



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday, 17th August, 1998 at 10.30 a.m.

President Rev. Elizabeth Walker welcomed members and especially Mrs. Olive Beverley new representative of Seven Hills/Toongabbie Branch and visitors, Mrs. Margaret Sweeney and Mrs. Mary Melville from the Catholic Women's League. For Devotions, Elizabeth read from Luke's Gospel, Chapter 12 - "Families matter but God's family matters most".

PRESENT: 48 - 2 Visitors. Guests Rev. and Mrs. Manton. As recorded.

APOLOGIES: As recorded.

The Minutes of Meeting of 15th June, 1998 were read and confirmed on motion of Ruth Moore and Lily Hanlon. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING from Council, Executive and Diamond Anniversary Service:

1. Ratification of Life Membership to Mrs. Mina Whybourne (presented at Diamond Anniversary Service). Moved Peg Blake, seconded Edith Ridge. Carried.
2. DIAMOND CELEBRATION: Uplifting Service - excellent speaker - venue very good. Hostesses very welcoming. Luncheon delicious. Council members enjoyed the occasion and praised the organisation.
3. FLOWER FESTIVAL - St. Andrew's Cathedral - 11-14 September - Heather Merrick will attend to arrangement on our behalf - "Living stones in a living city". Members were asked to contribute to cost of flowers.
4. ACWC - Calendars available - proceeds to ACWC Endowment Fund to which we are committed - \$500 a year for 10 years. Joan Tong asked that each denomination be responsible for 50 - at \$8 each - money to be paid in at November Council meeting.
5. NSW ACW CONSTITUTION REVISION: Peg Blake would appreciate any suggestions within the month - Executive will then proceed with revision.
6. NSW ACW HISTORY UPDATE: Marie Majoor would appreciate any information or photos by next meeting.
7. FELLOWSHIP DAY REPORT: Members said Service format very effective and was enjoyed by those attending - candles very effective. Olive Beverley (Toongabbie) commented on the musical programme between segments - delightful day. Bev Elliott (Kincumber) very successful Service - 50 attending. A member had made an ACW banner depicting the Central Coast. Marjory Baker (Epping) very effective service with a choir and children dancing. Lucelle King (Campbelltown) - excellent speaker - good attendance. Nola Dickson (Neutral Bay) happy service - pot-plants had been used depicting the seasons instead of candles. Thora Thomas (Dee Why) - Marie Majoor excellent speaker. Good attendance. Heather Badgery - had attended Burwood/Concord and Strathfield/Homebush - both Services well attended and complimentary remarks passed.

SPECIAL GUESTS Rev Rick and Mrs. Kayleen Manton from Mt. Druitt Presbyterian Church were introduced to members by Peg Blake. Kayleen is to attend the ACWC Conference in Chang-mai, Thailand in November in company with Joan Tong, Shirley Wells, Lucelle King, Marie McCann, Helen Richardson and others. Kayleen expressed appreciation to the Council for the opportunity to visit the Conference - she is very excited and looking forward to the experience. She spoke of her background - she had been born at Yarrabah in N. Queensland and had become a Christian at 18. She and Rick had just returned from Cairns where one of her sisters had died; Rick said that Kayleen's sister had given her life to Christ just before she died. They were able to comfort the family. Kayleen is involved in a Counselling Course by correspondence - and she wishes to expand her knowledge.

Rick ministers to an aboriginal congregation at Mt. Druitt and also spends 20 hours a week at a Correction Centre.

Peg thanked Rick and Kayleen very much for coming to our meeting and sharing with us.

CORRESPONDENCE (Inward)

