



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 PITT STREET, SYDNEY on MONDAY
16TH AUGUST, 1999 at 10 a.m.

OPENING: President Elizabeth Walker welcomed members and for Devotions read from Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 15:21-28 - the first recording of Jesus being approached by a foreign woman, a Canaanite, for healing for her daughter. Through her faith, her daughter was healed by Jesus - his ministry was beyond the bounds of Israel. Elizabeth prayed for our members and their families, that God would use us in our organisation and that He would direct and guide our meeting.

PRESENT: 32 as recorded. A welcome was extended to new members - Elaine Wilson of the Churches of Christ and Dorothy Kenning, Anglican.

APOLOGIES: Major Joan Tong, Major Glenys Holley, Heather Reid, Peg Blake. and 13 as recorded.

President Elizabeth welcomed Mrs Julie Brackenreg from The Girls Brigade and invited her to speak on the history, aims, etc. of the Girls Brigade. The Brigade established in Ireland in 1893 and England in 1902 and now world wide - Girls Brigade International. It is inter-denominational and its aim is to help girls become followers of Christ. There is an International President and International Management Committee. Julie is responsible for the Pacific Area - Relevant literature was distributed and is available for members' information. Julie was thanked for bringing to our attention the work and outreach undertaken by the Girls' Brigade particularly in some of the under-developed countries.

MINUTES - of Council Meeting of 21st June, 1999 were read and confirmed on the motion of Jean Porteous and Joyce Liddell. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. **ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON:** 115 attended. Life Membership presented to Mrs. Edith Ridge. Happy occasion especially that Rev. Barry Ridge and Mrs. Yvonne Sullivan ACT President present. Letter received from Mrs. Deasey (guest speaker) saying how happy she was to be present.
2. **INTERFAITH DIALOGUE** - Following a suggestion from the Catholic members that we hold an Interfaith Dialogue, Sister Marie Craddock outlined some of the possibilities - a meeting with Sister Pauline Rae or Sister Tric Madigan as speakers. Some discussion followed and it was moved Beryl McLaughlin seconded Beryl Kirkwood that we explore further the possibility of an Interfaith Dialogue - Executive to bring for decision next Council meeting. Carried.
3. **LISA JACKSON** - was to arrive in Geneva today (16th August) for World Council of Churches meeting - she was very appreciative of our assistance with her fare (approved by Council members at Ecumenical Luncheon) .
4. **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER COMMITTEE** - Bev Elliott would consider filling this vacancy.
5. **OZINDO PROJECT** - \$105 donated at Ec. Luncheon paid to Uniting Church for Fiona. Fiona due to arrive in Darwin 16th (today).
6. **WELCOME HOME** luncheon at Parliament House on 29th November - NCW in conjunction with Soroptimist Intl NSW) Details later from NCW.

7. FLOWER FESTIVAL - St. Mary's Cathedral - 3rd-6th September - Peg Blake to attend official opening. Flyers available for distribution.
8. NATIONAL CONFERENCE - Three of our late members are to be entered in the Bursary Book. Marie McCann read the Entry for Leah Pickering, Joyce Liddell the entry for Brigadier Mabel Ward and Mina Whybourne the entry for Doris Mitchell.
Twelve members attending the National Conference.
National Executive wish to increase the Executive by two - Social Issues and Publicity.
Proposed change to the Constitution re membership will be discussed.
9. FELLOWSHIP DAY REPORT -
Deaconess Carder said that over-all comments re Service had been very complimentary. Speakers excellent.
Music very good - all denominations participated.
Several reports to come.

REPORTS: TREASURER: Marie Majoor said that finances were very satisfactory - offertories for Fellowship Day coming in well. She had a deposit of \$37.35 in our account which had not been identified.
Calendar account in debit awaiting receipt of sales money.
She moved that her report be received and accounts passed for payment.
Seconded Cela Cooper. Carried. (Report attached.)

SPECIAL DAYS: Packing Day Monday, 23rd August, 10 a.m. for World Community Day Services.

SOCIAL ISSUES: Heather Badgery had attended Coalition 99 meeting on behalf of Heather Reid, who is overseas. She reported the following matters:
A list of issues of concern has been issued.
A Forum is being held on Wednesday 13th October 1999 at Parliament House to discuss issues of concern for Older Persons in NSW towards a society for all ages and all cultural backgrounds. A large attendance would help to advance comments from the Forum.
The continuation of IYOP will be the Platform for Action (for 3 years) if there is sufficient interest. Partners such as ourselves will be asked to contribute.

