

# 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 in C.M.M. Board Room, Franklin Street, Adelaide at 10 a.m. on 24th March, 1975

OPENING: Mrs. Smith welcomed members to the meeting.

PRESENT: Mesdames Joy Smith, Nell Kain, Joan Bache, Alder Hall, Ervyn Whitehead, Gwenda Murchland and Deaconess Norah Norris.

DEVOTIONS: Mrs. Smith read a paraphrase of Psalms 81 and 82 from "God is here! Let's Celebrate".

MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting of 17th February were confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING: Family Life Seminar in Penang - A sub-committee met following the

last meeting and decided to nominate Mrs. Mary Robinson as Australia's representative to that Seminar.

Mrs. Hall's Visit to W.A. - Mrs. Hall conveyed the greeting of the W.A. State Unit. She also reported that she had spoken at length on Fellowship of the Least Coin, that W.A. were in favour of an invitation being extended to Miss Brigalia Bam to visit Australia, that in view of W.A. becoming the Working Committee later this year, the present Committee would arrange for the preparation of the Fellowship Day service for 1976, but W.A. would arrange printing and distribution, that the present Working Committee should make the initial moves towards seeking applications for the Winifred Kiek Scholarship for 1976, but W.A. should make the final choice. Mrs. Hall reported that she had advised members of the State Unit that it was highly desirable and of tremendous advantage to all if as many members of the Working Committee as possible could attend the next N.C.M. Concern was expressed about the cost of fares.

New Member of Working Committee - Mrs. Smith reported that Mrs. Morrow was most anxious to accept our invitation to fill the vacancy which occurred after the resignation of Mrs. Golding. However, she already had commitments at our normal meeting time. It was agreed that meetings in future start at 11.30 a.m. in order that Mrs. Morrow may attend.

Visit of Brigalia Bam - All State Units had advised their support of this proposed visit. No reply as to whether Miss Bam available as yet.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was received, action taken endorsed and direction given as necessary:-

From Sec. N.S.W. W.I.C.C.	giving profile of Mrs. Heather Stevens
To                   "	advising of appointment of Mrs. Robinson to
	attend Family Life Seminar - re notelets,
	W.C. Day Orders of Service
"   Sec. Vic. WICC	advising of appointment of Mrs. Robinson to
	attend Family Life Seminar
"   Sec. S.A. Unit	do.
"   Mrs. Mary Robinson	do. and also re appointment to COCE
"   Mrs. Marie Petrie	re appointment to COCE
"   Mrs. Shanti Solomon	re appointment of Mrs. Robinson
From Mrs. Mary Robinson	re appointment to COCE and Family Life Seminar
To   Sec. W.A. Unit	re visit of Mrs. Alder Hall to W.A.
From               "	do.
To               "	do. and expressing thanks for
	meeting Mrs. Womo
"   Miss Jean Skuse	re grant of \$30,000 to Commission on Status of
	Women, re holding of conference in another State
	and attendance of men at conference, requesting
	profile of Miss Bam
"   Miss Brigalia Bam	asking if she would be available to accept invi-
	tation to visit Aust. if we are in a position to
	extend a firm invitation
From Sec. Vic. WICC	supporting invitation to Miss Bam
	Newsletter

CORRESPONDENCE From Sec. Qld. Unit  
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From Sec. N.S.W. W.I.C.C.

" Sec. S.A. Unit

To Sec. Qld. Unit

" Mrs. B. Golding

" Miss D. Chapple

" Sec. Tas. Unit

From "

To "

From Pres. "

" Mrs. E. Garnsey

" Past Pres. A.C.W.F.

" U.N.A.

