



## AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN NSW STATE UNIT INC

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday 18 April 2005 at 10.30 am.

WELCOME: President Major Lyn Middleton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A short time of remembrance was observed to mark the death of Pope John Paul II and to offer opportunity for members to reflect on and pray for the task of the Cardinals as they meet to elect his successor.

Heather Badgery introduced Julie Bryant representing the Bible Society NSW on Council who was attending for the first time.

DEVOTIONS: Lyn Middleton focused our attention on 'Joy' as she led devotions. Joy is a positive emotion with therapeutic value. A smile is much less of an effort than a frown, and a laugh is good for us. When the Israelites were overcome with emotion at the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem Nehemiah (8:10) exhorted them to show that the joy of the Lord was their strength. Joy is different from pleasure which depends on circumstance – joy from God is independent of circumstance, an inner joy we can have no matter what.

PRESENT: 39 as recorded on attendance sheet

APOLOGIES: 18 as recorded.

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of 19 April 2004 having been read at the Council Meeting of 21 June 2004 and initialled were confirmed on the motion of Cela Cooper and Norma Dumbrell, with the correction of the date on the first page to read 19 April 2004.

REPORTS: All reports were printed in the Annual Report and available to members. President, Secretary and Treasurer presented their reports.

Moved Helen Richardson, seconded Joan Bird that the audited financial report to 31 December 2004 be received, and that on the advice of the Auditor the amount of \$1775.80 in Stock Account be incorporated into Organisation Account. Carried

Moved Rosalyn Bemrose seconded Judith Baker that the reports be received.

Lyn thanked all who had sent reports for inclusion in the Annual Report. Joan Bird asked that in her report Pam Freeman's name be added to the Social Issues Committee.

OFFICE BEARERS 2005/2006:	President	Lyn Middleton	Salvation Army
	Past President	Jean Porteous	Churches of Christ
	President Elect	Carmel Keys	Catholic

ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2005/2006: Members endorsed the appointment of the following office bearers who had been nominated and the nominations seconded:

Secretary	Isabel Hewitt	Uniting Church
Treasurer	Helen Richardson	Uniting Church
Winifred Kiek	Judith Cayzer	Churches of Christ

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Fellowship of the Least Coin	Janet Lang	Presbyterian
Membership & Pastoral Care	Heather Badgery	Anglican
Newsette	Beryl McLaughlin	Anglican
Publicity	Nancy McLaren	Salvation Army
Special Days	Valma Pethybridge	Salvation Army
Social Issues	Joan Bird	Catholic
Asian Church Women's Conference	Winsome Penn	Baptist

Executive members came forward to enable Council members to note who they were, and Jan Harrison, a former President, prayed for them.

COMMITTEES:

Winifred Kiek Scholarship: Judith Cayzer (Convener), Mina Whybourne, Edith Ridge, Norma Dumbrell

Fellowship of the Least Coin: Janet Lang (Convener)

Membership/Pastoral: Heather Badgery (Convener)

Newsette: Beryl McLaughlin (Convener), Heather Badgery, Jan Harrison

Newsette Manager: Cela Cooper agreed to consider if she could do this job.

Publicity: Nancy McLaren (Convener)

Special Days: Valma Pethybridge (Convener), Jan Harrison, Isabel Hewitt, Dorothy Kenning, Judith Cayzer, Pat Sutton

Social Issues: Joan Bird (Convener), Rosalyn Bemrose, Lily Hanlon, Pamela Freeman

ACWC: Winsome Penn (Convener), \*Heather Reid, Joan Tong, Olive Edmondstone

Auditor: Mr Frank Fryirs

(\*Subject to agreement)

It was agreed that people remain on the Newsette mailing list for a maximum of one year if they do not pay.

DELEGATES TO OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

National Council of Women: Shirley Wells, Helen Richardson, \*Dorothy Kenning as alternate.

World Day of Prayer: Bev Elliott, Judith Baker, Lily Hanlon, Dora Quarmby

NSW Ecumenical Council: Rosalyn Bemrose

Pan Pacific & S E Asia Women's Assn: Edith Ridge

Moved Judith Cayzer, seconded Joyce Liddell that all positions be confirmed.

It was agreed that Mr Frank Fryirs be Auditor for the coming year on the motion of Beryl McLaughlin and Helen Richardson.

At the conclusion of business Lyn Middleton led a short devotional.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 11.45 am and the business of April Council meeting followed.

Initialed: .....

20 June 2005

Confirmed: .....

10 April 2006