

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE



**Minutes of Meeting held on February 21, 2005 at
Piccadilly Court, 222 Pitt Street, Sydney, at 1.15 p.m.**

Chair:	Major Nancy McLaren	President
Present:	Mrs Cella Cooper	First Vice President
	Mrs Janet Harrison	Second Vice President
	Mrs Isabel Hewitt	Secretary
	Mrs Nola Dickson	Treasurer
	Mrs Brenda Dickinson	Minutes Secretary
	Sister Marie Craddock	Publicity Convenor
	Mrs Edith Ridge	Publications Editor
	Major Eileen Holley	Special Days Convenor
	Miss Shirley Wells	Fellowship of the Least Coin Convenor
	Mrs Jean Porteous	Social Issues Convenor
	Major Joan Tong	Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor
	Major Lyn Middleton	President, NSW State Unit

Devotions: Major Nancy McLaren read 1 Cor. 1:10-16, giving thanks to God that we have received the Spirit of God, that we may understand what he has revealed to us. Though the world may be in darkness, we, as Christians, still have the light of that revelation and God needs us to show that light to the world.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the Meeting held on January 7, 2005, were confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

1. BUSINESS ARISING:

- 1.1 Incorporating National Executive:** Jean Porteous is in the process of following up this matter.

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward Correspondence January/February 2005:

ACW SA Unit – Minutes 12/11/2004; Annual Report 2004, Address list

ACW VIC Unit – Minutes 26/11/2004

ACW ACT Unit – *Newsletter* 1-3/2005; Response to letter

Juanita Miller – re Special Project application

Maureen Clark – re addresses; National Guidelines

Pat Walker – several emails re Tsunami disaster

Christian Conference of Asia – Christmas message

ACWC – re Tsunami

Office for Women – Christmas card

Society for Rural Development India – re sponsorship

Rosary Socio-Educational Society India – re sponsorship

Directory of Australian Associations

Nungalinga News 12/2004; *Clearinghouse Newsletter* No.20/2004

Outward Correspondence:

Shu-Wen Chiang – re Tsunami

ACW ACT Unit – Re National Executive 2008-2009

Maureen Clark – re National Guidelines

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3. REPORTS:

President (Major Nancy McLaren)

It is not now possible for Nancy to accept the invitation from Victoria State Unit to visit on 22 April. However, should the opportunity arise, will endeavour to visit South Australia Unit on same trip.

Secretary (Isabel Hewitt)

Honouring Australian Church Women: Isabel showed how this book is to be made up, i.e. separate front and back hard covers with A4 pages inserted on expanding brass bolts.

Invite State Units, via circular letter, to submit entries (no limit), accompanied by a donation/contribution per name, sent to Treasurer, for WKS fund which provides books for scholars.

Treasurer (Nola Dickson) Report attached.

Treasurer's Report as at January 31, 2005, received.

Fellowship of the Least Coin Convener (Shirley Wells)

FLC Reflections sent to ICFLC Executive Secretary and a list of the 2004 FLC grants and Christmas greetings were sent to all Australian Units.

- Australia has received two grants for year 2005, i.e. \$4,000US for the project "Grace in Restoring Life" – a program of the women's space at Hope Street Urban Compassion, Woolloomooloo Sydney and \$3,500US for "Journey to Wholeness" a project of Uniting Care at Kwinana, W.A.
- 100 copies of "A Legend and a Legacy" have been received and are available on request. Cheque for \$400 in payment to be sent to the Executive Secretary ICFLC.
- One only Grant Application form for 2006 has been received. In view of the great need in Asia (our region) we will probably apply for only one grant this year. (After April the situation will be reviewed to see if any further forms can be sent out). A supply of promotional material is available on request.
- South Australia suggested all States submit details and National Executive make the decision as to which application will go on the form.
- FLC song music received from Lyn Green.

Inward Correspondence (to 21/02/05)

11/12/04	Letter requesting Grant Application from Tasmanian Convenor
12/04	100 copies of "A Legend and a Legacy" – no costing attached.
12/04	Promotional material and Christmas greetings from ICFLC Exec. Secretary.
12/01/05	Letter and Grant Application from ACWC Executive Secretary
21/01/05	Email from ICFLC Exec. Secretary advising costing of 100 copies of "A Legend and a Legacy".
01/02/05	Letter from Tasmania FLC Convenor re Community Day Service

FLC Convenor's Report (continued)

Outward Correspondence (to 21/02/05)

17/11/04 FLC Reflections forwarded to ICFLC Exec. Secretary and request for promotional material.
 17/11/04 ACWC Exec. Secretary requesting three application forms.
 22/11/04 List of 2004 grants and Christmas greetings to all State Units.
 24/11/04 Email to Sydney Morning Herald re 50 cents coins.
 04/01/05 Phoned ACWC Exec. Secretary re 2005 grants.
 20/01/05 Phoned Western Australia Convenor re successful grant.
 20/01/05 Phoned NSW Convenor re successful grant.
 24/01/05 Letter re 2005 grants to all State Units attaching brief outline of successful grant.
 16/02/05 Phone call to South Aust. FLC Convenor re grants.