" I.W.Y. Cttee (SA)

" A.C.C.

querying whether it would not be better to invite Asian women rather than Miss Bam, whether time available to complete arrangements, what benefit to Australian women? Supporting W.C. decision Newsletter

re itinerary of W.K. Scholar, F.L.C. publicity material, Working Documents for '74 NCM. appointment of Mrs. Robinson, re Miss Bam

re invitation to Miss Bam, combined Women's Service, Mrs. Wene

re attendance of Mrs. Ailsa Webber at NCM

accepting resignation from W. Cttee.

concerning formation of N.T. Unit

enclosing report of S.A.C.C. Seminar "Male and Female created He then"

re above, visit of Mrs. Wene to Tasmania

re Fellowship Day O/S, Mrs. Wene

re Travel Pool

enclosing postage to cover copy of "Women at Work"

advising new officers for 1975

re Hammarckjold International Memorial Conference

"Women to save Mankind" and programme of events in S.A.

News Bulletins - Gov.-Gen. congratulates ACC

Churches speak out against

South Africa

Establishment of Aust. Govt.

Compensation Fund for loss of

aboriginal land

Visit of Dr. Emilio Castro

Report on A.C.C. Gen. Mtg.

Religious studies at Sydney Uni.

(The following is an extract from a letter from Miss Bam received by the Sec. on 24.3.75, but too late for the meeting)

"The delay in my reply to you, for which I apologise, was due to my hope that it would be possible for me to accept your invitation, which interested me very much. Alas, due mainly to the tremendous pressure of preparing for the Assembly, it is impossible for me to be away from Geneva for such a long period at that time; and to travel such a long distance at such cost just to make a brief visit does not seem justified. I am indeed sorry to miss this occasion of visiting Australia and getting to meet Australian church women. I hope it may be possible in a not too distant future for me to come again to your country."

FINANCIAL  
REPORT:

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

<u>Receipts</u>	\$	<u>Payments</u>	\$
Balance at 18.1.75	6349.86	<u>W.Kick Scholarship:</u>	
<u>F.L.C.:</u>		M.Wene - Mem. Bursary 50.00	
ACW Tasmania 391.21		Pocket Money 48.00	98.00
ACW S.A. 650.00		(6 weeks)	
NSW WICC 1680.69		<u>Memorial Bursary:</u>	
St. Theo CofE 12.61		Bond	100.00
Alice Springs U/C 12.70		<u>Fellowship Day:</u>	
F. Fishburn 7.00		Printing O/Service & Posters 130.00	
ACW Queensland 1170.00	3924.21	<u>Administration &amp; General:</u>	
<u>W.Kick Scholarship:</u>		ACC Reg. Accoun, Fare &	
Refund O/ch. fare 108.70		Booklet J. Smith 116.00	
" " Print. 13.50		ACC Reg. Accoun	
ACW SA 305.82		N. Norris 48.00	164.00
NSW WICC 35.00		Balance at 18.3.75	11892.56
ACW Queensland 135.00	598.02		
<u>Fellowship Day:</u>			
ACW SA 244.18			
NSW WICC 615.35			
ACW Queensland 150.00	1009.53		
<u>World Con. Day:</u>			
ACW Tasmania 50.50			
ACW SA 142.00			
NSW WICC 90.77			
ACW Queensland 200.00	483.27		

FINANCIAL  
REPORT:  
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Receipts	\$	Payments	
Total B/F	12364.89	Total B/F	12384.56
<u>Scribal Pens:</u>			
ACW Tasmania	14.40		
<u>Administration &amp; General:</u>			
Refund Petty Cash	4.37		
Notelots	<u>90</u>		
	5.27		
	<u>\$12384.56</u>		<u>\$12384.56</u>

SUMMARY OF BALANCES

	\$
Fellowship of Least Coin	4497.57
W.Kick Scholarship	3095.21
Memorial Bursary	70.00
Fellowship Day	1304.92
World Community Day	694.20
Overseas Conferences	816.26
Scribal Pens	787.20
Administration & General	627.20

\$11892.56

Bonds held at 24.3.75:-

Winifred Kick Scholarship	\$600 Special bonds
	\$2100 Treasury Bonds
Memorial Bursary	\$500

Accounts passed for payment:-

Pocket Money for M. Weme - 4 weeks	\$32.00
Fees	\$59.90
Bond for W.Kick Scholarship	
(Queensland)	\$100.00
Petty Cash:	
F.L.C. Convenor	5.00
Secretary	40.00
Engraving plaque for Thailand	5.00

FIXED  
DEPOSIT:

It was resolved that \$8000 be put on fixed deposit for three months rather than be left in working accounts at lower rate of interest.