Other Functions advertised:

- Long lives on screen - end October
- Building a Bridge of Values - a dialogue between Young and Old.
- Videos available for loan on aboriginal culture.
- Exercise Kit available from Heart Foundation.
- Year 2000 - designated as Year of Thanksgiving - International Year for the Culture of Peace.
- Year 2001 - International Year of Volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP/PASTORAL CARE: 32 members present, 13 apologies.
Vi Minty, Peg Blake, Helen Stutchbury, Lily Hanlon, Olive Beverley not well.
So pleasing to have Deaconess Thora Thomas well enough to be with us.

NEW BRANCH at Camden - Aileen Davis President.

NEWSETTE: Nola Dickson has kindly agreed to take over as Manager of Newsette for which we are very thankful.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP: Waiting to hear of the arrival of Mai Zin Zin Wah at Trinity College, Singapore. Delay in obtaining Passport and Visa to leave Myanmar.

ACWC: Invitations and flyers had been prepared by Joan Tong for distribution to Churches in the vicinity of Campsie, especially Korean, Chinese congregations for Annual Service on 31st October, 1999. Each denomination to be responsible for distribution of invitations and advertising flyers.

Confirmed: *[Signature]* Date: 20-9-99

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN - Shirley Wells said that the new FLC Leaflet is available and will be inserted in World Community Day Services. She read from Circle of Prayer No. 14 - Voice of Egypt - Dr. Hoda Behnam Habash - Luke 7 - and prayed for all women in the world.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS: President Elizabeth had received letter of resignation as secretary from President-elect Jan Harrison. A nomination has been received - Major Glenys Holley. It was moved Deaconess Thomas seconded Doris Haberfield that Jan Harrison's resignation be accepted and Glenys Holley's nomination be accepted. Carried.

President Elizabeth commented on the excellent work that Jan had carried out as Secretary in a meticulous and competent manner but realised that it was necessary for her to have some space before taking up the President's role in May 2000.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED/TO ATTEND:

1. U.C. SDMSG Roseville - 9th August - Margaret Jessup represented ACW - very happy and informative day.
2. BCA Rally - 25th August - President Elizabeth Walker will attend.
3. Baptist Women's Ass. - 20th September. Possibly Rdith Ridge will attend.
4. NCW Foundation Day Luncheon - Beryl McLaughlin nominated by WCTU - President Elizabeth Walker, Peg Blake, Mina Whybourne, Elsie Cox, Ethel Wladysiuk attending, also Marie Majoor, Shirley Wells and Beryl McLaughlin.
5. Prayer on Wheels "Get Together Day" Sat. 16th October at Waitara U.C. 10.- 4 p.m.
5. St. Mary's Flower Festival - official opening 3rd September - Peg Blake to represent us.

CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

1. Nat. Sec. (4), 2 on 25 June, 14 and 28 July. Re Conference. Executive attended to these. National Minutes.
2. WKS Dorothy Ferrier - NSW Applicants unsuccessful
3. Archbishop of Sydney (Ang.) re appointment of Miss Dorothy Kenning as an Anglican Delegate on Council
4. NCW Pres. Peg McEntee - thank you for "thinking of you card" - asks we keep praying
5. Dorothy Kenning - thanking Sec. for welcoming letter as Ang. Delegate on Council
6. St. Mary's Flower Festival - 2 letters. invitation and re removal of flowers.
7. PWA - advising their 8 members re-elected to ACW Council - Sec. wrote acknowledging
8. Marjorie Deasey - thanking for opportunity to speak at Ec. Luncheon and for gift.
9. PPSEAWA - notification of AGM & Renewal Form. Our reps. are Marie Craddock and Marie Majoor
10. Eileen Holley - re date of World Day of Prayer Special Service in NSW - 27 May, 2000
11. Women's Calendar)
12. Footsteps)
13. Network Exchange of Women's Services) Tabled
14. Salvation Army - Aboriginal Newsletter)

CORRESPONDENCE:(Outward)

1. Nola Dickson - thanks for undertaking Newsette Manager
2. Ec. Luncheon thank you letters - Mesd. Deasey, Mayne, Sullivan, Filipaino, King Whittaker & Newton.
3. National Sec. re Conference
4. Judith Ryan - World Day of Prayer - copy of ACW insert in 2000 Service
5. Lucelle King - Rec. for \$25 on cards sold at Ec. Luncheon
6. Marie Craddock - Interfaith Dialogue
7. Aileen Davis - Welcome to Council, new Camden Branch and sending receipt for \$10 aff.
8. Glad Camlin and Lyla Beckingham Church of Christ - thanking for service to Council

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Major Glenys Holley's phone no. 9771 0015.