1. U.C. SYNOD Office (Robyn Henry) re change of venue for November Council Meeting will now be held at The Bible Society, 95 Bathurst Street, Sydney, 3rd Floor, Monday 16th November.
2. National Executive - beautifully worked card for Diamond Anniversary and other correspondence.
3. National President - disappointment re missing Diamond Anniversary Service
4. S.A. Unit - Lois Harris, letter card, and their 60th Birthday history - congratulations 60th.
5. Olive Carpenter - letter and card - congratulations 60th.
6. National Executive Minutes - letters re Special Days themes for 1999.
7. Lynette Green, re ACWC Conference, Thailand - video of State and activities required for special night. (Joan Tong would take video of City, etc. and took the opportunity of videoing Council members.)
8. Eileen Holley - copy of Commissioner Buckingham's address and Conference recommendations.
9. UC SDMSG - Joan Macleod. Invitation to Anniversary luncheon, 9th October.
10. PPSEAWA re AGM 26th August, affiliation fees and appointment of our representatives Sister Marie Craddock and Mrs. Marie Majoor. Moved Ethel Wladysluk seconded Lucelle King that Marie Majoor's appointment be ratified. Carried.
11. Joan Tong enclosing copy of Ecumenical Council letter to World Day of Prayer.
12. Dorothy Woodhouse - appreciation of 60th celebration and Life Members Badge
13. Mina Whybourne to President - appreciation of Life Member honour.
14. Kayleen Manton - thank you for opportunity to attend Conference in Thailand
15. Marjory Verco - 60th "it was a very happy and blessed day for me".
16. PWA - Pres. Den. representative on ACW Council - (Connie Groat has retired after many years - appropriate letter to be written.)
17. Baptist Women of NSW re Anniversary Day 21st September at Bankstown Civic Centre
18. Thora Thomas - re donation to assist girl in Manilla with education expenses
19. Bush Church Aid Rally - St. Andrews Chapter House Sydney - 11.00 a.m. 20 August.
20. Invitation from YWCA to Building Refurbishment launch 1st September.

CORRESPONDENCE (Outward)

1. National President - enquiring of her health, etc.
2. National Secretary
3. Hon. Richard Alston - congratulations on stand taken on the decline of standards in TV and Radio.
4. Beverley Beaman re Associate Membership
5. Thank you letters after 60th to: Jean Archer, SA Functions Supervisor, Com. L. Buckingham, P.A. man, Captain Godkin Congress Hall, Vic. Unit Barbara Lacy, Evonne Sullivan.

CORRESPONDENCE (Outward)

6. Marie McCann enclosing both Constitutions.
7. Posted or gave 32 Annual Reports with appropriate enclosures or letters.
8. David El Products letter and cheque for \$114.82 for book marks, available \$1 each.
9. PPSEAWA Affiliation form \$20, our representation.
10. Kayleen Manton - thank you.
11. NCW - re Fiona Collins bike ride for Oz-Indo re endorsement.
12. Marie McCann re writing an article on late Leah Pickering for Newsette and Bursary Book.
13. National Treasurer/Ex. re bank charges suggesting ideas.
14. Julie Brackenreg - congratulations on election as Inter.VP of Girls Brigade

Correspondence inwards received and outwards endorsed on motion of Robin Phillis and Margaret Jessup. Carried.

GENERAL :

Rhoda Gates mentioned that Church Women of the Hunter had held an afternoon function and Rev. Elizabeth Walker was the speaker. All denominations took part. Wonderful Service. They will become affiliated.

Edith Ridge mentioned a meeting being held at Sancta Sophia College University of Sydney, Camperdown on 30th September 'Celebrate Women - Celebrate Church' - speaker Dr.Mary Tanner from U.K. Registration \$45 NCCA office.

REPORTS:

TREASURER ; Finances satisfactory - statement attached.

Marie Majoor is making enquiries comparing Glebe Board and Uniting Church investments we have and required permission to transfer funds to the better Investment fund. Moved Ruth Moore seconded Linelle Morrison. Carried.

ACWC : Joan Tong said that Illuminda Domingo is very grateful for our support - delighted that Kayleen is coming to the Conference and wants to involve her in the programme .

ACWC SERVICE - 2ND NOVEMBER: Salvation Army, Campsie. Joan had prepared invitations for denominations to send out to relevant areas.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN: Shirley Wells read devotions from Circle of Prayer 14 - Joan Hannon from Northern Ireland - "Be Thou my Vision" - and prayed for the people of Ireland especially for the victims of the recent tragic bombing.

MEMEBERSHIP & PASTORAL CARE: New Membership Lists available for members. Heather Badgery had written to Leah Pickering's family in sympathy, to Vi Minty who is responding to treatment and to Kayleen Manton on the death of her sister.

PUBLICITY: Lucelle King had sent out accounts of the 60th Anniversary to various papers - would appreciate copies from members from any articles they sight. Bookmarks available at \$1 each. New leaflet available. Lucelle had been interviewed on 2CBAFM on 28th July and had a copy of the tape. Jan Harrison had accompanied her.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Cela Cooper reported for Heather Reid.

