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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. STATE UNIT

Minutes of the Council Meeting, held at 139 Castlereagh St Sydney,  
(Uniting Church building) on Monday, 16 February, 1987.

In the absence of the President, Mrs Y. Davis was in the chair and welcomed members to the first meeting of the year. Mrs Margaret Hillyard was especially welcomed as our speaker and apologies were received from both the President and the Secretary, Mrs M. McCann.  
Forty-five were present and 8 apologies were recorded.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs Davis who read verses 105-112 of Psalm 119. We were reminded that God's Word is a lamp to our feet, a light to our path. In keeping God's laws, in looking to each other in love and by bringing others to meet our Lord, we will be His ambassadors in 1987. During Prayer we remembered the sick husbands of our members, Mrs Major Barnard and Mrs Ferguson.

Other welcomes were extended to Sister June Nichols, replacing Sister Lenore Sharry and the new delegate from the Y.W.C.A. Pat Alexander, and a visitor, Lyn Robinson of City Branch.  
Other new delegates were welcomed, -- Joan Touzel of the Churches of Christ and Marilyn Williams of P.W.A.

Minutes of the meeting, 17 November, 1986 were read and confirmed on the motion of Mrs. Whybourne, seconded Mrs Burtinshaw.  
Business arising from the Minutes.

1. The Pope's Mass. Mrs McCann and her son represented A.C.W. at this service.

Correspondence. Inwards.

1. From the Archbishop of Sydney, confirmation of the appointment of Mrs D. Lumb and Mrs B. McLaughlin as Anglican delegates.
2. Mayfield Branch, Newcastle is experiencing a small difficulty in its operation and requests that a member of Council might attend the World Day of Prayer service on March 6 and speak with them over lunch. It was suggested that Mrs E. Ridge, Past President should attend.
3. Mothers' Union Festival, March 27 Mrs Ridge will attend as our rep.

Treasurer's Statement. The Financial statement as attached was received, the balance being \$2, 505.07

Financial Business.

1. Partners of A.C.W.C. Contributions are due in March. (\$1) Our Unit's allocation is \$500, of which we have in hand \$202. Members of Executive suggested that the collection taken at the Annual Service in May 1987 be put towards Partners for A.C.W.C.  
This motion (Mrs. H. Stutchbury, Mrs. COL. E. Baker) was carried.  
A further suggestion that a box be displayed at each meeting for the reception of money for this fund was also endorsed.

Alteration to the minutes of the February 16, 1987 meeting of the A.C.W. Council.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The Annual Service. The speaker will be Dame Monica Gallagher and the Christian Women's Choir will sing. The Theme of the service is "Rejoice & Share".  
All members are asked to bring food for the luncheon.  
1.a. The Women's World Day of Prayer service in the city will be held in the Pitt St. Uniting Church. The theme is "Come & Rejoice". It is the Centenary Year of W.W.D. of P. The speaker will be Mrs Marie Robinson, President of the Mothers' Union in N.S.W. Mrs Robinson is the wife of the Archbishop of Sydney.

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  2. The April meeting will be held on April 13, the 20th being Easter Mon.
  3. Affiliation fees are due March 1 from Branches and affiliated churches.

Reports. F.L.C. Badges (\$2) and spoons (\$3) and copies of Circle of Prayer (\$1) are available. It was suggested that the spoons would be appropriate gifts to speakers on Fellowship Day.  
A.C.W.C. Bulletins orders have been sent & members were notified that the cost has risen to \$7.50 per annum.  
Mrs West used the devotional page from Circle of Prayer from the

## Cameroons.

Publicity. A copy of the A.C.W.C. Conference Statement has been sent to all Church papers.  
Details of the times and venues for Fellowship Day are required as soon as possible.

Promotions. The lists of speakers have been mailed, but it is noted that this list is incomplete as members of Executive did not have the opportunity to record their names. The lists will be revised.

W.K.S. Letters were received from a number of former scholars over Christmas and some greetings and news were printed in 'Newsette'. There is still no news from Burma regarding the arrival of a girl from that country.

## Announcements.

1. W.W. Day of Prayer. The City service will be at the Pitt ST. Uniting Church, Mrs Marie Robinson the speaker.
2. Newsette forms are available for those desiring to subscribe.
3. Sister Norma Clare tabled leaflets from W.A.T.A.C. (Women and the Australian Church).
4. Trading Table. Members were encouraged to visit Deaconess Andrews at the trading table at the conclusion of the meeting.
5. Mrs Pickering requested assistance with the packing of the country orders of service. The combined committees of W.K.S. and Publicity & Promotions agreed to take on this responsibility and will announce Packing days. The Council expressed its thanks to Mrs Pickering and her husband for the way they have done this for us for a number of years.


The Presbyterian ladies were thanked for the morning tea provided and the Catholic delegates were reminded that they are to be the hostesses at the March meeting. The Forum 'Women in the Church' will be held at the next meeting.

