

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

Minutes of the Working Committee Meeting held on Friday, 14th July, 1967 at 10:30 a.m. in the Office of the Victorian Council of Churches, 37 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

1. OPENING The meeting opened with devotions led by the President.
2. PRESENT Miss Ritchie (Chair), Mesdames Anderson, Coates, Duke, Faichney, Saunders, Stephens, Strack, Williams and Ashton.
3. APOLOGIES There were no apologies.
4. WELCOME The President welcomed Mrs E.L. Williams who was attending her first meeting.
5. MINUTES The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated were taken as read and confirmed.
6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - (1) Fellowship Day. Mrs Anderson reported that supplementary orders for the Order of Service had been received from the States, and as the printer had held the type, another 500 copies had been ordered, and all requests satisfied. In receiving Mrs Anderson's report members expressed pleasure that so many more copies were needed.
 - (2) National Committee Group Discussions. A request had been received from N.S.W. for 10 copies of pages 17-18 from the National Committee Minutes.
 - (3) Travel Fund. Comments had been received from both S.A. & N.S.W. that when A.C.W. was first formed, women had been assured that there would be no extra expense involved, and they felt that a levy of 5/- per member would not be welcome. Further comments on the question of a Travel Fund will be awaited from the states.
 - (4) Miss Anna Busina. The President reported that she and the Secretary had met the Y.W.C.A. National President and Executive Director and had discussed the points raised at the last Committee Meeting. Miss Fox of Port Moresby Y.W.C.A. was also at the meeting. Miss Busina had arrived in Melbourne on Monday, July 3rd. She had been met at the Airport by the President & Secretary of the Working Committee and Miss Hogden of the Y.W.C.A. She was staying with the Secretary while in Melbourne. As the Y.W.C.A. in Port Moresby had indicated, her first need was the purchase of warm clothing, and this had been done, at the cost of \$57.58. Miss Fox had informed us that the Y.W.C.A. in Port Moresby would continue her salary of approx. \$10 per week, while she was in Australia. This will enable her to continue the help she has been giving her father, and have \$6 per week pocket money for herself. This will be paid direct to Miss Busina. Miss Busina had joined the H.B.A. and this had been paid for 6 months (MK rate) \$15.44. On Saturday 15th, she would fly to Adelaide for training with the Y. At the request of the Port Moresby Y. she will live in the Y. Hostel in Adelaide. She will be there for the rest of the year, except for the period in August when she will be attending the Y. World Council in Melbourne, as a delegate from Papua-New Guinea. It should be made clear that Miss Busina had come first and foremost for training, but the State Unit in S.A. have been notified about her plans. She will attend their central meeting on Fellowship Day. In these few days in Melbourne Miss Busina has attended many Y. Groups and a meeting of the Congregational Fellowship of Victoria (her father, a retired minister of the Papua Ekalesia, was formerly an L.M.S. Pastor.) She would meet the A.C.W. Working Committee at lunch following this meeting, and the W.I.C.C. in the afternoon.

The Y. had prepared a press release, and Miss Busina had been interviewed and photographed by a Herald Reporter. The President's report was received with interest.

It was felt that enquiries should be made as to whether it was not possible to obtain a Student's Concession on the Airways for a Scholarship Holder coming to Australia.

The President raised the question as to whether, when a private home was asked to provide hospitality, this should be paid for, at the same rate as would be paid at the Adelaide Y. Hostel. It was decided by the meeting that this should be done.

The desirability of Scholarship Holders becoming known through Women's Groups was raised, but it was stressed that studies had the prior claim. However it was pointed out that in Miss Busina's case, her training will bring her into contact with many groups of people, many of them young.

(5) Brochure on Miss Busina. The President had prepared material for this, and sent it to the A.C.C. who had printed the two previous brochures, and had asked if it could be printed, in good time for Fellowship Day. No reply had yet been received.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence, as follows, was received:-

- (1) Miss V. Cameron, two parcels of Fellowship of the Least Coin pamphlets had been despatched to the V.C.C.
- (2) Rev. Harvey Perkins, Mrs Berntsen's visit postponed indefinitely.
- (3) Mrs E.V. Newman, re World Community Day Service.
- (4) Mrs A.W. Loy (2) forwarding (a) Order of Service for World Community Day and (b) Questions for discussion at W.C.D. Service.
- (5) Mrs E.A. Pitman, information about S.A. activities; 5/- Travel Fund would not be favoured in S.A.; Group Discussion material had been distributed, comments to be given at August meeting.
- (6) Mrs G.W. Letts of Donald, Vic., wanting material on Fellowship Day theme.
- (7) Mrs Hartam, requiring a further 200 orders of service for Tas.
- (8) Mrs Ralph, New Secretary for W.I.C.C. N.S.W., is Mrs R.H. Dougherty; asking for 3 copies Mrs Wilmshurst's report; for 10 copies 'National Ctee Group Discussion..'; feels 5/- levy would not be favoured in N.S.W. but suggestions to be discussed on August 25th; sent Annual Report and Newsletter.
- (9) Miss Mary Fox, details of Miss Busina's arrival.
- (10) Mrs Badger, tape of Mrs Solomon's talk.
- (11) Rev. F. Byatt, copies of resume of Miss Busina for Working Committee.

Not exactly what I said!

