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MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
HELD IN ST. ANDREW'S MEETING ROOM, McNESS HALL, PERTH ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH.
1987 AT 10.00 A.M.

NOVEMBER 23, 1987

PRESENT:

Revd. Lee Edwards (Chairman) Barbara Bourhill, Olive Dell,
Doreen Gibson, Flora Hunt, Margaret Napier, Leila Wilson,
Vera Wilson.

Mary Box joined the meeting at 12.05 p.m.

APOLOGIES:

Janet Watts.

OPENING:

Revd. Lee Edwards read part of a "contemplative Meditation"
shared by a group of Christians from Poland, Czechoslovakia
and East Germany. This was followed by prayer.

MINUTES:

of last meeting held on October 26th, 1987 were read and
confirmed on the motion of Doreen Gibson, seconded by Flora
Hunt.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Video Violence: (87/80 Pages 14 and 17) Items a, b, c.

Secretary advised that a representative of the Federal
Government had advised her that these items should be
addressed to the Attorney General, both at Federal and
State level. State Units should follow this advice.
Secretary also advised that she had written letters as
listed in "outward correspondence."

2. Winifred Keik Fellowship for Aboriginal Woman (87/61 p.18)

Secretary advised that she had received a reply from the
S.A. Unit stating that until full costs for next W.K.
scholar are known, there is no money available for such
a Fellowship.

3. Bookmarks: (87/9/4 - g. 2.)

Secretary has received quote for \$50 to print 1000 bookmarks.
This would be on a slightly thicker board than the example
shown and could be available in a variety of 6 colours.
It was also considered that the wording etc. on the bookmark
should be updated. Margaret Napier and Barbara Bourhill
should consult on this.

Moved Margaret Napier, seconded by Vera Wilson "that we
arrange for 1000 bookmarks to be printed in time for
distribution at the beginning of 1988." Agreed.

President added that the bookmark was a good promotional
item to have.

4. Conference 1989.

This item transferred to General Business.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward Mail was received as follows:-

1. 19/10 Uniting Church in Australia - National Committee for
Adult Fellowship Groups re nominations for National
Conferences.
2. 22/10 Aust. Baptist Women's Fellowship advising change of
Executive office bearers in Queensland from Jan. 1988
for three years.
3. 25/10 Mrs. E. Elvery requesting minutes and A.C.W. News and
enclosing cheque.
4. 13/10 Mrs. Glastonbury requesting balance of Conference
Minutes as she hadn't received these.

Inwards Correspondence (Contd.)

5. 16/10 S.A. Unit advising that there is no money set aside at this time for a Winifred Kiek Fellowship.
6. The Hon. K. Beazley's office - List of Federal M.P.'s and Ministers.
7. The Hon. F. Chaney's office - List of Federal M.P.'s and Opposition.
8. W.A. Unit - Minutes of Meeting 2nd. October, 1987.
9. S.A. Unit - Minutes of meeting 9th. October, 1987.
10. Vic. Unit - Minutes of Council Meeting 23rd. October, 1987.
11. N.S.W. Unit - Minutes of Council Meeting 16th. November, 1987.
12. Christian Conference of Asia News.
13. A.C.C. - Agenda for Executive Meeting 18th. November.
14. A.C.C. - Ecumenical Update.
15. The Social Security Review - Occupational Superannuation Arrangements in Australia.
16. Department of Community Services and Health - News Release - Women's Health Screening Services.
17. Australia's Constitution - Time to Update.
18. Bicentenary 88 (a) Newsletter October 1987.
(b) Sth. Aust. Bulletin Spring 1987.
(c) 1987 Annual Report - giving information of dispersal of financial grants for the Bi-centennial Year.
19. Letter from Dorothy Haensel to the President on meeting she had attended on "Dependent Spouse Rebate". Three optional recommendations were made.

