



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC

Minutes of Annual General Meeting at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney, 10.30 am Monday 16th April 2012.

WELCOME: Mrs Nola Dickson, President welcomed everyone to the meeting specially Sonya Pell and Mrs Padma Ebenezer.

DEVOTIONS: Nola told an amusing story about a recent trip with a friend and being unable to see sufficiently to drive in the dark. Our Christian walk can sometimes seem too dark to see the way, hard to find our bearings. We need to depend on the one who does know the way, God knows the way we should take from the beginning to the end of our life. Even when we can't see the road ahead He goes before and prepares the way. He will see us safely to our heavenly home if we put our trust in Him. Nola reminded us of the story of Fanny Crosby who wrote over 8,000 hymns praising God – she was blind from six weeks of age, Nola read one of her favourites “all the way my Saviour leads me, what have I to ask besides.” Nola finished with prayer.

GUEST SPEAKER: Lyn Middleton introduced Sonya Pell, the successful nominee to attend The Young Women's Forum' to be held in Bangkok in May by ACWC. Sonya gave us her history, outlined her many achievements, but presented as a very humble girl who has set out to make a difference in people's lives, those who are without the power to do it for themselves. She is a very worthy recipient of this trip and has promised to return to tell us about the forum in due course.

PRESENT: 30 as recorded on attendance sheet, 2 visitors, 17 apologies as noted below.

APOLOGIES: Majors Ross & Kay. Misses Reid & Kenning. Mesdames Harrison, Whybourne, Cowle, Kirkwood, Peffer, Cayzer, Hanlon, Lang, Menzies, Baker, Jeffrey, Johnson & Willis.

MINUTES of Annual General Meeting of 18th April, 2011, having been circulated, initialled in June 2011, were signed on the motion of Carmel Keys and Judith Baker.

REPORTS: Reports were printed in the Annual Report, available to members, and taken as read. On the motion of Carmel Keys and Olive Edmondstone.

Moved Brenda Dickinson, seconded Lyn Middleton that the audited financial report to 31st December 2011 be received. Carried

OFFICE BEARERS 2012/2013:	President	Isabel Hewitt	Uniting Church
	Past President	Nola Dickson	Presbyterian

ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2012/2013: Members endorsed the appointment of the following office bearers who had been nominated and the nominations seconded:

Secretary	Pamela Freeman	The Salvation Army
Treasurer	Helen Richardson	Uniting Church
Winifred Kiek	Judith Cayzer	Churches of Christ
Fellowship of the Least Coin	Lillian Hodges	The Salvation Army

Election of Officers for 2012/2013[ctd]

Membership	Martha Noël	Baptist
Pastoral Care	Helen Hill	Presbyterian
Newsette	Jennifer Pepper	Baptist
Publicity	Vacant	
Special Days	Vacant	
Social Issues	Vacant	
ACWC	Lyn Middleton	The Salvation Army

COMMITTEES:

Winifred Kiek Scholarship: Judith Cayzer (Convener), Edith Ridge, Norma Dumbrell
Fellowship of the Least Coin: Lillian Hodges (Convener),
Membership: Martha Noël, (Convener), Heather Badgery, Assistant
Pastoral Care: Helen Hill, (Convener), Nola Dickson
Newsette: Jennifer Pepper (Convener), Brenda Dickinson
Publicity:
Special Days:
Social Issues:
ACWC: Lyn Middleton (Convener), Olive Edmondstone, Norma Dumbrell,
Ramona Cowle, Beryl Kirkwood, Martha Noël, Brenda Dickinson,
Judith Baker, Helen Hill, (required on day of concert).

These positions were confirmed on the motion of Shirley Mitchell and Ineke Nieuwland

Helen Richardson was re-appointed as Public Officer.

Brenda Dickinson was confirmed as *Newsette* manager and as Website manager.

It was agreed that Mr Frank Fryers be Auditor for the coming year.

DELEGATES TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

National Council of Women: Tricia Graham.
World Day of Prayer: Shirley Mitchell, Olive Edmondstone.
Churches Together NSW/ACT : Isabel Hewitt
Pan Pacific & S E Asia Women's Assn: Edith Ridge and Rae Goth.

Moved by Nola Dickson and Norma Dumbrell and agreed unanimously that the above appointments be ratified.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The Annual General Meeting closed at 11.15 am, followed by the Council Meeting.

Initialled:

Confirmed:

20 June 2011

April 2012