



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC

ABN 68 539 329 715

Minutes of National Executive

Held Friday 22 April 2016 at VCC Rooms

The meeting commenced at 12.32 pm.

Welcome: Marion opened with a devotional from Secrets of Happiness by Michelle Medlock Adams titled “Is Your Glass Half Full” and a prayer by Anita C. Donihue - “ Fill Me”.

Present: Lynette Green, Elaine Johnson, Donna Bryan, Lorraine Davis, Loyola O’Donohue, Marion Rowe

Apologies: Anne Kennedy, Lola Adam

Minutes of meeting 18 March 2016

Moved Lynette and 2nd Loy.

Business Arising.

Correspondence IN

	QLD	Annual Report	
20/3	Elizabeth McEwen	Change of address details	
21/3	Fran Moss	Change of contacts	
23/3	Margaret Kerr	World Community Day service draft	
24/3	Fran Moss	Re WCD service	
25/3	ACWC	Application Form FLC Project	
26/3	Helen Raymond	Application Form FLC Project	
28/3	ACWC	Prayer Request Bombing in Lahore	
30/3	Corozin T Reyes	3 copies ICFLC updates	
31/3	Helen Raymond	Response to 10 Points – request more	
1/4	Laurel Pearce	Minutes March, WA	
1/4	NCC Pakistan	Thanks for Prayer support	
2/4	WA	Minutes	
5/4	Fran Moss	Change of address for two QLD members	
5/4	Fran Moss	Minutes Nov meeting and AGM 2016	
8/4	4 Hs of Strong Women Ministries	Greetings from Kigali, Rawanda	
9/4	Fran Moss	Report of Special Days	
13/4	Helen Raymond	Thanks re 10 Points	
15/4	ACWC	Reminder for general meeting	
18/4	Helen Raymond	Has responded to Prayer request from Japan	
20/4	Helen Raymond	Australia’s report for ACWC General committee	
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30/3	Unit Secretaries	Amending Elizabeth McEwen’s address	
2/4	National Executive	Inviting response to 10 Points	

1. Lola Adam is responsible for FLC as national convenor on behalf of National Executive and as such should be sending out any FLC news. Lynette will write to Helen Raymond to remind her that she does not need to do this for Lola.
2. Re World Community Day service 2016 from Margaret Kerr. She noted that the formatting was very tight but that was due to wanting to include FLC. It was felt that the service should be reviewed by N E.
Elaine and Joy to read it asap. Details of the Project needed for the opening page.
Further discussion Gen Bus f.

Treasurer's Report

Statement covers finances for March. Monies have been sent off as appropriate.

Circle of Prayer booklets \$958.20 included with other FLC funds sent to international committee. Also paid postage so balance is a minus (\$101.20).

Joy had received a letter of enquiry from Barbara Grear, SA. Barbara had looked for an invoice with her parcel off CoP booklets but she had not got one.

Joy to write to Barbara Grear and tell her what the understanding is she has from Jennifer Peffer for the procedure for the past four years as neither Joy nor her predecessor Jennifer had got an invoice from Cora. The suggested sale price for booklets is \$2.00, money to be sent with other donations.

Accounts received from Donna for postage and printing of Winifred Keik leaflets – all Units except Qld who will get theirs later.

Moved Joy, Seconded Elaine

General Business

a. Social Justice

The Victorian Royal Commission on Family Violence released its report on 30th March.

It recommended many changes to the law and preventative measures. Suitable affordable housing is desperately needed for women and families

Social Justice issues have been in the news constantly – sexual abuse of children, family violence to women and children; inequality in income for women doing the same job as men; student workers being underpaid; bullying of women workers in all types of employment.

One quite startling claim was made by women surgeons who were being harassed by male surgeons for sexual favours if they wished to progress in their work.

Another matter that came to my attention was a training program for schools in Africa called "Wise Choices for Life". It aims to break the poverty cycle by educating young people about their bodies and relationships. It empowers people to make choices about how many children they have. It tells girls they can say 'NO'.

No communications received from other units.

