

Minutes of meeting of Australian Church Women N.S.W. Unit June, 19th, 1978

President, Mrs. McCann welcomed those present, and welcomed Deaconess Andrews back from trip to Zambia, W.W.D of P. Conf.

Mrs. McCann led in Reading from "The Imitation of Christ", and Prayer.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Bent, Sister Barbara Hutchinson, Mrs. Gummow, Mrs. Lean (Overseas) Mrs. Davis (Overseas) Mrs. Col. Peterson, Mrs Ridley.

Mrs. McCann expressed appreciation to Mrs. Edna Baker for leaving affairs in order as the previous President. She hoped we would all work well together, in Executive and Council.

The Minutes of Council Meeting 17th April were read and confirmed, and a brief report on the Installation.

Business Arising. It was agreed by those who attended that the Reception for the executive of the Asian Church Women's Conference was well attended and catered for by the ladies, the Council working with the Working Committee.

It was also agreed that the Installation Service was an outstanding occasion and Mrs. McCann was commended on her preparation for it, and hard work. Comment was made that it had been most inspiring.

Miss Mitchell reported on the Annual Meeting of the Australian Council of Churches

Correspondence. Inwards.

Mrs. Lean had set letters from overseas to members.

Roger Dadd re. Force 10 May project of interest to women, and leaflets.

Baptist Women's Fellowship re Mrs. Ridley to Executive.

Mrs. Millar, life member, change of address.

Mrs. Nixon thank you letter in reply.

Presbyterian Women's Fellowship re Miss Blackwell to Executive.

Mrs. Mc Rae of Dorriga for Promotional Material.

Working Committee Minutes and Women at Work for April.

Working Committee Minutes and Women at Work for May, and A.C.C. letters.

Working Committee thanks for help with Reception.

Trading Partners confirming 19th June speaker Dinah Burnett.

Card Mrs. Bent, thanks.

Church of Christ Names of Reps.

Presbyterian Women's Ass. Names of reps.

The correspondence was received.

Outwards.

Working Committee re F.I.C. grant submission.

A.C.C. reappointment Miss Mitchell as rep.

Nat. Council of Women re Appointment Mrs. McCann and Mrs. Baker.

Baptist Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Nixon letter of thanks

Roger Dadd Force 10.

23 letters invitations to Reception on 22nd May.

Mrs. Millar.

Card Mrs. Bent

Good Neighbour Council re Major Venables rep.

World Day of Prayer re appmt. Mrs. Lean, Mrs. Savage, Brig. Smith Mrs. Gummow and

21 Letters and Newsletters and Promotion Leaflets (branches) Mrs. West

Y.W.C.A. re Wybalena House.

Children's Films and T.V. re Mrs. McCann and Brig. Earl.

The outwards correspondence was endorsed.

Mrs. Vickery explained how the Y.W.C.A. had adopted the name Wybalena House in their new concept for the city hostel, and it is now a viable proposition.

This information was well received.

Sister Barbara Hutchinson had indicated she is the Catholic representative.

The Treasurer presented the financial report for 3 months, this was received.

It was indicated the Overseas Travel Fund Box was available for donations, for the delegates to Asian Church Women's Conference.

W.K. S. Conveyor. Deaconess Andrews thanked for the welcome back from Conf. in Zambia, and on 31st July in Bible House there would be a Zambia morning, and Council members were invited. She reported she had good reports of Violet Sampa in Zambia, and Kalpana Airan's project in India was going well. Sister Barket Dass was featured in T.V. programme about A.C.W. by Catholic Television with Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Dougherty, and herself., and they had been well received by Channel 7. It had been on T.V. the previous night and would be repeated the next Sunday morning at 7.15a.m. Barket was doing well with her course, but asked for our prayers.

F.I.C. In Mrs. Bent's absence Mrs. Stanhope ^{reported she} had spoken at several places, she had also had Shanti Solomon staying twice during her recent visit to Australia, with the Asian Church Women's Conference. She had taken her to a combined Uniting Church and Anglican Service, at Longueville. Mrs. Udy spoke of F.I.C. promotion at Parramatta.

The circle of Prayer devotional was read by Mrs. Stanhope.

Promotions. In Mrs. Lean's absence the Secretary distributed questionnaire sheets regarding where services are held nearest to Council Members homes, and if the local group also organized the World Day of Prayer Service, also.

The new Promotion Leaflet was available with the names printed of the office bearers, for anyone desiring one.

The list of Fellowship Day Services known was circulated, and members asked to add details of any other service they knew about, being held in July.

Women at Work for April and May were distributed.

F.L.C. leaflets were available, and would be included in the Order of Service at Fellowship Day.

Newsletters which were available at the Installation Service were also ~~available~~ ^{tabled} for anyone requiring one.

Mrs. Udy indicated Sister Barkat Dass would be the speaker at Fellowship Day Service at Parramatta.

Publicity. In Mrs. Ridley's absence Mrs. McCann reported on work which she had begun as previous Publicity Officer, and ~~had~~ was finalising.

Information was requested re Fellowship Day Services for publishing in church papers.

Newspaper cuttings were circulated re the Asian Church Women's Conference, with photos, also photos of the Installation Service which had been published, and reports.

Mrs. McCann referred to the T.V. programme the 4 ladies had had the opportunity to make the previous week, and together with an interview she had made for 2S.M., it was hoped some good would come from it, and people would see Christianity was worthwhile.

The records had been handed on to the new Publicity Officer, Mrs. Ridley, who would be on the job on her return from Perth.

The President indicated the Executive had decided to redo the Report on the "Simpler Lifestyle" discussions which had been undertaken on behalf of the State Unit, and part of the recommendation from the National Committee for studies into various areas of concern, that had been listed. Women's Forums are also being held in other states, and ~~this~~ ^{was} recommended as part of our programme.

The Secretary in handing out the reports, indicated there had been younger ones present at the discussion groups as well. Perhaps people could take the thinking back to their own groups and discuss even one aspect. We are bound to report on it to the Working Committee, and wish to hear comments at the August meeting, for a decision. The first ~~report~~ ^{group} was held in the city, the second one arranged had fallen through ~~group~~ ^{group} owing to lack of attendance, and so the second report was given from the Chatswood-Willoughby branch, where the same topic had been discussed.

The Secretary asked for leave of absence in Aug. as she would be at Tonga Seminar. On Aug. 21st next meeting the Executive had arranged for Vivi Koutsounadis to be the speaker, a Greek ~~and a Greek woman~~ ^{with the South Sydney Community Aid,} who works with Ethnic groups, - a follow up on the theme 'Migrant Women.'

Mrs. Udy expressed appreciation for having two of the Asian Church Women in the Parramatta area and said they were wonderfully received at the Service, and they made a tremendous impact.

Miss Mitchell had attended Commissioner Pindred's retirement.

Following the Benediction Mrs. McCann introduced Miss Dinan Burnett, Manager from Trading Partners, who told us about the ~~Company~~ beginnings of Trading Partners, which is organized by Aust. Council of Churches, St Vincent de Paul Socy., Aust. Catholic Relief, Community Aid Abroad, and the Commission for World Mission of the Uniting Church. Objectives are to provide a market for Third World Producers, and to provide a development education medium through the sale of goods in Australia. A fair price is paid for the goods from other countries. Miss Burnett was warmly thanked for her interesting talk by Deaconess Andrews, and while we had a cup of tea, purchases were made from the goods which were tastefully displayed.

MEETING CLOSED 10:15 Pm. confirmed.

President... H. M. Cann.....

Date... 21st Aug. 1978