Outwards Mail was endorsed as follows:

1. 24/9 Anglican parish of Como/Manning requesting access to photocopier.
2. 10/11 A.C.C. re Statement on Tourism and Recommendations.
3. 10/11 S.A. Unit re Winifred Kiek Fellowship money.
4. 10/11 A.C.C. advising names of A.C.W. representatives.
5. 10/11 Mrs. B.R. Wylie - Thank you for work done as Archivist.
6. 10/11 A.C.T. Unit re progress on Incorporation.
7. 18/11 Federal Attorney General re motions from Conference on video material.
8. 18/11 Mr. P.K. Reith M.P. Opposition member to A.G. re above.
9. 18/11 The Hon J.J. Brown re Tourism Statement and Recommendations.
10. 18/11 Mr. J. R. Sharp Opposition member on Tourism re above.
11. 18/11. Office of the Status of Women re Tourism Statement and Recommendations
12. 18/11 Senator Tate - Chairman, Parliamentary Christian Fellowship re motions on video materials and Tourism Statement.
13. 18/11 The Hon. D.C. Parker - W.A. re video material classifications
14. 18/11 The Hon. P. Pandal - Opposition member in W.A. re above.
15. 18/11 The Hon. T.W. Sheahan - N.S.W. re video material classifications
16. 18/11 The Hon. D. Manzie - N.T. " " " "
17. 18/11 The Hon. G.H. Muntz - QLD. " " " "
18. 18/11 The Hon. C.J. Sumner - S.A. " " " "
19. 18/11 The Hon. J.M. Bennett - TAS. " " " "
20. 18/11 The Hon. J.H. Kennan - VIC. " " " "
21. 18/11 Mrs. V. Glastonbury enclosing copy of last section of Minutes.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards: 5, dealt with in Business arising from Minutes. 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 - These publications were handed to various Executive members to peruse and bring before next meeting, any pertinent points.

FINANCE REPORT: Flora Hunt.

The Treasurer reported cash in the Bank for Admin and Gen. A/c at 26/10/87 was		\$5884.16
Receipts for month were	\$335.50	
Payments	\$31.14	
leaving Balance in Admin and Gen. A/c		5838.42
Other Accounts remain unchanged - F.L.C.		2915.09
National Conference		6466.22
Overseas		1352.83
Fellowship Day		737.16
Balance in Bank		\$ 17309.82

Financial Report (cont'd)

Treasurer reported that there were no accounts for payment.

Moved F.Hunt, seconded D.Gibson that the Financial Statement be received.
Agreed.

17/10/34 REPORTS:FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN:- Janet Watts.

The President reported that she had been advised by Janet that she had nothing to report at this time.

SPECIAL DAYS - Olive Dell.

Correspondence: Letter received from Joyce Greentree, former National Executive Special Days convener re National Executive badge.

Olive reported that she had not received her badge. Joyce Greentree reported that she had only taken over as National Special Days convener in March and had never held a badge. It was assumed that her predecessor still had it.

Secretary was requested to write to the previous National Secretary asking her to discover if the original holder still had it.

Order of Service for Fellowship Day: Convener said that as yet she had not received a copy of the order of service from the Tasmanian Unit who was preparing same. She had written to Tasmanian Unit urgently requesting this report but to date had not received a reply. Executive decided that if nothing is heard by 1st December a phone call should be made to Tasmanian Unit ^{referring to the} should have a copy in our hands by 4th December, 1988. Copies of the Order of Service for Fellowship should be in the hands of all Units by February, 1988.

COPYRIGHT was necessary when using Hymns, or printed readings from the Bible etc. Copyright holders usually request a photocopy of the Order of Service.

