

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. UNIT

Minutes of the Council Meeting, held on Monday, 15 September, 1986

The meeting opened at 10.45 a.m. with the President in the Chair, giving a welcome to all those present.

Those present are recorded in the attendance book, (there were 33) as are also those who apologised (13).

The President read from Philippians 2 verses 1-11 and for her theme told how Jesus met people at their point of need. So we, His followers must show people that we care for them in their need, we should show them His love. Prayer was followed by the Lord's Prayer.

The Minutes of the August 18 meeting were read and confirmed.

Business arising from the Minutes.

1. Memorial Minute for Mrs. Montgomerie. Miss Doris Mitchell agreed to write the Minute with the co-operation of Deaconess Andrews.
2. Y.W.C.A. Annual General Meeting. Mrs Beth Finlay who represented the President at this A.G.M. reported an excellent meeting. The speaker told of the work of the Balmain-centred Institute for Training Centre where aboriginal people are encouraged in their gifts and trained to go into the community to use these talents to help other people.
3. Opening service of the Asian Region Conference, Catholic Women's League. The President who attended for A.C.W. reported a very good service.
4. A.C.W.C. meetings in Bangkok. It was reported that Mrs Dorothy Harris of Sydney has been chosen to go as a representative of Aboriginal women to the A.C.W.C. meetings. It is hoped that Mrs Harris will be able to attend our November Council meeting. Mrs Helen Richardson delegate from the Uniting Church, reported that since the recent resignation from the U.C.A. team of Mrs Betty Davis, a vacancy exists which could be filled by Mrs Harris. Mrs Richardson as Secretary of The Synod Fellowship Committee of the Uniting Church offered to follow up this option.
5. Members were reminded that at the November meeting the Branch Reports for 1986 will be received. Where possible it is asked that these reports be written ones, forwarded to the Secretary before the meeting.

Correspondence. Inwards.

1. The Minutes of the National Committee were received. No action.
2. Thank you letter from Mrs Pickering, whose health is improving.
3. Invitation received for all members to attend the A.G.M. of the Anglican Deaconess Institute.
4. Notice from the Ecumenical Council re. "Sharing the Faith" a day's programme at St. Georges Greek Orthodox Church Rose Bay on Oct. 4

Outwards.

1. Acceptances to Mothers' Union and the Baptist Women's Fellowship to their special services and luncheons.
2. To Mrs Esther Doyle inviting her to be the speaker at this meeting.
3. To the Christian Women's Fellowship of the Churches of Christ re the nomination of the next President of A.C.W.

Treasurer's Report. The Financial Statement as attached was presented by the Treasurer. The balance of \$4, 065-58 includes monies collected at Fellowship Day services and some Fellowship of the Least Coin money. Fellowship Day offerings total \$3,322-31 this amount exceeding that given last year. The Treasurer was given permission to pay out the amounts due to Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund ( Fellowship Day) and the World Community Day collections and Fellowship of the Least Coin funds in November, when they are all due.  
\$20 affiliation to National Council of Women was passed to be paid.  
The Treasurer received permission to transfer \$1,000 from the Glebe Administration & \$500 from the Savings account to provide sufficient

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ready funds for the conference expenses for Mrs Graham to attend A.C.W.C. MEETINGS IN Bangkok.

The Financial Report was adopted and the payments ratified on the motion of Mrs Lumb, seconded Mrs Finlay. Carried.

Newsette Financial Report.

The Treasurer produced figures for the period 1-3-85 to Feb. 1986

Production & Postage Costs	\$349-85
Subscriptions	\$337-00
Only-----	\$12-85

resulting in a short-fall of

940 copies were printed for this period & the estimated cost per copy is 40 cents. At four copies per year, the total cost is \$1-60 and the subscription is \$2. A number of free copies are distributed as a publicity exercise. The recommendation that the subscription to Newsette remain at \$2 and that the matter be reviewed again at the Annual Meeting was accepted by the Council.

Convenors' Reports.

Fellowship of the Least Coin. Mrs West reported that new copies of Circle of Prayer will be distributed in November. As the Year of Peace draws to a close our thoughts were directed to women in refugee situations. We heard of the plight of Vietnamese women who are refugees in China & learned that in many refugee camps the majority of the people are women, who daily suffer untold stress in these situations. We joined in prayer for these our sisters. The F.L.C. box was circulated.  
Promotions. Mrs Finlay invited members to take extra copies of the World Community Day services where it was thought they may be needed.  
Publicity. Mrs King had for distribution copies of the venues & dates of World Community Day services.

