

A U S T R A L I A N      C H U R C H      W O M E N .

MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING.

Held at Christian Welfare Centre, Perth, at 10.15. on Friday, 4th December, 1976.

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PRESENT: Dorothy Wacker (Chair), Vera Dean (Secretary), Jean Banyard (Treasurer), Carmel Downey, Isobel McIntyre, Vera Wilson, Jean Vincent, Norma Ellis, Marjorie Scurlock, Joy Holland, Beryl Warr, Jan Watts, Dorothy Craig and Grace Reid.

A special welcome was given to Isobel McIntyre who briefly described her recent trip around Australia. Delighted to contact A.C.W. friends along the way - Carol Baker, Maisie McKenzie and Thai Student in Darwin.

Later in the meeting Grace Reid was welcomed, the possibility being that she may be able to help in 1977 re N.C.M.

OPENING WORSHIP:

The meeting opened with prayer and a time of reflection.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 6th. November, 1976, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE:      OUTWARD:

- (1) Parlor-cars Pty.Ltd.W.A. - confirming hire of bus for N.C.M.
- (2) Canberra A.C.W. - congratulating group re N.C.M. delegation etc.
- (3) Queensland A.C.W. - re Diane Craig, Sopit Chockhai, etc.
- (4) Victorian Interchurch Council - re thanks for cards, and commending W.Community Day & delegates to N.C.M.
- (5) N.S.W. Interchurch Council - re thanks for advice and appreciation re N.C.M. delegation.
- (6) Rachel Cocks - re Thanks for report, congratulation re effort etc.

CORRESPONDENCE:      INWARD:

- (1) R.Dyer, Sec. National Women's Ctee re Uniting Church: re N.C.M. delegates.
- (2) S. Clements, Sec. Presbyterian Subcommittee of Planning: re N.C.M. reps.
- (3) S.Bowen, Sec. Presbyterian Women's Assoc. of Aust: re N.C.M. reps.
- (4) Principal Deaconess, Mary Andrews: Christmas Card, Prayer letter and itinerary re travels.
- (5) M.McKenzie, Darwin: re Sopit Chockhai
- (6) G.Murchland, Sec. S.A.Unit: re Coral Lanthois, F.L.C.Application forms, N.C.M. reps., Annual Meeting minutes and Sec. Report.
- (7) Di Craig: re Asian Women's Forum.
- (8) Force 10 Application forms and information.
- (9) 20 questions on World Development.

It was further agreed that a card be sent to Mary Andrews, and a letter to Sopit Chockhai

FINANCE: It was agreed that the following Financial Report be received.

Statement of Receipts & Expenditure for month ended 30th. November, 1976.

Receipts

Expenditure

To balance at 31.10.76.      \$9879.76.

Fellowship of Least Coin.

Mrs. Stanhope - Booklets & Postage      25.00  
Northern Territory Unit A.C.W.      153.00  
West.Australian Unit A.C.W.      300.00

Winifred Kiek Scholarship

Birdwood United Church Guild  
S.A.      5.00

St. Andrew's Mothers Group  
S.A. 10.00  
Bond Interest 130.00

Fellowship Day.

Tasmanian Unit A.C.W. 115.56

World Community Day.

N.T. Unit A.C.W.  
(Special Project) 72.45.  
W.A. Unit A.C.W. 70.00

ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL.

Interest 7.12

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Canning Highway Uniting  
Church - Stationery 12.35

N.C.M. - Special Fund.

Mrs. I. McIntyre; donation 100.00  
Focus on Church Women  
dinner donations 30.60.

Balance 10886.14

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Summary of Balances.

Fellowship of Least Coin	1350.29
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	3647.75
Memorial Bursary	204.55
Fellowship Day	3443.24
World Community Day	430.75
Overseas Conferences	816.26
N.C.M. Special Fund	150.60
Administration & General	842.70
	<u>10886.14</u>

Current Account	2713.92
Investment Account	8172.22
	<u>10886.14</u>

It was noted that there had still been no response from Mary  
We were re money available.

It was agreed that the following accounts be paid :

St. Andrew's Hall re Forum:	\$10.00
Petty Cash ( Secretary ) :	25.00
Stationery ( Kingswood College )	10.00
Vera Wilson (re Small Beginnings)	2.70
Petty Cash (Convener WKS)	20.00

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP :

Jean Vincent reported on correspondence written and received:

CORRESPONDENCE TO :

- (a) Supaporn Kongphrom - asking for a decision by November 30th re taking up scholarship in 1978.
- (b) Jennifer Yeo - asking for a suitable photo - for W.K. publicity purposes in 1977.
- (c) Sarrah Ah You - re keeping in touch with her when she returns to Samoa.
- (d) Jean Skuse - asking for a list of relevant regional councils in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, so that 1978 scholarship applications may be dispatched.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM:

- (a) Thelma Lang - re meeting Jennifer Yeo in Taiwan and giving in - formation re Campus Evangelical Fellowship in Taiwan.
- (b) Supaporn Kongphrom - replying to queries re her decision about the scholarship.