Project for World Community Day Service, 1988. Convener mentioned the motion proposed by A.C.T. at National Conference (reference 87/48 page 14) that former W.K.S./scholars should be considered when allocating funds from Special Days collections. Olive sought the guidance of Executive in this regard. It was agreed that Mary Box, when sending Christmas greetings to former scholars seek information of any projects that they might have started as a result of their studies while in Australia. It was also agreed that we should write to Force 10 for any suggestions of projects, reminding them that we seek projects slanted towards the well being of women and children. Attention was drawn to the projects mentioned by Ingrid Pi-Ying Hong of Taiwan "The Rainbow Project" and Eunice Kim of Korea on her involvement with "HAN" (Seminar Session 4 - page 17). Convener was asked to look into all these ideas, and to bring a short list with hopefully a recommendation to the next meeting.

PUBLICATIONS: - Barbara Bourhill.

The Publications Officer reported that her first issue of A.C.W. News had been sent out to all States. The Executive congratulated her on the quality of this edition. Barbara outlined some of the items to be included in the next "News".

Printing: Quotes for printing 500 copies were sought from a number of printers - these ranged from \$88 to \$103. The printer who gave the lowest quote had printed the current issue. A printer who had quoted \$95 was more conveniently located for Barbara. Moved M. Napier, seconded D. Gibson ^{Printer} be authorised to "use the same printer who did the first issue, unless printer more conveniently located is prepared to meet the first printer's price; five hundred (500) copies to be printed on size A4 paper; colour - green."

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Mary Box.

Convener reported that she was having great difficulty in finalising study courses for our next W.K. Scholar, Rashmira Maharjan, from Nepal. These were a course in (1) Education for Social Change (Street Drama) and (2) a course in "Community Health. Each of these courses for one

Winifred Kiek Scholarship:- (Cont'd.)

month's duration for April and September. Mary, on reading through Rashmira's application felt that neither of these courses quite filled what she is needing. She felt that what Rashmira was seeking was a way of communicating more fully her Christian commitment. Accordingly Mary was endeavouring to contact someone in Vellore to get full details of a course run by the Christian Counselling Centre there. A further complication is that Rashmira's husband also wishes to come to India to do a course in Biblical Studies.

CHRISTMAS Mail: - The treasurer suggested that when Mary was sending Christmas cards to former W.K.Scholars that because of cost factor, she send Christmas aerogrammes instead.

87/10/4 GENERAL BUSINESS:National Conference: National Conferencea. Deed of Trust: (87/9/4 - a.)

President reported that in a Christmas Greeting sent to her, Dorothy Haensel had mentioned that the Trustees had, for various reasons, been unable to get together to form Trust and sign the Deed. As soon as they instructions for us they would do this. Executive decided that the Trustees had been given authority to do this at Conference - in item 87/44 page 13 of Conference Minutes. Secretary to convey this in her letter to Margaret Pittman, secretary of former National Executive.

b. Remote areas of Australia:- (87/9/4 -g.(2) and (3)

These items will be ongoing. Before proceeding it will be necessary to very carefully explore the mechanics and how to implement them. These include costing and points of distribution, etc. As a start individual Executive members will seek details of placement of padres, and other workers in remote areas.

c. National Conference 1989.

President had a call from Rev. John Neal, Secretary of W.A.C.C. He notified her that the Australian-New Zealand Association of Theological Schools would be holding a Conference in W.A. in 1989 and he wondered if there was some way in which visiting speakers etc could be shared. We agreed to consider this. He also said that W.A.C.C. would like to have a closer liaison with A.C.W. and if it would be possible for him to sit in on some of our meetings. Executive agreed to invite him to our March meeting.

Venues:

Names of possibly suitable venues for Conference 1989 were submitted with relevant costs included. It was decided that Executive would inspect three of them -

1. St. Columba U.C. University College in Crawley.
2. Noalimba Centre in Bateman
3. Pt. Walter Hostel in Sicton.

on Monday morning, 30th. November, to see if any of them are suitable for our needs.

Meeting closed at 1.08 p.m.

Next meeting of the Executive will be held on Monday, 22nd February at 10.00 a.m.

*Edw adds.
22/02/88.*