1. Extract from submission from NCW to Hon Dr. Michael Wooldridge MP objecting to Genetic Engineering of Food. Members encouraged to write.
2. Seminar - organised by NCW - "Ethical Issues in Reproduction" - Mitchell Room, Imperial Arcade - 5th September. \$15 per person.

SPECIAL DAYS: Irene Carder reported that 24 reports had been received from Fellowship Day.

Packing Day for World Community Day Services - 31st August - 9th Floor.

Themes for Fellowship Day 1999 - "People reflecting God's glory".

World Community Day 1999: "Faith in Action".

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Edith Ridge hoped that the scholar for this year, Milise Taipaliti at present studying in Melbourne, would be able to attend our 16 November Council Meeting. (She is to leave for Tonga on 20 November.) If this is not possible, we will endeavour to arrange another day to meet her.

The Trustees are working through 20 applications for next year's Scholar.

President Elizabeth Walker thanked the Churches of Christ ladies for providing morning tea and the Baptist ladies for preparing the room.

The meeting was closed with The Grace at 12.30 p.m.

Confirmed:



Date :

21st September '98

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
for two months ended 31.07.98**

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.06.98			
ADD RECEIPTS FOR TWO MONTHS			9700.48
Affiliation		20.00	
Associate Members		40.00	
Donation		2.50	
Interest - Bank	36.87		
Glebe Board	<u>88.27</u>	125.14	
Sale of Photos		10.50	
Sale of promotional items		19.00	
Newsette		25.00	
O/seas Travel Fund - Morning Tea	10.20		
Trading Table	<u>8.00</u>	18.20	
Ecumenical Luncheon		1040.00	
" Service - Offering		666.90	
State Conference		45.00	
L.C.		395.70	
Fellowship Day Service		1236.30	
ACWC - Endowment Fund - Comm. sale cards - L King		25.50	
Nat. Ccl Women - Luncheon - Contra		<u>35.00</u>	3704.74
			<u>13405.22</u>
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS			
M Jessup - Photos		76.50	
Bartel Collectors World - Life Membership Badges		146.40	
Printing & Stationery		84.58	
Newsette - Postage	85.42	105.00	
" Printing	<u>61.20</u>	640.30	
Bartel Collectors World - Calendars		1873.50	
Ecumenical Service & Luncheon - Flowers for guests	60.00	126.62	
Bookmarks	259.12		
Catering	1269.00		
Refunds to guests	<u>40.00</u>	1628.12	
PPSEAWA - Winter luncheon		15.00	
Nat Ccl Women - Luncheon - P Blake	35.00		
Contra M Whybourne	<u>35.00</u>	70.00	
Kayleen Manton - Cost of Passport	126.00		
Airfare to ACWC Conference	<u>1225.00</u>	1351.00	
State Conference - Refund of Registrations not charged for		150.00	
Nat Ccl Women - Annual subscription		40.00	
Government Charges		12.28	6319.30
			<u>\$7085.92</u>

CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT

Kayleen Manton - Passport	126.00
Joan Curtin - Refund Conference Registration	120.00
Vi Minty - " " "	30.00
Kwik Kopy Printing - printing 60th Anniversary brochures	625.00
L King - Postage for publicity	15.30
David Tong - Reimbursement Travel & Insc for K Manton	1225.00
David - El Pro - 60th Anniversary Bookmarks	259.12
Beryl Kirkwood - Refund Ecumenical Luncheon	10.00
Mabel Ward " " "	10.00
Dorothy Woodhouse " " "	10.00
Marie McCann " " "	10.00
Nat. Ccl Women - Annual Membership	40.00
Bartels Collectors World - Calendars	1042.85
Marie Majoor - computer labels	38.59
Bartel Collectors World - Calendars	830.65
" " " - Life Membership Badges	146.40
Mina Whybourne - Reimbursement Flowers for Guests at Ec. Service	60.00
Salvation Army Functions Centre - Catering	1269.00
Carmel Emmett - Newsette - Postage	70.42
PPSEAWA - Annual Membership	20.00
Major Heather Merrick - Flowers for Flower Festival	150.00
Jan Harrison - Secreterial Expenses - Phone	31.90
" " " " - Postage, Photocopying & Stationery	38.55
David El Pro - 60th Anniversary Bookmarks	114.82
Salvation Army - Use of Congress Hall for Ecumenical Service	100.00
Board of Finance & Property - Printing Newsette	25.50