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (1) The cost of sending out Minutes, and the lack of funds for the Working Committee were discussed. As requests had come for a wider circulation of Minutes, it was decided that the Ass. Secretary and Treasurer in consultation with the President should examine the Mailing list, and report to the next meeting.
- (2) World Community Day Order of Service. Material for this having arrived, the Assistant Secretary offered to type copies and circulate to the Members, who should write any comments and bring them to the next meeting, when a Subcommittee would be formed to see to the printing.
- (3) a. An invitation had been received from the W.I.C.C. of Victoria to President & Members of the Working Committee to a Reception to meet and hear Rt. Rev. I.R.H. Gnanadason, M.A., B.D., and Mrs Gnanadason on 28th July at 10:30 a.m.
b. It had been arranged that Mrs Gnanadason should lunch with the Working Committee on 31st July. This was not now possible. The President undertook to enquire whether Wednesday would be possible.

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As the time was approaching 12:30 p.m. when the members were due to lunch with Miss Busina, it was decided to defer discussion of other items under General Business, and Reports, and to meet again to finish the Agenda on Friday, 21st July, at 10:30 a.m. at the V.C.C. office.

9. FINANCE

The Treasurer submitted the following Financial Statement, which was received and adopted:-

FINANCIAL STATEMENT to JULY 13th, 1967.

RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURE
Balance in Bank 9/6/67 1163.72	Postage F'ship Day Serv. 4.38
Meth. L.F'ship F'ship of Least Coin 3.96	Printing 8000 Orders of Service F'ship Day 114.20
I.C.C. Q'ld 100 F'ship 2.50	Delivery of A.C.W. Files Sydney to Melbourne 4.97
50 Study Books 7.50	Aust. C.A. 500 copies of 'Church Worship' 75.00
W. Un Ch. of S.A. 200 F'ship 5.00	
Tas. W.I.C.C. 200 F'ship 5.00	
N.S.W. W.I.C.C. 1500 F'ship 37.50	
A.C.W. unit of W.A. F'ship Least Coin 33.75	
W.I.C.C. Q'ld. W.Kiek Scholarship 20.00	Bank Balance \$1095.40
W.I.C.C. Q'ld. F'ship Day Collection 6.27	
Spicer Memorial Ch.W.F'ship F'ship Least Coin 3.00	
Tintinara Congregational S.A. F'ship Least Coin 3.00	
Bank Interest 2.75	
\$1293.95	\$1293.95

Summary of Funds

Fellowship of the Least Coin	\$398.38)	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	598.20)	\$1128.60
Overseas Travel Fund	132.02)	

Fellowship Day Services	Debit \$59.98
Literature Study Books	60.60
	\$120.58

The following account was passed for payment:-

To Kwikasair \$2.30 for freight on Study Books sent by A.C.C. to Mrs Anderson.

The Treasurer was authorised to pay (1) for the extra 500 copies of Fellowship Day Service when the account is submitted.

(2) Refund to Mrs Badger for cost of tape of Mrs Solomon's talk.

(3) From the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund to pay Adelaide YWCA Hostel, monthly, for Miss Busina's accommodation;

to refund Port Moresby YWCA for return Airfare Port Moresby to Adelaide \$265.20

to P.M. YWCA for winter clothes bought in advance for Anna 30.59 \$295.79

to the Secretary for H.B.A. for winter clothing 15.44

for 1½ weeks accommodation 27.58

15.00 58.02

10. CLOSING

The President closed this part of the meeting with the Benediction, then members adjourned to the Independent Hall for lunch with Miss Busina, followed by a gathering with members of the W.I.C.C. at which Miss Busina spoke of her work with the YWCA, and answered questions about life and customs in Papua-New Guinea.

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Minutes of meeting of Friday, 21st July which was a continuation of the Working Committee Meeting held on Friday, 14th July.

1. OPENING The President opened the meeting with Prayer.
2. PRESENT Miss Ritchie (Chair), Mesdames Coates, Duke, Saunders, Strack, Stephens, Williams and Ashton.
3. APOLOGIES were received from Mesdames Anderson and Faichney.
4. GENERAL BUSINESS (continued from 14th July)
 - (4) Order of Service for World Community Day.
The Assistant Secretary having circulated copies, members brought their comments. A Subcommittee of the President, Secretary and Assistant Secretary was appointed to go through the service in light of these comments, and to see to the printing. It was decided to have the same printer and the same set up, as but a different colour from the Fellowship Day Order of Service.
 - (5) Letterhead. The same Subcommittee was asked to make enquiries of Barr's and Spectator Press and see to the printing of Letterhead for A.C.W.
 - (6) Mrs Gnanadason. It has been arranged that members of the Working Committee should meet Mrs Gnanadason at Rolland House on Wednesday, 2nd August at 2:30 p.m.
 - (7) Dates for National Committee 1968.
It was felt by members that previously there had not been enough time at National Committee for business and for discussion of policy. It was decided that National Committee should meet from Tuesday midday to Friday afternoon 13th-16th February. Members should meet for Business on Tuesday afternoon and evening, and on Thursday & Friday, Wednesday should be set aside for discussion of aims, policy etc. of the work of the A.C.W.
 - (8) Brochure. The President undertook to write to the A.C.C. re the reprinting of the A.C.W. Brochure.
5. REPORTS
 - (1) Mrs Strack reported that in light of replies received from the States, she had asked the A.C.C. to order 450 copies of the Circle of Prayer III.
 - (2) Mrs Anderson had informed the Secretary that she had no copies left either of the Order of Service for Fellowship Day or the A.C.W. Brochure.
 - (3) Mrs Coates read the notes she had prepared for Mr Hinton, and asked for comments.

Members were delighted when informed that Miss Ritchie has been invited to represent the World Council of Christian Education as a Fraternal delegate to the YWCA World Council to be held in Melbourne in August.
6. Date of Next Meeting Friday, 11th August at 10:30 a.m. in the office of the V.C.C.
7. CLOSING The President closed the meeting with the Benediction.