

MINUTES of WORKING COMMITTEE of AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN held on FRIDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER, 1967 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs Col.H.W. Saunders, 40 Middleborough Road, Burwood.

1. OPENING The meeting opened with a meditation led Mrs T.H. Coates, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Deaconess C.I. Ritchie.
2. PRESENT Mrs T.H. Coates (Chair), Mesdames Anderson, Burton, Ashton, Faichney, Saunders, Stephens, Strack, Williams and Duke.
3. APOLOGIES Deaconess C.I. Ritchie. The Secretary was asked to convey the sympathy of the members to Deaconess Ritchie on the death of her mother.
4. WELCOME Mrs A.W. Burton was welcomed by Mrs Coates to her first meeting of the Working Committee.
5. MINUTES The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated were corrected on page 3, paragraph 2 of Any Other Business "Brochure" to "publications". With this correction the minutes were taken as read and confirmed.
6. BUSINESS ARISING from the MINUTES
 - (1) Miss Anna Busina Mrs Ashton reported that she and Miss Ritchie had seen Anna off on the plane to return to her home. It was decided to write to Mrs W. Kiek to inform her that Anna had returned home.
 - (2) World Community Day Order of Service. Mrs Anderson reported that she had received 6,000 orders of service. Sample copies were to be sent to each State asking for their orders. It was decided that the price would be as for the Fellowship Day Order of Service, \$2.50 per 100 copies including postage.
 - (3) Letterheads The Secretary reported that these had been ordered from the 'Spectator' Publishing Company but had not been received as yet.
 - (4) A.C.W. Brochure. In the absence of the President this was referred to the next meeting.
 - (5) List of Office Bearers from each State. The Secretary reported that these would be sought.
 - (6) Visit of Rev. W.H. Genne. Mrs Coates reported that several opportunities had been made for members and other interested people to hear Mr Genne speak.
7. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence as follows was received.

 - (1) Canberra Church Women - request for National Committee Minutes Extract (25 copies); copy of World Community Day Service; Mrs Wilmshurst's Report; Circle of Prayer Handbook Vol.III.
 - (2) Mrs Pitman (2) - World Community Day Service; request to inform Mrs Kiek of Anna Busina's return home.
 - (3) Mrs Goudie for World Community Day Service
 - (4) Mrs Ralph (2) 600 copies of Mrs Solomon's tape.
 - (5) Mrs Rogers of N.Z. enclosing copies of N.Z. Leaflets
 - (6) Mrs Dennis ordering 100 copies of World Community Day service for Queensland.

Reports from New Zealand; N.S.W. and Miss Bogle were tabled.

8. FINANCE

The Treasurer submitted the following Financial Statement, which was received and adopted:-

FINANCIAL STATEMENT to SEPTEMBER 8th, 1967.			
RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
Balance in Bank 10/8/67	890.88	Transfer to Vic.I.C.C.	7.16
N.S.W. W.I.C.C. F'ship		Healesville F'day	
Day (725 Orders of Serv.)	18.10	Collection	
Canberra Ch. W'men's		W.&J. Barr 500 extra	
F'ship Day Collection	30.00	copies Order of Service	14.00
N.S.W. W.I.C.C. F'ship			
Day Collection	166.50		
Tasmania W.I.C.C. F'ship			
Day Services	5.00		
Tasmania W.I.C.C. F'ship		Bank Balance	\$1121.12
Day Collection	31.80		
	\$1142.28		\$1142.28

Summary of Funds

Fellowship of the Least Coin	\$403.51)	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	262.70)	\$1096.65
Overseas Travel Fund	132.02)	
Fellowship Day Receipts	298.42)	
Literature		

Debit \$62.90

The Treasurer was asked to write to A.C.C. re auditing of accounts.

It was resolved that permission be given for the Treasurer to change the signatures for banking. The signatories to be: two out of the President, Treasurer and Secretary.

9. PLANS FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING to be held in SYDNEY 13th-16th February, 1968.

After some discussion re National Committee Meeting 1968 it was decided that the President and Secretary should meet and draw up a suggested outline of the Agenda and bring this to the next meeting.

It was resolved that the following steps be taken:

1. State Units, Federal denominational women's groups, and Y.W.C. A. be asked for the names of their representatives.
2. An invitation to send an observer be extended to the Women's World Day of Prayer, Federal Women's Groups of Churches not involved in ACW, Women's Groups of the United Churches, N.S.W. State denominational women's groups.
3. That State Units and Federal Denominational Women's Groups be asked if they wish to make suggestions of subjects to be included on the Agenda.
4. That State Units, Denominational Women's Groups (federal) and the Women's Groups of United Churches be asked to submit a brief report for inclusion in the Working Documents. Comments at the National Meeting to be confined to highlights of the reports.

It was also decided that consideration be given to the desirability of altering the ACW Constitution to include members of the Working Committee.

10. REPORTS

1. Fellowship of the Least Coin. Mrs Strack reported that she had received copies of the text of Mrs Shanti Solomon's tape. These would be distributed to the State Units. The Convener was asked to consult with Mr Val Brown re Circle of Prayer Volume III which had not arrived as yet.

- (2) Publications. Community Day Orders of Service are now available. It was noted that several requests for ACW Brochure had been received. This was not available at present. There is a plentiful supply of Study Books available.
- (3) Publicity. Mrs Coates reported that material she had prepared had been used in 'In Unity' and the Methodist 'Spectator'. A report of Mr Genne's visit would be made.
- (4) United Churches. Mrs Faichney reported that Fellowship Day Services had been held at Darwin and Nightcliffe. Tennant Creek wished to participate in the Fellowship of the Least Coin.
11. FELLOWSHIP DAY - 1968.
It was decided to approach the Tasmanian Unit to prepare an Order of Service for Fellowship Day, 1968. The choice of a theme to be left to Tasmania. It would be necessary to have the Order of Service prior to the National Committee Meeting.
12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Thursday, 5th October, 1967 at 10:30 a.m.
13. CLOSING. The Chairman, Mrs Coates, closed the meeting with the Benediction.

Members of the Working Committee were entertained to lunch by Mrs Col. H.W. Saunders and during lunch opportunity was taken to farewell Mrs F.R. Ashton. Mrs Ashton would be travelling to Junk Bay Medical Relief Centre where her husband is working. A small gift was presented to Mrs Ashton and thanks were expressed to her for her work as Secretary of the Working Committee. Thanks was also expressed to Mrs Saunders for her hospitality. Members appreciated the opportunity of meeting in a home.

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