

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Board Room, Bible House on  
Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> 1959.

The President, Mr Farr was in the chair and opened the meeting with a Bible Reading & prayer. There were 33 members present.

Apologetis were received from Berdames Knight, Powell, Greenhaugh, Yeld, Major Coleman & Mrs Pack.

Welcome was extended to three new Council members, Mr Cassey, Congregational, Miss Morrison, Presbyterian & Mrs Short, Methodist.

Mr Peters & Mrs German were also present & welcomed.

The minutes of the April Council meeting were read and confirmed.

The Farwick reported that the Sub. Committee formed to gather information concerning anti-gambling campaigns had met on June 10<sup>th</sup>. After discussion it was decided to write to key people in country centres - (copy of letter read). The Farwick update had not received any replies. Mr Baldwin had received one or two.

It was hoped that a statement would be ready for presentation to the August Council meeting. - in the meantime to await further information from those written to. The acceptance of this report was moved by Miss Eastaway and seconded by Miss McDiarmid.

Mr Carpenter on behalf of Major Coleman, read an interim report from the N.S.W. Council for Children's Films and Television. Full reports concerning the Viewing panel are not yet to hand from the Secretary. Interesting figures resulting from a school survey in an industrial area were given. 1240 Feature films plus serials are in circulation. A great need for more such good Acceptance of Report moved by Mrs Wren & seconded by Mrs Pearson.

Annual meeting to be held on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr Payten agreed to

represent the I.C.C. as Major Colman would be out of Sydney on that date.

Mrs Pearson conveyed to the Council, an invitation from the Good Neighbour Council to provide Afternoon Tea following the Naturalisation Ceremony to be held in the Town Hall on Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup> - 100 guests were expected. After discussion it was suggested that each denomination represented on the Council should contribute £1 towards financing the expenses) tea. It was estimated the £8 would cover the expenses, this would include £3.5.0, rent of hall and crockery. 6-8 helpers would be needed. Tablecloths, & tea towels to be brought. Mrs Brigg offered to provide sufficient flowers for the tables & guests. Mrs Geddie moved Mrs Carpenter seconded that the invitation be accepted. It was agreed to contribute £1 per denomination to hire the Sydney City Mission Hall.

The Secretary proposed that consideration be given to the possibility of changing the date of Community Day this year, to World Community Day, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Brigg explained the significance of World Community Day. It was noted that the Good Neighbour Council's State Conference was being held on October 31<sup>st</sup> this year. Also that 8hr weekend would not adversely affect the proposed date of September 25<sup>th</sup>.

It was moved by Miss Nanfield & seconded by Miss Eastaway that Community Day this year ~~should~~ be held on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Agreed. It was proposed by Mrs Walker & seconded by Mrs Eastaway, that we should <sup>then 13</sup> meet in the Friends Meeting House & that a small committee comprising of the President, Secretary Mrs Brigg should decide on speakers & form of study & discussion for the afternoon. Agreed.

The President, Mrs Farr made reference to the expectation of the Council following the hope expressed by Mrs Kerle that the Anglican church would soon be represented on the Council. The Council was awaiting further word from the Anglican church. Miss Eastonby expressed the hope that efforts would be made to obtain as many new members as possible reminding members that new members created more interest and support. Mrs Bright reported that the National Council of Women were aware of & appreciated our concern over the marriage laws of our State. It was expected that legislation would be introduced after the passing of the Divorce Bill, & until then neither the State nor interested bodies, (such as the N. Council & ourselves) could do much more than keep the matter before the public & be ready to support when the time comes.

#### Correspondence

A letter of thanks & good wishes was read from the Rev. H. Rowe of the Central Baptist Church Sydney.

An invitation for 2 representatives of the ICC. to attend W.I.Z.O reception to Professor R. Shalon - the Sister Mrs Carpenter had attended.

A letter of thanks from the Food Neighbour Council for the capable & efficient help given at their 35<sup>th</sup> Welcome Party to migrants.

A letter was received from the Food Neighbour Council asking for support for their Contact Workers' Project. Members were being asked to organise a team of Contact Workers in their own districts.

The Pearson explained the project & showed the Council the

Contact Workers' handbook for team leaders. The purpose of the project was to census for to find lonely people - (migrants) After discussion, in which it was stressed that the Council as a representative body could only consider measure offering to become team leaders, or members - it was agreed that the Secretary should write the good Neighbour Council expressing <sup>its</sup> willingness to support local Church projects, but that it was not possible to organise teams from the Council itself.

The Secretary was asked to write a letter of condolence to the Rev. H. J. Hillman, on the passing of his wife, who was a member of the Council, though she had not been able to attend recent meetings.

The Secretary was asked to express the Council's appreciation to Mr F. R. Dean, for his donation of envelopes for the Council's use.

The Financial Statement of £ 17. 8. 9 credit balance was presented by Miss McDiarmid. Authority was sought for the payment of the Suburban Herald Printer's etc for <sup>the</sup> Annual Reports £ 12. 4. 0, affiliation fees to the N.C.C. £ 2. 2. 0., 10/- one delegate, W.C.T.U. 10/- Notice given for the charge of expenses, namely <sup>Treasurer</sup> President's Secretary. Account passed for payment. Acceptance of statement, moved by Mrs Brigg seconded by Mrs Miller - carried.

Reporting for Wycliffe, Mrs Miller referred to the Epping Branch of the I.C.C.'s meeting the day before (July 30<sup>th</sup>) On this occasion the guest speaker had been Mr HURSE of the Australian Inland Mission the lecture had been much enjoyed & appreciated.

The net profit of the afternoon was £6 for Wybalena.

Wybalena Fete to be held on April 2nd 1960 - Work Stalls had been allocated at the last (committee) meeting of the Appeals Committee. At the Lyceum Club on Wed Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Joyce Trickett will give another of her famous recitals 'Trouble with children' admission by ticket 5/-

Plans for another Christmas card are well on the way.

Each member of the Council was asked to take 12 Buttons as their contribution towards Button Day on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Reference was made to next year's Women's World Day of Prayer. This is to be held on Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> & the proposed Order of service has been prepared by the women of Canada - the Inter Church Council participated.

It was announced that there would be a speaker at the August meeting of the Council - Mrs Hesse of the A.I.M. and Mrs Frank White were proposed.

As there was no further business the meeting closed with the benediction.

R.E. Farr 28/8/59

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

Financial Statement to 31st July, 1959.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
By Credit Balance, 30th April, 1959, 4 5 11		To Duplicating Circulars for Rally 1 . .	
" Affiliation Fees 1959/60:-		" Fee to Church Officer Central	
Baptist Women's Federation 1 1 .		Baptist Church (Cleaning) 1 . .	
" Society of Friends 1 1 .			
" Collection at Rally 8 16 8			
" "Wybalena" Hostel Committee 1/3 cost of Reports 4 1 4		" Credit Balance, as per Pass	
" Bank Interest 2 10		Book, 17 8 9	
	£19 8 9		£19 8 9