TRAVEL POOL: Following considerable discussion regarding travel pool, it was resolved that a letter be sent to Secretaries of State Units advising them of the expected cost per State Unit for two delegates. While attendance of Federal representatives is very much appreciated, our limited finance indicates that priority should be given to assisting incoming Working Committee members to attend W.C.L. rather than assisting Federal denominational representatives. Treasurer gave notice that she intends to move at N.C.L. that no rebate of half fare for Federal representatives be given and that the amount of \$236 be used to assist four incoming Working Committee members to attend, to make a party of six from W.A. A letter to this effect to be sent to each of the denominational presidents advising them of this possibility. We would appreciate comments.

REPORTS:

Winifred Kick Scholarship - The Convenor presented the following report:-

Mrs. Weme arrived on Friday, 14th February. Her arrival had been delayed due to the illness of the Australian Consul in Nairobi, which meant that she had not been able to get her visa.

She began classes in spinning and weaving that same week; and commenced her training with the YWCA in Adelaide. Mrs. Weme expressed considerable disappointment that her training will not result in a certificate qualification.

REPORTS:  
(CONT.)

Winifred Kiek Scholarship (cont.)

The Y.W.C.A. National office is arranging Mrs. Wome's interstate training. We waited until Mrs. Wome had been here some weeks to assess her interests and ability to undertake "in-service training". Her application was quite specific in asking for training in group-work and community organisation, as well as a specific craft skill. We are trying to meet these requests with opportunities to observe and participate in agencies which are both established and innovative in these areas. We are relying on Mrs. Wome's experience and maturity to maximise her opportunities to learn from the people and situations she meets. We have easily available to her, a woman with considerable experience in establishing community organisation in Papua/New Guinea, and with experience at International Conferences in this new discipline; and a former C.M.S. missionary in Tanzania, able to speak Swahili is taking a personal interest in Mary and acting as an intermediary in interpreting her needs to the YWCA in Adelaide.

Letters are now going out to State Secretaries regarding Mrs. Wome's itinerary, but this is dependent on the plans the National Y.W. are able to make in each State. We hope that although Mrs. Wome's visits to the States will be much longer than usual, the States will still be able to arrange accommodation for her, preferably after consultation with their State Y.W.C.A. so that her accommodation can be close to the places and agencies she will be visiting. We have been paying Lincoln College \$18 per week for accommodation. I would suggest that a similar amount should be available to her hostesses in other States where required.

Mrs. Wome has shown herself to be a very able and acceptable guest speaker, a situation she appears to enjoy very much. While her training must be given first priority always on her interstate trips, she will be available and happy to speak to gatherings of Church women.

On a personal level, I would appreciate State Units enabling Mrs. Wome to spend time with C.M.S. groups and others who can speak to her in her own language and who understand the background from which she comes.

On present plans, Mrs. Wome leaves for Melbourne on 8th April for a seven week stay, returning about 28th May.

Fellowship of the Least Coin

Convenor reported increased giving in W.A.

Special Days

The Order of Service for World Community Day is now ready for printing.

DISCUSSION  
TOPICS FOR  
N.C.M.

A discussion paper on the Winifred Kiek Scholarship to be sent to State Units was prepared by the Convenor and presented to the meeting. Agreed that copies be given to members of the Working Committee for comment at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: 28.4.75 at 11.30 a.m.

CLOSING: Mrs. Smith closed the meeting with the benediction.

Confirmed \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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