

MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN held on Friday, 18th July, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room, V.C.C. Office, 100 Flinders St., Melbourne.

OPENING: The President, Mrs F.R. Ashton, opened the meeting with devotions.

PRESENT: Mesdames F.R. Ashton, (Chair), A.W. Burton, T.H. Coates, N. Faichney, H.T. Rogers, Col. H.W. Saunders, J.A. Strack, G.I. Duke.

APOLOGIES: Mrs Enid Stephens, Deaconess F. McKechnie.

MINUTES of Meeting held Friday, June 20th had been circulated and were confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was received:

1. Mrs Howie (S.A.O. - 2
2. Mrs Coutts (P.W.A. of Australia)
3. Mrs Fairservice - Victoria.
4. Mrs Hartam - Tasmania
5. To the President from National Council of Women of Australia.
6. Mesdames Rogers and Burton.

BUSINESS ARISING: Letters 1, 2, 3, and 6 contained nominations for the East Asian Women's Conference to be held in Djarkta in September 1970.

From South Australia - Mrs D.D. Thomson and Mrs D. Bailey as Delegates and Mrs R.W.L. Crosby as possible Observer
P.W.A. of Aust. - Mrs F. Ashton as Delegate and Mrs D. Thomson as Observer
Victoria - Mrs F. Ashton as Delegate
Mrs Rogers & Mrs Burton - Mrs F. Ashton and Mrs J. Strack as Delegates.

It was decided to remind those State Units who had not made a nomination that such nomination could be made. Units also to be reminded that \$300 U.S. would have to be raised as contribution to expenses of the Delegates.

When all nominations had been received it was suggested that a questionnaire concerning nominees be filled in by those nominating them and this would be circulated prior to the National Committee meeting.

Both W.A. and Tasmania have indicated that they will not nominate anyone because of the distance involved.

The letter from the National Council of Women invited A.C.W. to send a representative to the Committee which is aiming to raise \$200,000 for the Women's College to be erected at the University of Papua New Guinea. While recognizing that we are not a money-raising organization, it was decided to commend this appeal for a Residential College for Women to the women of Australia. More news of this will be given in the next Newsletter. It was resolved that Mrs F. Ashton be our representative to the Committee and that Mrs H. Rogers be her proxy.

FINANCE: In the absence of the Treasurer Mrs Enid Stephens, the Secretary presented the following Financial Statement. The half-yearly audit had been completed and showed a Credit Balance of \$2377.87.

STATEMENT TO 30/6/1969.

Fellowship of the Least Coin	373.67
Circle of Prayer	35.19
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	1209.24
Overseas Fund	132.02
Bank Interest	94.43
General Fund	533.32
	<u>\$2377.87</u>

This report was received.

The following report re Ball Point Pens was also given. These figures are from the first ordering in October 1968 til 30/6/1969.

Receipts \$1201.60 Expenditure \$1262.72
showing a Debit Balance of \$61.12.

At this time 5,168 pens are held and all of these are paid for. This report was received.

It was resolved that the following payments be made for -
Petty Cash: Mrs Rogers \$10; Mrs Strack \$5; Mrs Coates \$5; Mrs Faichney \$5. The following accounts were also passed for payment. \$139.40 to the Girls' Brigade for Jackie Kiri's return fare to Port Moresby; \$118.00 to W. & J. Barr for Orders of Service and \$64.00 for Allocation Leaflet for F'ship of Least Coin. Permission was also granted to pay the account from Ellam's for Stencils and Paper.

REPORTS: Fellowship of the Least Coin:

Mrs Strack reported that several enquiries had followed the article in 'Presbyterian Life'. David Cox had been contacted and had promised slides of his work in the European-Australian Christian Fellowship which had received a grant from F.L.C. 5,000 allocation leaflets had arrived and Mrs Strack had written to New Zealand to see if they wished to use them. The order of 180 Circle of Prayer had been increased to 270 because of the increased demand which needed to be met. Members were asked to consider the production of a new leaflet for the promotion of F.L.C. and were invited to bring comments to the next meeting.

Publicity:

Mrs Coates reported the avenues to which she was sending publicity about A.C.W. Material received from South Australia would be included in the next Newsletter.

Publications:

Mrs Rogers reported that S.A. had ordered 150 more Orders of Service for Fellowship Day. All States had placed orders and these had been sent as they were received.

United Churches:

Mrs Faichney reported that she would be leaving for North Australia on 24th August. She would be visiting Woomera, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Darwin during her trip with her husband. This would give personal contact with the women of the United Church. Opportunity was being provided for her to meet with the women as she travelled.

