

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN - NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

MINUTES OF MEETING 14-8-2006

PRESENT: E. Johnson, B. Lacy, E. Reidy, A. Murray, M. Watson, D. Bryan, U. Birtchnell, B. Skilbeck, M. Welford, I. Bray, J. Morley.

APOLOGIES: L. Adam, J. Maher.

WELCOME: E. Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Margaret and Frank Watson for the use of their home for the meeting.

DEVOTIONS: J. Morley led devotions using Eddie Askew's book "Cross Purposes", a book of Meditations and Prayers based on meals with Jesus.

MINUTES of 10-7-2006 were confirmed on the motion of B. Lacy, sec. I. Bray, and carried.

BUSINESS ARISING: 1. **Incorporation.** B. Lacy reported that M. Clark does not know how incorporation of National Executive would affect the WKS Trust but will bring the matter to the next meeting of the Trust. Investigations are continuing but at this time it would seem that there is no advantage to be gained by the incorporation of National Executive.

2. **Publicity Brochure.** D. Bryan is continuing to work on the brochure.

3. **Day Apart for National Executive.** E. Johnson will book a boardroom at the Geelong Conference Centre on 31 January 2007 for 3 hours. The cost to each member of Executive will be about \$25 including lunch at the Conference Centre.

CORRESPONDENCE: IN 1. M. Clark, WK Trust

2. M. Ker, ACW WA Unit – item for ACW web site

3. P. Walker

4. Orhan Cicek, inaugural dinner for Muslim-Jewish-Christian Women 23/07/06. E. Reidy reported on the dinner, attended by about 400 women.

5. Human Rights Medal and Awards – entry forms available.

6. J. Miller, ACW Tas Unit – mailing list.

7. Australian Bureau of Statistics – Census 2006 info and brochures

8. Senator Chris Evans, Leader of the Opposition in the Senate

9. ACW WA Unit – minutes 16/6/06. Social issues information was noted. M. Welford to follow up.

10. ACWC Newsletter April-June 2006 issue.

11. CCA News June 2006 issue – CCA Centre move from Hong Kong to Chiang Mai, Thailand.

12. B. Dickinson (2) requiring info for Web site front page – to D. Bryan

13. I. Hewitt, ACW NSW Unit – re 2005 Project money

14. ACW NSW Unit – Newsette, August 2006 issue

15. Directory of Australian Associations – review of ACW entry

16. ACW SA Unit – minutes 14/7/06

17. ACW Q'ld Unit – minutes 26/6/06

18. B. Dickinson – re web site

19. J. Miller, ACW Tas Unit – request for copy of "Winifred".

20. ACW Tas Unit – minutes 24/7/2006

21. ACW SA Unit – newsletter

OUT 1. Shu-Wen ACWC – FLC funding applications. Copy to L. Adam.

2. M. Clark, WK Trust – acceptance of nominated scholars.

3. M. Ker, ACW WA Unit – thanks for contribution to web site.

4. P. Walker – ACWC Report.

5. B. Dickinson – copy(2) for ACW web site

6. Australia's Christian Heritage Forum, Canberra 6-7/08/06. Apology for non attendance, brief report of ACW Christian Heritage sent for Forum web site.

7. Launch of Centre for Dialogue, La Trobe Uni. (Developing the philosophy, method and practice of dialogue between communities, culture, religions, civilizations) 15/08/06. ACW to be represented.
 8. ACW WA Unit – info re “Women Unite”, 9th National Australian Women in Agriculture Conference 25-27/08/06.
 9. J. Miller, ACW Tas Unit – mailing list.
 10. Correspondence re National Conference visitors
 11. I. Hewitt, ACW NSW Unit – reply re 2005 Project money.
 12. B. Dickinson – re web site
 13. A. Jell, ACW Q’ld Unit – minutes
 14. B. Grear, SA Unit treasurer
- ACWC IN** 1.P. Walker – ACWC report for August 2006
- 2.P. Walker – request re Australia’s order for FLC Anniversary Book. 12 books ordered.
 3. Copy for info of financial form for Assembly voting delegates.
- OUT** P. Walker – reply re visit to National Executive. Pat is not able to visit.
- 2.P. Walker – reply re anticipated order of FLC Anniversary Book.

REPORTS:

1. **President.** Elaine Johnson reported that she had visited M. Watson on 14 July. Elaine received an invitation to SA Unit’s Celebration of Anniversaries to be held on 15 September and she is planning to go. Elaine received emails from N. McLaren, P. Smit (advising the death of a former treasurer of WDP, Ruth Woodbridge) and M. Watson (financial statement). Elaine sent emails to N. McLaren, E. Byu (thanks), K. Viney (dates of meetings in Alice Springs) and completed application for Federal Government Volunteers Grant. Elaine sent sympathy cards to A. Kennedy and G. Fawcett. Whilst in USA she phoned Gail Mengel, National President, Church Women United and expressed greetings from ACW National Executive. Gail sends greetings to ACW. Elaine is working on an application for a trust.
2. **Treasurer.** Margaret Watson presented the Financial Statement, 1 December 2005 to 30 June 2006. A cheque for \$823 has been sent to assist Myanmar and Cambodia and an email expressing thanks for this donation has been received.
3. **Winifred Keik Scholarship Convener.** Una Birtchnell reported that she had received a letter of thanks for cards from E. Kinrade. L. Adam has \$18.
4. **Fellowship of the Least Coin Convener.** Lola Adam reported that she has no further news of reception of grant applications. Esther has sent 500 FLC brochures on request.
5. **ACWC.** B. Lacy read Pat Walker’s report. National reports are being collected from each country to be included in the General Assembly book. President Annam has paid a deposit to the hotel where we will be staying and has had new ACWC badges made. The March-June copy of ACWC has details of our speakers for the Assembly. Our prayers are needed for our Indonesian sisters and our sisters in Nepal.
6. **Publication Editor.** Donna Bryan needs articles from the State Units for ACW News.
7. **Special Days.** Beth Skilbeck needs the FD Order of Service from WA Unit by the end of September.
8. **Australian Women’s Coalition.** Anne Murray reported that a submission has been sent to the Annual Report for AWC and a photo has been sent for the Calendar. Anne attended the Women Together Conference on 10 August. Issues included Domestic Violence, Migrant women and Leadership of women. The Second Key issues Consultation Project Proposal will study the impact of Life/Work/Family balance issues on women’s health and vice versa. 19 member organizations of AWC will distribute a survey to 60 women within 3 age brackets. Anne will distribute 60 surveys to the State/Territory Units by 1 September and they are to be returned by 29 September.

GENERAL BUSINESS: 1. **National Conference 2007.** Time was spent planning for Conference.

CLOSING PRAYER: E. Johnson closed the meeting with prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Monday 11 September 2006 at 10am at VCC Rooms
Devotions – L. Adam Morning tea – M. Welford

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