



# AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(N.S.W. State Unit)

MINUTES of COUNCIL MEETING held at 222 Pitt Street, Sydney on Monday 15th March, 1999 at 10.30 a.m.

OPENING: President Elizabeth Walker welcomed members, especially Mrs. Dorothy Woodhouse, and Rev. Sandra Dodwell from the Congregational Federation of NSW and two Branch members from Burwood/Concord, Mrs. Hilda Miller and Mrs. Aileen Morris. She welcomed Father Christopher Toohey, Co-ordinator, The Great Jubilee, Archdiocese of Sydney our guest speaker and invited him to speak regarding the Jubilee.

Father Toohey spoke of the background to Jubilee - Leviticus 25 - It will be a Christian celebration - 2000 years since the birth of Christ. Creator of the world - God. Christianity is the only religion which has a living God.

We are the Today of the Holy Scriptures.

He urged us to become involved in Jubilee and enthuse our denominations with its importance.

More information will be forthcoming in due course.

President Elizabeth thanked Father Toohey for attending our Meeting and hoped he would return with suggested plans and programme.

PRESENT: 49 as per attendance book

APOLOGIES: 10 " " " " "

MINUTES of Meeting held on 15th February 1999 were confirmed on motion of Edith Ridge and Rhoda Gates. Carried.

## BUSINESS ARISING:

1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 19th April, 1999. Nominations in today for office bearers.
2. ANNUAL DEDICATION SERVICE - 17th May, 1999 at Uniting Church, Carrington Avenue, Strathfield. 10.30 a.m. Invitations available. Speaker: Mrs. Aileen Mortensen. Luncheon to follow, catering by Council. (150) Members asked to contribute.
3. ANNUAL REPORT - All reports due today. If not available, to be forwarded to Joan Tong as soon as possible.
4. ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON - 19th July, 1999 - speaker Mrs. Marjorie Deasey. Salvation Army Headquarters, 140 Elizabeth Street, Sydney at 11.00 a.m. Members asked to pray for Mrs. Deasey as she is returning to PNG for 3 months prior to our meeting.
5. OZINDO PROJECT - Mina Whybourne reported that she and Jan Harrison had attended the launching of the Ozindo Project - splendid entertainment provided - Indonesian orchestra and dancers and singers, programme compered by Head of Asian Studies, Sydney University, Consul for Indonesia made a speech. Fiona and Mia spoke and asked for continued prayer as they travel.

## CORRESPONDENCE: (Inward)

1. National Executive, 2 letters. Round Table Conference reports, National Executive Minutes.
2. Congregational Federation of NSW.
3. Department for Women - directory update
4. Bonnie Lyons, Burwood/Concord Branch - report and notifying new reps.

CORRESPONDENCE (Cont.)

5. Shalom Christian College - special needs
6. Beryl Smith, Bathurst - enquiring about ACW
7. Marjorie Deasey - speaker Ecumenical Luncheon - advising "back for 3 months missionary service" to PNG
8. Robyn Henry, UC Office - thank you re Minute at last Council Meeting
9. Jim Mein, Ex. Dir. UC Board of Prop. & Fin. - thank you and for congratulation on new facility
10. Win Hall - letter and Strathfield/Homebush report
11. June Angus - thank you for congratulations on receiving OAM award
12. Bible Society - Prayer and News update
13. Eileen Holley re Ecumenical Luncheon Menu
14. Patricia Burke - sympathy re late Brig Mabel Ward
15. Joan Curtin - general encouragement
16. Bev Elliott
17. Vic State Newsletter

CORRESPONDENCE: (Outward)

1. Capt. Janet Siddens, Campsie Sal. Army re booking Citadel, Sunday 31st October for ACWC "pleasant afternoon"
2. Congregational Federation of NSW (2 letters) - information/Notice of appointment
3. Mrs. Arieta Filipaina - welcome to ACW as rep of Congregational Federation
4. Rev. Sandra Dodwell " " " " " " " "
5. St. Mary's Flower Festival Com. requesting they arrange ACW's flowers
6. Robyn Henry, Uniting Church, sending Minute of appreciation re kindnesses to ACW
7. Jim Mein - " " " " " " " "
8. Vic. State Unit of ACW thanking for letters of sympathy - late Mabel Ward and Leah Pickering
9. Patricia Burke thanking for letter of sympathy - late Mabel Ward
10. Annette Wilson, ACT Unit " " " " " " " "
11. Averil Whybird thanking for service to NSW Unit and wishing her well in ACT
12. Bonnie Lyons, acknowledging report and appointment to Council of Branch reps.
13. Hilda Miller and Aileen Morris - welcoming them to Council
14. Department for Women - directory update.
15. Joan Curtin and Bev Elliott (2 letters) acknowledging and thanking
16. National President, Aileen Mortensen re Annual Dedication Service - details,

Correspondence inwards received and outwards endorsed on motion of Dss Thora Thomas and Olive Beverley. Carried.