Mrs Davis introduced the speaker, Mrs Margaret Hillyard, who as Convenor of the Mothers' Union Social Responsibility Committee spoke of the work of the women who support people at the Children's Courts by serving cups of tea and by providing a listening ear. In her capacity as Convenor she has attended the A.G.M. of the Prisoners' Aid Society.

Other tasks undertaken by her committee are hospital visiting at maternity hospitals, where they give a gift and leaflets to the mothers. Counselling courses in Grief & illness are conducted by M.U. A new scheme to provide accommodation for the families of country people in city hospitals has been commenced. This programme is ready to be extended to the families of prisoners, when it is requested.

Mrs Marjorie Baker moved the vote of thanks to this interesting speaker and the gift of an A.C.W. spoon was presented to her.

The meeting was closed with the Benediction.

  
Confirmed.

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NOTES ATTACHING TO THE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28TH FEBRUARY, 1987

The year's operations disclose we are still a going concern. The investments made by former officers have been wise: I transferred \$1,000 from Glebe Administration Board, and \$500 from the Savings Investment A/c to Current A/c, giving liquidity at the time it was needed.

Thank you for the contributions made by many present here today, and by those Branches of A.C.W. whom you represent, as well as the country Branches who do not forget us. Thank you to our heavenly Father for His enabling.

I have made comparisons between 1985/1986 year and the 1986/1987 year <sup>Funds</sup> which are as follows:-

Special/contributions received at our Fellowship Days and World Community Days, including F.L.C. contributions are:-

<u>1985/1986</u>		<u>1986/1987</u>	
F.L.C.	\$7,447.41	F.L.C.	\$7,456.49
W.K.S.	150.51	W.K.S.	340.49
Fellowship Day	2,852.17	Fellowship Day	3,322.31
World Community Day	2,469.10	World Community Day	3,101.28
	\$12,919.19	(Special Project)	\$14,220.57
Actually paid	=====	Actually paid	=====
	\$11,028.00		\$13,409.56
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"NEWSETTE"

1985/1986 - 1986/1987

Balance brought forward 1.3.85	\$439.27
Deduct cost of production	349.85
	89.42
Add subscriptions paid	337.00
Balance 28.2.85	426.42
Deduct cost of production	398.94
	27.48
Add subscriptions paid	436.00
Balance as per audited	\$463.48
Statement 28.2.1987	=====

<u>1985/1986</u>		<u>1986/1987</u>	
Affiliation Fees	\$160.00	Affiliation Fees	\$220.00
Collections and		Collections &	
Donations	255.16	Donations	413.31
Interest	1,391.37	Interest	1,078.79
Overseas Travel Fund	120.02	Overseas Travel Fund	214.42
Sales booklets, spoons		Sales booklets, spoons	
badges	135.56	badges	75.10

PARTNERS

<u>1985/1986</u>		<u>1986/1987</u>	
Cr. balance 28.2.86	12.00	Donations	\$258.00

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR 3 MONTHS ENDED 31ST JANUARY, 1987

CR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/11/1986 (CURRENT A/C) ... .. \$8,876.62

ADD RECEIPTS for 3 MONTHS

Asian Bulletins	\$ 50.00	
Donation	50.00	
"Newsette Subscriptions	242.00	
Affiliation Fees	16.00	
Sales "Circle of Prayer"	27.00	
Overseas Travel Fund	48.72	
Fellowship of Least Coin	3,842.25	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	82.93	
World Community Day (Special Project)	1,625.82	
Bank Interest (Westpac Current A/c	36.76	
Interest - Glebe Administration Board	219.75	
Partners	37.00	
		<u>6,278.23</u>
		15,154.85

LESS - PAYMENTS for 3 MONTHS

"Newsette" production, printing, postage, etc.	172.29	
Imprest		
F.L.C. Convenor	20.00	
Treasurer	60.00	
Secretary	100.00	
Minute Secretary	61.90	
Photostats & Postage	8.21	
Gift - Bark Painting	20.00	
A.C.W. - National Treasurer		
Fellowship of the Least Coin	6,006.05	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	320.49	
Fellowship Day	3,059.46	
World Community Day (Special Project)	2,675.90	
		12,061.90 *
Asian Bulletins	75.00	
Stock purchase		
25 "Circle of Prayer" Teaspoons	70.48	
		<u>12,649.78</u>

CR. BALANCE - CURRENT A/C - 31ST JANUARY 1987 ... .. \$2,505.07

Payments for Confirmation

"Newsette" - Mrs. D. Woodhouse for Bulk	
Postage and sundries	\$46.11
printing "Newsette" (230 copies) Board of	
Education (Uniting Church - Sydney)	38.00
Perfection Plate P/L - 25 teaspoons "Circle of	
Prayer	70.48
	<u>\$154.59</u>
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\* paid to National Treasurer 30/11/1986