. Nat. Secretary - notifying death of Illuminada Domingo's husband.
(2 letters) World Community Day rec. Exodus Foundation, Ashfield as project for 1999.
FLC Newsletter. 2nd letter re Circle of Prayer.
3. ACW SA Unit - Jean Roberts - sympathy on death of Mabel Ward.
4. Joan Curtin - thank you for photo, apology for 19th April, due to death of a family member
5. Thora Thomas - thank you for love and concern
6. ACT VIC Unit - Newsletter

Received between 10th May & Executive 7th June.

7. Nat. Secretary - Nat. Conf. information & regs. - Nat. Minutes 7th May
8. Baptist Women of NSW & ACT - advising of 6 elected members to ACW Council
9. Catholic W.L. Aust. (NSW) - advising their representation - 3 new Council Members -
Mary Melville, Joyce Fren & Margo Nancarrow will share and Daphne Peterson
10. NSW Churches of Christ CW - advising elected representatives to ACW Council -
3 new members Jean Porteous, Noelene Roose and Elaine Wilson
11. NSW Ccl Child.Film & T.V. - Dorothy Kenning re venue for meetings
12. Molly Southwell, Gunning - inability to attend Annual Dedication
13. Nat. President - Aileen Mortensen - thank you re Dedication Day
14. Tabled: Record - Society St. Vincent de Paul
Shalom Newsletter
WCTU Annual Report

Received from 7th June

5. Elaine Wilson - Churches of Christ rep. thank you and apology for Council 21st June
6. Marie Craddock, R.S.J. on behalf of Catholic Women's sub-committee re Interfaith Dialogue
7. Lisa Jackson; part time for Aboriginal & Islander Commission re assistance to attend
WCC (airfare) to Geneva.
8. Womens World Web Co-operative Ltd. invitation to Women's Futures at the YWCA on Thurs.
22nd July 6.00 - 8.00pm Cost \$25.
9. NSW Ccl Child.Film & T.V. - Dorothy Kenning further letter re venue of meetings
10. St. Mary's Cathedral Flower Festival Committee - receipt for cheque for \$150 arrangement
11. Tabled: Awakening News - Salvation Army Aboriginal News - Anglicare May & June

CORRESPONDENCE Outward-Continued from page 3 - Items 17-40

NSW Churches of Christ - Beverly Beaman - acknowledging representation on ACW Council
 " " " - Jean Porteous - welcoming as new representative on ACW Council
 " " " - Noelene Roose - " " " " "
 " " " - Elaine Wilson - " " " " "

Catholic Women's League - Marie Carney - acknowledging representation on ACW Council

Mary Melville CWL - welcoming as new representative on ACW Council

Joyce Fren " "

Margo Nancarrow " "

Daphne Peterson " "

Dorothy Lumb - thanking for Council service over many years. Giving year's sub as Ass.Mem.

Nat. Secretary - Ack. gratefully Nat.Pres. visit to Unit, sent April Ccl Mins & AGM Mins.

Ack. rec. of National Conference information & ans. re Circle of Prayer

Frank Fryirs - Auditor - thanks and gift of \$50 & asking to audit in 2000 (hand delivered)

Secretary sent 34 Annual Reports and invitations to the Ecumenical Luncheon to Organisations

Lucelle King - National Conference Forms

Lyn Drabsch UCAF 18 invitations to Ecumenical Luncheon to forward to members

Church Women of the Hunter - Annual Report & Invitation

Invitation to Ecumenical Luncheon to ACW ACT Unit & Annual Report

Dianne Nicolios - re Anglican Rep. on Council during Anglican Presidency, Invite & Ann.Rep.

David Tong - thanking for his help with Annual Reports & help in general to ACW

NCW Australia - Eileen Shields copy of Annual Report

Marie McCann OAM - Conference forms

ACW SA Unit - Jean Roberts - thank you for letter re sympathy-Mabel Ward and Annual Report
 Secretary has sent 12 letters to members of Exec. on various matters.

Illuminada Domingo and family - sympathy on death of Dr. Domingo

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS for two months ended 31.05.99

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.04.99			8869.89
ADD RECEIPTS FOR TWO MONTHS			
Associate Members		20.00	
Affiliation		65.00	
Donations		60.00	
Donations towards expenses for Dedication Service		26.40	
Offering - Dedication Service		391.05	
Sale of Promotional items		40.00	
Newsette		105.00	
Overseas Travel - Morning Tea		11.85	
Ecumenical Luncheon		210.00	
FLC		790.10	
ACWC - Bulletins		15.00	
Endowment fund - comm on sales L King		25.00	
Glebe Board - Interest on Investments		84.22	1843.62
			10713.51
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS			
Secretary's Expenses - Printing & Stationery	22.40		
Phone	47.85	70.25	
Stock - Legend of a Legacy		160.77	
World Day of Prayer - Contra		232.50	
ACW Nat. Executive - Refund of Airfare for Aileen Mortenson		243.40	
Newsette - Printing	72.00		
Postage	68.92	140.92	
St Mary's Flower Festival		150.00	
Gift for Auditor		50.00	
Board of Finance & Property - Printing F'ship Day Service		348.67	
Anconw - Beijing +5 - H Reid		45.00	
Government Charges		3.57	1445.08
			9288.43
CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT			
Jan Harrison - Secretarial Expenses - Phone & Post	63.63		
Printing & Stationery	24.90		
Dedication Service exp	53.36	141.89	
Peg Blake - Expenses for Dedication Day Service		10.00	
Jan Harrison - Secretarial Expenses - Print & Stationery	32.75		
Postage	46.35	79.10	
National Council of Women - Seminar - H Reid		15.00	
Balance of fee		10.00	
PPSEAWA Lunch - E Walker		20.00	
Bartel Collectors World - Calendars		832.65	
Joan Tong - Paper for Annual Reports		38.97	
Uniting Church in Australia - Printing F'ship Day Service		173.85	
The Salvation Army - Printing		42.75	