Ball Point Pens:

Mrs Saunders emphasised the necessity for us to sell as many of our 5,168 pens as possible. All our profit lies in these pens which we are holding. Member Units are asked to make as much effort as possible to convert this to profit.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP:

Mrs Burton reported that a meeting would be held on August 21st with representatives of Mission Boards and the Inter-Church Aid. Thanks were expressed for the assistance given by the Rt. Rev. N. Faichney, President of A.C.C., who had supplied names of heads of Mission Boards so that they could be contacted re representatives to the Committee.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING 1970:

The President, Secretary and Treasurer had met and presented a program outline which was amended as necessary and will be as follows:

It was decided to invite the Rev. Professor Norman Young of Queen's College to lead the Bible Study. Priority was established for speakers on the topics of Alcohol and Drugs and the President reported that Dr Una Porter had agreed to introduce the topic 'Christian Concern' on the Wednesday morning session.

OTHER BUSINESS: It was reported to members that Lt. Col. H. Cross had died on Thursday, 10th July. Regret was expressed at her death and tribute paid to her work as Secretary of the A.C.W. Working Committee during its initial period.

It was also reported that Mr Val Brown had resigned as Secretary of A.C.C. Mr Brown had been a true friend to Australian Church Women and our good wishes go with him as he leaves A.C.C. The new Secretary of A.C.C. is the Rev. F. Engel and the Secretary was asked to write to Mr Engel congratulating him on his appointment.

Mrs Col. Saunders reported that Mrs Col. Pindred of N.S.W. might be in Melbourne during the next Working Committee meeting. If it was possible she would bring Mrs Pindred to lunch with the Committee. (Mrs Saunders and Mrs Pindred were preparing World Community Day Service for 1970).

NEXT MEETING: Friday, 8th August, 1969 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room, 100 Flinders St., Melbourne.

CLOSING: The President closed the meeting with the Benediction.

CONFIRMED:

DATE

PRESIDENT: Mrs F.R. Ashton, 14 Lingwell Road, AUBURN, 3122
SECRETARY: Mrs G.I. Duke, 38 Argyle St., EAST BENTLEIGH, 3165
TREASURER: Mrs E. Stephens, 78 Champion St., BRIGHTON, 3186

PUBLICITY OFFICER: Mrs T.H. Coates, Wesley College, PRAHRAN, 3181
PUBLICATIONS: Mrs H.T. Rogers, 19 Linum St., BLACKBURN, 3130
FELLOWSHIP of the LEAST COIN: Mrs J.A. Strack, 66 Tennyson St., MOONEE PONDS, 3039
WINIFRED KIEK S'SHIP: Mrs A.W. Burton, 9 Vale St., GLEN IRIS, 3146
BALL POINT PENS: Mrs Col. H.W. Saunders, 40 Middleborough Road, BURWOOD, 3125.

THEME - "CHRISTIAN CONCERN"

TUESDAY Feb. 3rd

12:30 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Opening Worship. Welcomes

3:30 p.m. Afternoon Tea

4:15 Session 1: Receiving of Agenda; Appointment of Committees; Minutes; Report of Working Committee; Financial Report.

6:00 Evening meal

7:15 Session 2: Reports from State Units; Denominational Groups; United Churches; Fellowship of the Least Coin

9:00 Evening prayers

9:15 Supper

WEDNESDAY, February 4th

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 Bible Study

9:45 Introducing Theme - 'Christian Concern'

10:45 Morning Tea

11:00 Christian Concern - The Problem of Alcohol

12:30 p.m. Lunch

2:00 Session 3: Business (Women's World Day of Prayer; Special Days; Winifred Kiek Scholarship)

3:30 p.m. Afternoon Tea

4:00 Session 4: Committees

6:00 Evening Meal

7:30 Open Session - Christian Concern - The Problem of Drugs

9:00 Evening Prayers

9:15 Supper

THURSDAY February 5th

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 Bible Study

9:45 Session 5: Committees

10:45 Morning Tea

11:00 Committee on Co-operation - Session 6

12:30 p.m. Lunch

2:00 Trip

6:00 Evening Meal

7:30 Open Session - Christian Concern - Aid and Development

9:00 Evening Prayers

9:15 Supper

FRIDAY February 6th

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 Bible Study

9:45 Session 7 - Committees

10:45 Morning Tea

11:00 Session 8 - Business - Statement from Theme; Recommendations to member organizations

12:30 p.m. Lunch

2:00 Session 9: Business - Election of Officers; Election of Working Committee; Appointments to related Comms.; Any other business

3:30 Closing Prayers

4:00 Afternoon tea.

It was noted that such things as Blackboards; displays; necessity of hostesses for opening day; issuing of instructions prior to arrival of members etc. would assist the smooth running of the conference.

It was resolved to ask member organizations to forward reports and names of members attending by 31st October. Representation to be on the basis of an equal number of Observers as Representatives if organizations so desired. Observers would have no voting rights.

It was also resolved to invite Denomination groups from Victoria to send an Observer to the Meeting.