

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

MINUTES OF MEETING 13-11-2006

PRESENT: E. Johnson, B. Lacy, I. Bray, U. Birtchnell, L. Adam, B. Skilbeck, D. Bryan, J. Morley.

APOLOGIES: E. Reidy, A. Murray, M. Welford, J. Maher.

WELCOME: E. Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

DEVOTIONS: U. Birtchnell led devotions on the theme of Women of the Bible and opened the meeting with prayer.

MINUTES of 9-10-2006 were confirmed on the motion of B. Lacy, sec. U. Birtchnell, and carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: 1. **Honouring Australian Church Women.** B. Lacy will ask the Victorian Unit to consider preparing a submission for Margaret Watson.

2. **ACW Publicity Brochure.** D. Bryan presented quotes for the printing of 10,000 brochures. It was decided to produce copies as needed rather than printing 10,000. Donna will produce drafts of the brochure for the February meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: IN 1. B. Grear, ACW SA Unit – cheque for “Winifred”. To I. Bray.

2. CCA News – on peace issues, CCA turns 50 in 2007. To E. Johnson.

3. J. Miller, ACW Tas Unit – prayer support, minutes 25/09/06.

4. National Prayer Breakfast – 26-27/11/06, speaker, Mr Jonathan Aitken (UK). B. Lacy will ask a member of ACT Unit to represent ACW at the Breakfast. National Executive will pay the cost of the Breakfast, \$75.

5. Pat Walker – Assembly and cost of ACWC Newsletter

6. ACW QLD Unit – minutes 25/9/06.

7. ACW SA Unit – minutes 13/10/06. Community Concern 2006.

8. UNSW Newsletter 26. To M. Welford.

9. ACW VIC Unit – suggest a letter be sent to the Christian women of Lebanon expressing our support in their time of suffering. B. Lacy will write a letter.

OUT 1. Mr K. Edwards, former auditor – thanks.

2. Amended National Executive Directory – posted with minutes.

3. I. Bray – cheque from SA Unit etc.

4. Major L. Pearce – congratulations on WA 40th celebration and thanks and appreciation for assistance to Pat and input at ACWC Assembly.

5. J. Miller, ACW Tas Unit – amended National Executive Directory.

6. Pat Walker – thanks and appreciation.

7. Donna Bryan – thanks, congratulations and appreciation.

8. Kaylea Fearn – thanks and appreciation.

9. Lee Edwards – thanks and appreciation.

10. Marie Majoer – thanks and appreciation.

11. G. Fawcett – confirming 11/12/06, 10am-12.30pm.

ACWC I.P. Walker, re ACWC Newsletter, Donna new ACWC Assembly Secretary.

B. Lacy moved, sec. B. Skilbeck, that the correspondence be received. Carried.

REPORTS: 1. **President.** Elaine Johnson reported that she attended the “Building Bridges” evening at Hawthorn Town Hall and the UCAF AGM and Dedication service at Wesley Church. She spoke about ACW at an Ecumenical PSA at the Anglican Church at Heathcote.

Correspondence – IN. SA Unit President, Margaret Flint – thanks

Jan Harrison NSW Unit, M. Lawton, ACT Unit, C. Keys, WA Unit – sympathy

Pat Walker – re ACWC rep

Aileen Eldridge – re visit to SA Unit

Kaye Viney, Alice Springs – WCD service

Gail Watson, Darwin – ACW

Donna Bryan – letter from Esther Byu

Pauline Smit – WDP Paraguay Preparation Day

OUT A. Eldridge, K. Viney and G. Watson – replies to above matters

2. **Treasurer.** Iris Bray presented the Financial Statement from 5/10/06 to 8/11/06. Iris reported that she has sent reminders to the Units to forward all monies by 30 November. I. Bray moved, sec. L. Adam that Mr Ron Mellody be appointed as Auditor for ACW National Executive. Carried.

3. **Winifred Keik Scholarship Convener.** Una Birtchnell reported that she has sent letters to all State WKS Conveners. Una received a letter from M. Knauerhase and a phone call from J. Cayzer. \$11 has been collected from the sale of cards.

4. **Fellowship of the Least Coin Convener.** Lola Adam reported that she had received a parcel from Esther with orders but no FLC forms. Lola wrote a letter of thanks and greeting to her and sent letters and parcels to P. Sanders, WA, and to J. Miller, Tas. A parcel of 500 brochures and 50 prayer cards was sent to J. Lang, NSW. 20 “old” brochures were sent to M. Florence, QLD. A letter was received from M. Greenslade explaining why the YWCA/Solomon Islands project was not suitable for FLC Grant. Esther sent a Greeting book, program and letter, with a request about selling “FLC Anniversary Book” and printing “Circle of Prayer 18” in Australia. B. Lacy will send an email to Esther explaining that the cost of printing in Australia is too high so the proposal is not viable. 50 more Greeting Books have arrived from Esther but no FLC forms.

5. **ACWC.** Donna Bryan reported that she had intended to present a photo report of the Assembly but the photos taken by the Official Photographer have not arrived.

6. **Publication Editor.** Donna Bryan reported that she is preparing the last National ACW News for 2006.

7. **Special Days.** Beth Skilbeck reported that she has contacted L. Loughnan with the corrections to the FD Service for 2007. Beth will ask Leola for a disk of the Service.

Conveners please note. If you are unable to attend the meeting please send a written report.

GENERAL BUSINESS: 1. **ACWC Assembly.** Donna Bryan reported that she had been asked by a woman from Bangladesh if ACW could support a Physiotherapy and Paralyzed Centre in Bangladesh. Donna will write and suggest that they apply for FLC Grant as ACW has no funding for projects in Bangladesh. Donna has 5 copies of the “FLC Anniversary Book”. L. Adam will write to the State Units offering these books for sale. No further copies will be ordered.

2. **Timetable.** Una Birtchnell will write to the State Units to ask for the number of WKS leaflets required. She will also ask the Units to consider reducing the number of leaflets ordered so as not to waste any. Lola Adam will ask the Units to send FLC Grant applications earlier than usual as she is going overseas in April.

3. **WKS Leaflet.** Donna Bryan will get quotes for a new leaflet as a new design is required.

4. **National Conference 2007.** Time was spent planning for Conference.

CLOSING PRAYER: E. Johnson closed the meeting with prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 11 December 2006 at 10am at VCC rooms.

THIS MEETING IS ONLY FOR CONFERENCE PLANNING. NO REPORTS.

LUNCH AT Classico Café at 12.30pm.

Devotions – E. Johnson Morning tea – B. Lacy

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