Moved Lorraine, Seconded Loyola

b. Winifred Keik Scholar

Loy had an email from Judy Cayzer, NSW, with a newsletter from Christy Fergusson.

A meeting was proposed but Christy was unable to come. It is hoped that a compilation of news from past students can be put together and sent out. ACT have not sent an order for WK leaflets. Loy had contacted them but did not have a phone no for Constance and learnt that the secretary was not well. It was decided to send them 100 copies.

Moved Loyola seconded Lynette.

c. Fellowship of Least Coin

Lola had sent a report.

1. 29th March – Helen Raymond – alerted Lola to get FLC forms which Lola already had distributed to state FLC conveners!
2. 10th April Helen Raymond – information that she would be the ACT FLC Convenor after 30th June. Mrs H D Raymond, 17/146 Shackelton Circuit, MAWSON ACT 2607
3. Spoke with Laurel Pearce about FLC 60th Anniversary – they were already including that Donna reported changes made to the WA page. Some photos removed and updates of member addresses and list of services for WA and NSW made. Elaine to give Donna the list of Victoria's service. Also to mention the FLC 60th Anniversary. No Newsletter yet.

d. Publicity

1. Donna reported changes made to the Website.

Margaret Kerr had asked that photos be taken down and a list of World Community Day Services given. NSW had also given a list of service locations...Elaine to send Donna a list for areas to hold the service in Vic. Mention to be made of the 60th Anniversary of FLC. Donna is considering posting the W K pamphlet on the site.

e. Special Days

Fran Moss had sent a report. She has received two applications for Projects this year, both of which were sent to National Exec. One from Vic Unit for Asylum Seekers Centre and the other from S A – Seeds of Affinity, Bake and Art. Both projects deserving of support but as Fran is supposed to put them in order she put Asylum Seekers as number 1. The ACT had a project that they were thinking about but she has not had any information from them at this stage.

The NE has also received the draft copy of the World Community Day Service written by W A 'Empowered by the Spirit'. It needs to be 'accepted by NE.

Fran pointed out that in the near future she would need to write to two Units whose turn it is to produce the service for 2017 – asking would it be possible for the two subtitles to be decided upon also as they can be included in the letters that go to SA for Fellowship Day and ACT for World Community Day

No copies of either of these applications had been seen by NE. Phone calls were made to Fran and Anne Kennedy but both were away from home on leave.

The Service needs to be sent on the states. Elaine and Joy to read and be ready asap.

The service needs details of the chosen project on the opening page. The Vic President who prepared the application also away in Greece.

Decision: Lynette and Anne for look for the applications.

General Business

f. Asian Church Women's Conference ACWC

Helen has sent a report. President Lyn does not have a copy – Helen to Cc National President Lynette and Secretary Anne all her reports please. Helen asked for mentoring cards and Essay books to take to the Workshop she is participating in. Prayer Requests forwarded.

Any Other Business

a. Essay Competition

Volunteer coordinator Cynthia approached 6 schools. Time to send a reminder to all Units to contact schools, one or more, some previously participated or a new one, to invite them to participate in this year's essay competition. Lynette has prepared an information statement for schools.

b. 2017 Conference

Marion still experiencing difficulty in attaching documents to emails. She hopes to buy a new computer soon. Interstate members of NE need to get minutes. Lynette has spoken with Ros about the colour of fabric for the Conference bags. Things to do: decide order of meeting, invited guests, national representatives and speakers. The decision to invite the FLC Chairperson Yamina Apolaris was unanimous. Lynette and Donna to action.

c. 4Hs of Strong Women from Rwanda

The national minutes for February mentioned again the email received from Uganda. Isabel Hewitt had investigated and found the emails were a very detailed hoax from Singapore. This recent one '4 Hs' is the same spiel.

- d. Lynette had **a request from the National Library For Publication of News Serials** team. The last issue received was April 2010. They would be delighted to receive any back copies under legal deposit. Passed to Donna.
- e. Lynette had received suggested arrangements for her **visit to Perth** which she read to the meeting.

Closing Prayers were said.

Date of next meeting is 27th May at 11.30 am Devotions – Joy Morley.

The meeting closed at 2.28 pm.