REPORTS :

TREASURER: Beryl McLaughlin presented report on behalf of Treasurer, Marie Majoor. Finances in good condition. Report circulated. Report appended. Moved that report be received B. McLaughlin seconded Joan Tong. Carried.

NEWSLETTE - deadline for May edition - 12 April, 1999.

Beryl McLaughlin (editor) had received complimentary letter from ACT unit re interesting content.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP - Edith Ridge reported that the 1999 Scholar, Mai Zin Zin Wah, Myanmar, would now take up the Scholarship on 1st July. Will do six months and complete in 2000.

The Scholarship for 2000 is to be granted to an Australian - we have received three applications. Moved Edith Ridge seconded Marie McCann that we forward the three applications to the National Convener for consideration. Carried.

FELLOWSHIP OF LEAST COIN - Shirley Wells said that a book in remembrance of Shanti Solomon is available from her.  
She read from Circle of Prayer No. 14, "Voice from Venezuela" written by Dr. Maritza Crespo - based on Matthew 14-23-31, and prayed.

MEMBERSHIP & PASTORAL CARE - Heather Badgery - 48 members present, 10 apologies  
Heather had visited Yvonne Davis - not very well but cheerful; Cela Cooper - O.K.  
Lyla Beckingham had fallen and broken her hip; Robyn Phillis not well;  
Glad Bent - not well. Heather had telephoned and sent appropriate cards.

SPECIAL DAYS: Irene Carder said that the Packing Day had not yet been decided - will be in May.  
We had submitted the Exodus Foundation as a worthy recipient of World Community Day contributions.

ACWC - "Pleasant Sunday afternoon" at Salvation Army Citadel, Campsie  
31st August, 1999 -

SOCIAL ISSUES - Heather Reid brought several matters to our attention -  
COTA (NSW) (Council of the Ageing) has a Statewide Conference, on Healthy Ageing:  
"Take a bite out of life!" 26-27 May 1999 at York Conference Centre, 99 York St.  
Senior registration \$15 per day.

Preparing for Beijing Plus Five - Conference 8-11 July 1999 at Women's College.  
Network - organisations can be put on Network - e.g. Girls Brigade and Mothers Union already "on".

"Grey Mardi Gras" on 2 October 1999 - title not seen as attractive -  
members may write to "Grey Mardi Gras"

IYOP, Level 13, 83 Clarence Street, Sydney registering their dismay at title.  
Members were encouraged to take relevant papers to their respective organisations for perusal and involvement.

REPORTS from our Representatives to other Organisations:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Favourable reports received re recent Service prepared by women of Venezuela - meeting held by Committee to discuss Service very helpful to organisers of Service in districts. Judith Baker and Margaret Jessup will pass on remarks at next meeting 29 March.

NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL - Marie McCann our representative. Joan Tong has been appointed President for another term. President reminded members to keep Joan in their prayers.

NSW Council for Children'S FILMS & TELEVISION - Rev. Alison Todd said that the Council were looking forward to a more active year, with new members joining the Council

PAN PACIFIC & SOUTH EAST ASIA WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - PPSEAWA -  
Sister Marie Craddock said that the Association was very busy preparing for the 3 day Seminar/Workshop - 12-14 May 1999 - to assist women in their preparation towards the next Millenium.

FUNCTIONS ATTENDED: TO ATTEND:

1. Women's Breakfast - UNIFEM - President Elizabeth and Marie Majoor attended.  
very inspiring.
2. 22nd March - Womens Christian Temperance Union - President's Reception  
Peg will attend - at Salvation Army Function Centre. 11.30 a.m.  
Everyone invited \$10 luncheon.  
Speaker Mrs. Angela Wood mother of Anna Wood, who died through the Ectasy drug.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Denominational Groups gathered together at end of meeting to discuss how to implement "Year of Jubilee" in their respective denominations.
2. RE CONSTITUTION REVISION - Peg Blake would welcome any suggestions for additions or alterations to the present Constitution.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

For further information re "Jubilee", Father Chris Toohey's telephone number is 9792 3144. He is the Director of Catholic Adult Education for Archdiocese of Sydney.

The President thanked the Salvation Army ladies for preparing and serving morning tea and the Uniting Church ladies for arranging the meeting room.

NEXT MEETING; Annual General Meeting and Council - Monday 19th April, 1999  
Morning tea: Baptist. Chairs: Salvation Army.

The meeting was closed at 12.40 p.m. by the President with the Benediction.

Confirmed



Date

19-4-99

