



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

NSW STATE UNIT INC.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held on 10th floor 222 Pitt Street, Monday 16 April 2007, 11.45a.m. following the Annual General Meeting. Past President Lyn Middleton was in the Chair due to the absence through illness of Carmel Keys.

PRESENT: 42 as recorded.

APOLOGIES: 14 as recorded.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The minutes of 19 March, 2007 were confirmed on the motion of Olive Bolliger and Nancy McLaren. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. The Service of Dedication is to be held at St Brigid's Church Millers Point at 10.30 on 21 May 2007. The church is on the corner of Kent and Argyle Streets. Buses 431 and 433 along George Street, and 399 and 343 along Elizabeth Street provide access. Major Elaine Johnson, National President is to be the speaker. A tick sheet was sent around to assist with catering. Beryl Duncan, Brenda Dickinson and Jan Harrison were appointed as 'welcomers', Judith Baker, Lily Hanlon, Jennifer Peffer and Helen Hill as ushers/collection stewards.
2. ACW Website: Brenda Dickinson reported that work on the website is going well. The address of the site at present is www.beta.acwnational.org.au and it is being edited in Queensland in this temporary stage. There is a link to WKS. It is hoped to launch the website at National Conference in October.
3. 'Profiles' of Presidents NSW Inter Church Council/ACW NSW Unit continues – any help with information or photos welcome. Thumbnails in black and white were an inclusion in the Annual Report, and larger colour versions were available for people to look at if they wished.
4. ACW NSW address list was available for Council members.
5. Visit of National President, Elaine Johnson will enable her to be the Speaker at our Service of Dedication. There will also be an opportunity for Executive and other interested people to meet with Elaine at the WCTU premises, 54/110 Sussex Street following the service and refreshments.
6. National Conference Geelong 24-28 September 2007. Registration forms were available, and Council members were invited to raise matters requiring discussion at the conference.

REPORTS

TREASURER: Helen Richardson reported that the balance at the beginning of March was \$1866.45, and at the end of March was \$2994.10. Moved Helen, seconded Pamela Freeman, that the report be received, and payments of accounts approved. Carried. Helen also proposed that money from the trading table be available for WKS scholar Leinamau Seru.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Judith Cayzer reported on her time with Leinamau Seru, helping her buy suitable clothing for Sydney climate. Judith also attended a Holy Week service with Leinamau.

SPECIAL DAYS: Pamela Freeman showed the proposed cover for the World Community Day 2007 order of service. Packing day for Fellowship Day orders of service is set down for 28 May 2007 from 9.30 on level 9 and packers are welcome.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Flyers were available for advertising the concert, and people in the Sutherland/Hurstville area were encouraged to make use of them.

NEWSETTE: Deadline for copy today or by fax tomorrow.

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FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN: Janet Lang led a devotional prepared by Shu-Wen Chiang from Taiwan based on the treatment of foreign women in her country, and calling for the mutual respect and support of men and women. Janet then read the FLC prayer.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

National Executive: Circular Letter 6; Minutes 19/3/2007; Shu Wen in Sydney Oct 2-4; Nat. Conf. Registration Forms; ACWC March report

UC Day Mission Support Group – invitation 30/4/07 Lakemba

Beryl McLaughlin – reports, photos

Bonnie Lyons – report

Judith Cayzer – re Leinamau

Olive Beverley – report

CWLA Manly – invitation to 70th Anniversary

UCAF Newsletter 3/07, Prison Fellowship *Unbound*

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

National Executive: NSW Minutes 19/2/2007

Barbara Lacy – email re National Finance

Pamela Freeman – music

Lyn Middleton - Constitution

Shirley Mitchell – new UC representative

Dss Irene Carder – Associate Membership

Invitations Dedication Service

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

WCTU – Luncheon

MU Annual Festival Service

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS:

1. National Life Member: Following the death of Marjory Verco NSW is entitled to a second National Life Member. Council members had been asked for suggestions at last meeting. Executive had considered the matter and proposed that Edith Ridge be nominated to fill this position. This was agreed unanimously with acclamation.

2. Honouring Australian Church Women: Executive had also considered names for inclusion and proposed:
Nancy McLaren as Past National President, Joan Tong especially in recognition of her commitment to ACWC, and Shirley Wells for her dedication to FLC. These suggestions were endorsed enthusiastically.

3. Spiritual Enrichment Day: The date is set down for 16 July 2007 and it is hoped that St James' hall will be the venue.

4. A question as to the purpose of the ACWC Pleasant Sunday Afternoon was asked. Our involvement with Asian groups, the fellowship engendered, and the meeting of Asian groups with one another were some of the suggestions of benefits gained.

CLOSE & BENEDICTION: Lyn Middleton thanked the Catholic ladies for setting up the meeting room, the Salvation Army ladies for morning tea, before closing the meeting with a prayer from *Jesus our Future*, 'An Odd Mob' which highlights the diversity of those who are 'the church'.

NEXT MEETING: 18 June 2007

CHAIRS: Churches of Christ

MORNING TEA: Catholic

Confirmed: _____

Date: _____