NEXT MEETING - Monday 20 September, 1999.

Morning Tea: Presbyterian Chairs: Ang.

The President thanked the Anglican ladies for preparing morning tea and the Churches of Christ ladies for attending to the chairs. She then closed the meeting with the Benediction at 12.45 pm.

Confirmed:

Date:

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

for two months ended 31.07.99

CR BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1.05.99		9268.43
ADD RECEIPTS FOR TWO MONTHS		
Associate Members	50.00	
Affiliation	10.00	
Donations	105.00	
Donations towards expenses for Dedication Service	10.00	
Sale of Promotional items	26.50	
Newsette	15.00	
Winifred Kiek S'ship	103.15	
Fellowship Day Service	1418.55	
Overseas Travel - Morning Tea	12.25	
Ecumenical Luncheon	920.00	
FLC	123.80	
ACWC - Bulletins	15.00	
" Partners	2.00	
Nat. Ccl Women Luncheon - Contra	80.00	
Glebe Board - Interest on Investments	70.22	
Bank Interest	33.30	
Suspense A/c	37.35	
		<u>3032.12</u>
		12300.55
DEDUCT - PAYMENTS FOR TWO MONTHS		
Secretary's Expenses - General Expenses	53.36	
Printing & Stationery	57.65	
Phone & Postage	<u>109.98</u>	220.99
Stock - Calendars		1527.30
Nat. Ccl Women - Foundation Luncheon - President	40.00	
Contra	<u>120.00</u>	160.00
Nat Ccl Women - Seminar		25.00
ACW Nat. Executive - 1999 Travel Pool		111.00
" " " - Rego. for 2 Delegates & 1 Observer	180.00	
" " " Accomm. for 2 Delegates	<u>510.00</u>	690.00
" " " - 3 Entries in Bursary Book		75.00
Un. Church in Australia - Postage - F'ship Day Service		173.85
PPSEAWA - Luncheon		20.00
Annual Report - Printing & Stationery		131.72
P Blake - Reimbursement - Exp. Dedication Service	10.00	
" " " Flowers for Luncheon	<u>20.97</u>	30.97
The Salvation Army - Catering for Luncheon		1026.00
E Sullivan - Donation towards airfare to Luncheon		75.00
Aboriginal & Islander Commission NCC-Donation for L Jackson		1000.00
Government Charges		<u>10.13</u>
		5276.96
		7023.59

CHEQUES FOR RATIFICATION/PAYMENT

Bartel Collectors World - Calendars		267.65
" " " "		427.00
" " " "		80.52
Marie Majoor - Reimbursement - Money owing for NCW Seminar		10.00
" " " - Postage	45.00	
" " " Stationery	3.50	
" " " FLC Postage	<u>49.50</u>	98.00
ACW Nat. Exec. - Travel Pool 1999		111.00
" " " Rego & Accom. for Delegates & Observer		690.00
" " " Entries in Bursary Book		75.00
National Council of Women NSW - Foundation Day Luncheon		160.00
" " " " - Annual subscription		40.00
Ecuemical Luncheon - E Sullivan - Donation towards airfare		75.00
" " " - P Blake Flowers		20.97
" " " - The Salvation Army - Catering		1026.00
Aboriginal & Islander Comm. - NECA- Donation towards		1000.00
airfare for Lisa Jackson		72.25
Uniting Church in Australia - Printing Newsette		351.40
Rev Elizabeth Walker - Reimbursement airfare to Nat.Conf		
Jan Harrison - Secretarial Expenses - Post	5.05	66.85
" " " Stationery	<u>61.80</u>	
Beryl McLaughlin - Postage - Newsette		67.68
PPSEAWA - Ann Linn		20.00
by J. Harrison - Rego for H. Reed 60.00		299.00
airfare for J. Harrison 239.00		239.00
Jan Harrison - Phn		