It was agreed that Thelma Lang's information be publicised through "Women at Work" and that we ask her for a copy of the slides mentioned, thanking her for her prompt contact with us. It was suggested that we think further about the possibility of Jennifer's coming to the N.C.M. noting that the Scripture Union may be able to assist re fares.

It was agreed that a letter be written to Supaporn in response to her questions and dilemma: stating that no responsibility can be taken re her husband if she marries in 1977 and that our plans for the use of the scholarship must be clear by the end of January!!! Jean to cancel the course at W.A.I.T.

Jean reported that she would consult with missionary society representatives ( by phone) during December re sending out applications for the 1978 scholarship. Action taken re late 1977 application from Malaysian girl was endorsed.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN:

INWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) From Mrs. Stanhope (N.S.W.) - requesting copies of "Small Beginnings" F.L.C. pamphlets and jar labels. (\$25 incl.) D.Wacker delivered 75 copies of "Small Beginnings and jar labels"
- (2) From Mrs. Strack (Vic) - re 4th. bundle of "Circle of Prayer" Vol. 6 not yet received (90 copies) - requesting further 50. 15 posted.
- (3) From Mrs. Solomon - re F.L.C. grant to Aboriginal Women's Centre, Darwin.
- (4) From Mrs. Solomon - Minutes of A.C.W.C. Working Committee.

OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

- (1) To Mrs. Stanhope - 200 F.L.C. pamphlets.
- (2) To Mrs. Strack - 15 copies of "Circle of Prayer" Vol. 6.
- (3) To Principal, Nungalinga College, Darwin - requesting News Bulletin to be sent to Mrs. Solomon.
- (4) To Missionary Sisters of Charity - requesting news of project at Bourke.

It was agreed that F.L.C. conveners in each state be asked to let us know what stocks of Vol.6 Circle of Prayer Handbooks they have in hand. N.B.

Re Shanti Solomon's query about the Darwin Hostel it was agreed that Vera Wilson contact the United Church office in Darwin for information about the Hostel and for Rose Gurupatham's address in India, where she is spending 2 month's holiday. A letter to be written to Rose, asking her to contact Shanti while in India.

It was noted that the matter of F.L.C. grants to affluent countries was discussed at the A.C.W.C. Working Committee and it has been made clear that no change in policy relating to applications for grants is envisaged.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:

Vera Wilson noted certain sections of the Minutes of the A.C.W.C. Working Committee Meetings held in August. It was suggested that the A.C.W.C. News Bulletin be twice yearly - after each Working Committee Meeting - instead of quarterly. Members asked to continue in prayer for Go Chung Lee in Korea.

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:

The following news releases were received and commented upon:

- (1) Churches call for 5 year moratorium on Uranium.

- (2). Churches explain policy on Development Aid.
- (3) "In the guise of Justice".
- (4) "But now it is gone" - Times of India, 5th. June 1976.
- (5) Million Dollar aid appeal launched.
- (6) Christian Education news. (ACC Commission on Christian Education)

SPECIAL DAYS:

No report. Fellowship Day 1977 being prepared in conjunction with N.C.M. preparations.

WOMEN AT WORK:

End-of-year Christmas Edition. All committee members to give greetings. (Probably will be received only in 1977!)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

PREPARATORY FORUMS:

Members reported on the success of the 2nd. Forum held with Church women generally not in church women's organisations. It was agreed that a third gathering be held on Tuesday, 22nd. March, 1977 - again at St. Andrews - and that Vera Wilson prepare invitations to be distributed at our February meeting. The possibility of having a panel of speakers was noted.

GENERAL PREPARATION:

Considerable time was then given to planning and "visioning". the N.C.M. re programme, re opening service, re special guests, re Bible Study and leaders, re involvement of State Unit, re raising of money to ensure full representation from all states and associated bodies, re communication, and re the Theme:

"BREAK DOWN THE WALLS"

Keep your ideas flowing in!

NEXT YEAR AND NEXT MEETING :

It was agreed that Isobel McIntyre, assisted by Carmel Downey and other members, chair the meetings from March to July and that the first meeting in 1977 be

\* at 10.00. A.M. on TUESDAY - 15TH. FEBRUARY.

(NOT on 1ST. Friday as usual)

A farewell luncheon for Dorothy Wacker to be held at Carmel Downey's home on Friday, 18th. February.

THE MEETING CLOSED WITH PRAYER AND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

DATE:

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