

Minutes of meeting of Council of A.C.W.N.S.W. Unit 20th Nov. 1978.

held at 139 Castlereagh St. Sydney; Uniting Church Offices.

The President welcomed those present numbering 30, and welcomed Miss Mitchell back from Pan Pacific Conference in Samoa. She indicated Mrs. Stolz had celebrated her 50th Wedding Anniversary and 50 years of Service, at a very appropriate Service at the Homebush Lutheran Church, and she had attended. It was requested a card be sent to Mrs. Mary Downs following a heart operation.

The President conducted devotionals with the Christmas season in mind, and in prayer remembered those who were ill.

Mrs. McCann then indicated that Mrs. Dougherty was still in hospital and would not be the speaker today, - she had broken her arm on her return from Tokyo, and had not been at all well.

She also informed the gathering that Sister Barkat Dass' family had suffered from the floods in Pakistan, and she had revealed this at Chatswood Community Day Service. The local ladies had spontaneously responded with a large amount to assist her family, and a plate was available for any donations from Council today. Extra sandwiches were available for lunch, and all were encouraged to stay following our shortened meeting, to share with Barkat, who would be joining us and to share the remainder of the Celebration Cake.

Apologies were received from Brig. Ward. Mrs. Perrian, Mrs. Udy, Mrs. Tytherleigh (who was ill and contact would be made.) Mrs. Ridley, Mrs. Stanhope, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. DeWit.

The Secretary circulated cards for Council members to sign for Mrs. Dougherty and one to be given to Barkat later.

Mrs. Armstrong of City Branch Sec. indicated she would hold an afternoon at her home, anyone invited, to help Barkat.

The Secretary indicated anything donated today would be sent later to Barkat in a draft.

The Minutes were read and confirmed. The Secretary summarised the business arising from the last Council meeting and the two executive meetings, which included details of the Celebration. Mrs. Dougherty had made a tape for the Chatswood meetings as she wasn't able to be present. \$12.50 had been collected at previous Council meeting for Barkat, and a tractlet had been purchased for her.

How the 'History' came about was explained, and 200 were printed. Mrs. Ridley's husband had an operation and she was forced to relinquish publicity for the time being, owing to home involvement. Representation had taken place at various functions. The A.C.C. meeting had been held and Major Stelstra was completing his 3 yr term, his farewell service was to be held at St. Peter's Cremorne on 26th Nov at 7p.m. - his successor as Exec Sec. to be Rev. Bern Stevens. A letter of good wishes had been sent to the Major.

The Sec. was to send a report of the Forum to the Working Committee by the end of Nov., and an edited tape, and photos of the Celebration are available.

Mrs. Lean has a tape for country branches.

A summary of the correspondence listed apologies received for the Celebration, Women at Work Sep. and Oct, and Minutes Working Committee. Letters sent to Working Committee re F.L.C. theme next year.

Complimentary comments were made about the President's Organization of the Celebration, and the 'History' proved helpful.

Miss Mitchell suggested Women at Work Nov/Dec. issue be sent to members with the January Newsletter. The financial statement as attached was presented, \$1000 had been transferred to Investment A/c. Details so far \$1396 for F.L.C. Fellowship Day \$1034. Community Day \$790. Financial side of Celebration \$197 received, but not all reimbursement expenses yet met, and not finalized.

Mrs. Bent took the F.L.C. devotional from the new Circle of Prayer book Vol.7, which would be available and probably sell at 50 cents.

Mrs. Lean gave a report on Promotions, and the branches who held World Community Day. It was very worthwhile, Bourke held 2 services, Armidale largest No in attendance 125, followed by luncheon for local community project. Young had its first service with 100. Epping had 86 and Roseville/Lindfield/Killara 70.

In reference to Forum 3 areas brought up at the Celebration discussion looked at by Executive and was open for comment. It was suggested T.V. stations be written to by individuals with praise or criticism, about programmes. Council for Children's Films and T.V. asked people to watch children's programmes and comment sheets were available, - a submission is to go to the tribunal in March. The proposal for decriminalizing prostitution was discussed, and the legalising of gambling, and extending hotel trading hours to Sunday. W.C.T.U and Temperance Alliance had been approached, and it was resolved that the Secretary write from the Council to the Premier opposing the extension of hotel trading hours to include Sunday. Petition sheets were available, and draft letter for guidance, for individuals. It was recommended that members write personally to their members.

The tea roster Feb. meeting, Mrs. M. Jessup, Miss E. Blackwell, and Mrs. L. Pickering.

List of Council Members was available, and any corrections to be notified.

The President then welcomed Sister Barkat Dass and presented her with the signed card and bracelet which was inscribed "Pray for us as we will for thee." Barkat was delighted, and spoke in appreciation to ladies of A.C.W.. Miss Blackwell thanked her for her friendship.

The meeting was closed with the benediction, and luncheon followed.

Time was spent talking to Barkat before Mrs. Davis drove her to the airport on her way to other states and home.

M. M. C. ... President. 19th Feb. 1979.

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - 1st June - 31st October 1978.

1. 6.78 - Cr. balance: 684.96

ADD -RECEIPTS:

Affiliation fees-	58.00	
Sales of literature-	18.10	
Bank Interest -	113.06	
Overseas Travel Fund-	158.44	
Fellowship of the Least Coin-	547.25	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund-	13.93	
Fellowship Day-	1189.04	
World Community Day-	332.64	
Sundries-	6.00	<u>2436.46</u>
		3121.42

LESS -PAYMENTS

President's Honorarium-	25.00	
Printing & Stationery-	114.59	
Postages & telephone-	30.67	
Fellowship Day ex/es	15.03	
World Community Day ex/es	264.00	
To National Committee-		
Literature	12.50	
Overseas Travel Fund-	<u>85.00</u>	97.50
Subns. to other organisms-		
N.C.W.	10.00	
C.C.F.T.V.	<u>7.50</u>	17.50
Transferred to Savings Investment A/C	1000.00	
Sundries-	<u>15.99</u>	<u>1580.28</u>

31.10.78 - Cr. balance: \$ 1541.14.

Cr. Balance-S.I.A/C \$ 2000.00

Doris Mitchell
Hon. Treasurer

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