Publicity Convener (Sr Marie Craddock)

Marie tabled copies of the draft National Conference brochure/application form she had created. This was well received and Executive thanked Marie for all the work that had gone into this. Some minor adjustments were discussed.
 Marie had received a letter from Mrs. Peg Blake who advised that she will not now be able to lead a Bible Study at the Conference.

Publications Editor (Edith Ridge)

ACW News for February 2005 has been printed and distributed.

Information received as follows:

Mrs Olive Ackland (National Life member), P O Box 497, CRAIGIEBURN VIC 3064.
 Major Gail Watson, Regional Director of Women's Ministries, P O Box 189,
 DARWIN, NT 0801 (replaces Major Winsome Merrett).

Winifred Kiek Scholarship Convenor (Major Joan Tong)

Inward Correspondence:

1. Mary Au	Christmas greetings
2. Rachel	Christmas greetings
3. Nighat Gulzar	Christmas greetings
4. April Lai Mui Ching	Christmas greetings
5. Doreen Tie	Christmas greetings
6. Judith Cayzer	Report Gaye Inall
7. Betty Farrell	Acknowledging mail.
8. Mereani	Report (received 21/2/05)

Outward Correspondence:

Former WKS Scholars	Christmas greetings
State Convenors	Info 2005 Scholars
Maureen Clark	Re 2005 WKS Pamphlet

WKS Scholarship - Winners for 2005 have now been announced and the information has been sent to all States.

Prepared new leaflet and sent it to Adelaide for approval. (They will send photos). When the completed leaflet is approved, they will be printed by Springwood Printing who provided the cheapest quote last year.

WKS Leaflet – Leaflet to be updated with the original photo scanned on to front cover (rather than photocopy of original). .../4

Reports (continued)

Special Days Convener (Major Eileen Holley)

- Six Applications for World Community Day Project received.
After consideration by Executive, it was agreed to propose the following two applications:
 1. **Baptist Women of NSW/ACT – (NSW Unit)** – on behalf of the Aboriginal church connected with the Baptist Church at Broken Hill, to commence after school programs for indigenous children of local schools. *“This is an opportunity to serve the community and present Jesus and His ways to many children who do not have this opportunity”.*
 2. **Parakaleo – Tasmania Unit.** Parakaleo (Sheffield Tas.) offers Christian based counselling and support to people struggling with issues of suicide. The Retreat Centre offers time out and resources to up to four people at any one time. Parakaleo is a program of the Churches of Christ community Care. Receives no government funding. Project money would assist in providing a much needed photocopier at the Retreat Centre.
- Amended copy of Fellowship Day Order of Service as prepared by Alice Springs tabled. Copies to be forwarded to all States next week.
- Draft copy of WCD Order of Service received from Tasmanian Unit.
Executive discussed need for FLC Bookmarks or printed FLC Logo for use during service and asked Shirley Wells to contact Esther Byu re supply of same.

Social Issues Convener (Jean Porteous)

Continuing to receive Carers' News.

Wrote to the State Units Social Issues Conveners regarding members writing to various media when they see or hear something that is distasteful. Unsuitable advertisements have been dropped after complaints. Conversely, write congratulatory letters when appropriate.

Asian Church Women's Conference (Pat Walker)

ACWC Report: In May Pat Walker is to attend the Executive Committee meeting in Cambodia where planning for the General Assembly to be held in Malaysia in 2006 is the major task. Reminder that our National Conference in October needs to appoint three delegates to attend the Assembly along with Pat. One of the three will be our next representative. State/Territory Units have been asked to think about nominations for these positions.

Reports received, with thanks.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS:

4.1 ACW NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2005: Planning and organisation is proceeding.

5. NEXT MEETING:

March 21, 2005, Level 10, Piccadilly Court, 222 Pitt Street, Sydney at 1.00 p.m.

Meeting closed at 3.50 p.m. with prayer.

Minutes confirmed:

Date:

National President.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 31ST JANUARY, 2005

Balance 30th November, 2004	\$21,125.70		
<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
ACW Tasmania	\$3,299.81	Postage	\$25.80
ACW Vic	\$14,010.11	W.K.S.	\$11,284.36
ACW WA	\$4,216.85	F.L.C.	\$36,723.32
ACW ACT	\$3,224.92	ACWC	\$5,325.90
ACW Qld	\$8,064.73	Bank Charges	\$56.00
ACW NSW	\$22,914.61		
ACW Alice Springs	\$231.55		
ACW SA	\$7,058.00		
ACW Tasmania	<u>\$191.60</u>		<u> </u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$63,212.18</u>		<u>\$53,415.38</u>

Balance as at 31st January, 2005 \$30,922.50