## General Business.

1. Women's World Day of Prayer badges are available through Helen Richardson & Betty Davis at a cost of c\$5.
2. It was reported that Mrs Joy Udy is in poor health & unable to attend our meetings. The Secretary will send greetings to her.
3. A letter of condolence is to be written to Mrs Mabel Wyllie on the death of her husband.
4. Branch Representatives list is to be up-dated. Members offered to find needed information from branches not present at this meeting.

The President then welcomed to the meeting Mrs. Esther Doyle known to many as the State President of Catholic Women's League. Mrs Doyle who is a member of the Social Responsibility Committee of C.W.L. spoke to the meeting about the submissions her committee has made to Government and commissions in the last ten years. C.W.L. joins with other Christian Women's Organisations in its commitment to preserving family life and the dignity of womanhood. Submissions over the years have dealt with subjects such as The Status of Women in the electronic media, De facto relationships, Family Impact Seminars, Privacy, child abuse, genetic engineering, video material, prostitution and the blatant advertising for this in local newspapers, the deterioration of Australian families & the financial plight of many, the Bill of Rights.

It was suggested that our members might write to the minister for sport & recreation protesting at the proposal to allow young people under the age of 18 into licensed clubs in N.S.W.

Mrs McCann moved the vote of thanks to Mrs Doyle and presented her with a posy of flowers and an A.C.W. spoon.

Members admired the bark picture prepared by Mrs King for the National President to take as a gift to A.C.W.C.

Prayer reminded us of our oneness when we prayed for the husband of our Treasurer; he faces surgery soon.

Greetings were conveyed to Mrs Graham for her journey to the A.C.W.C. Conference & the members were asked to remember her in Prayer. Dame

Monica Gallagher moved, seconded Mrs Majoor that Mrs Graham be given

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permission to pay any accounts associated with the Conference.  
Carried.

The next meeting will be held on Monday November 17 at 10.45a.m.  
The Baptist ladies will provide Morning Tea.

The Churches of Christ members were thanked for their hospitality at this meeting and the meeting closed with the Benediction.



Confirmed.

Date. 17/11/86.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN (N.S.W. State UNIT)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS 1ST AUGUST TO 31ST AUGUST, 1986

CR. BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/8/1986 (CURRENT A/C) \$3,213.75

ADD RECEIPTS - AUGUST

Affiliation Fees	10.00
"Newsette" Subscriptions	22.00
Overseas Travel	26.70
F.L.C. Donations	55.73
F'ship Day Offerings	1,154.81
W.K.S. donations	150.00
Partners	18.00

1,437.24

Donations "Student Life"

35.20

1,472.44

4,686.19

DEDUCT AUGUST PAYMENTS

Cost 2 tickets for A.C.W. representatives

Mothers' Union Luncheon

15.00

"Newsette" Postage, wrappers & Labels

35.81

U/C - Printing 230 copies "Newsette"

38.00

Imprest - F.L.C. Convenor

20.00

" - W.K.S. Convenor

50.00

" - Promotions - Fellowship Day

25.00

" World Community Day

25.00

Postage (countr ) - W rld Community Day

31.80

(U/C) printing 2,600 copies Order of Service  
for World Community Day

200.00

Gift to Student Life" (authorised)

100.00

100 copies Circle of Prayer"

80.00

620.61

CR. BALANCE - CURRENT A/C) 31st AUGUST, 1986

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\$4,065.58

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PAYMENTS for CONFIRMATION

2 tickets for Mothers' Union Luncheon	15.00
"Newsette" Postage, Wrappers & Labels	35.81
(U/C) Printing 230 "Newsette"	38.00
(U/C) " 2,600 Order of Service for W.C.D.	
	<u>200.00</u>
	238.00
Mrs. J. Middleton (National F.L.C. Convenor)	80.00
Mrs. G. West (F.L.C. Convenor)	20.00
Mrs. Y. Davis (W.K.S. Convenor)	50.00
Mrs. B. Finlay (Promotions)	50.00
Salvation Army - postage to the country -	
Order of Service Booklets for W.C.D.	<u>31.80</u>
	\$520.61
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FELLOWSHIP DAY OFFERINGS

- <u>FELLOWSHIP DAY SERVICES</u> to 31/8/86	\$3,168.98
received in September	<u>153.33</u>
	3,322.31
<u>LESS EXPENSES TO DATE</u>	<u>263.35</u>
	3,058.96
<u>LESS Imprest</u>	<u>50.00</u>

\$3,008.96

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*Donna E. Lumb*

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TRANSFERS TO CURRENT A/C - from INVESTED FUNDS

- (1) Glebe ADMINISTRATION BOARD (on 24 hour call) (A/c No. 10,2280  
30502)

INVESTED AMOUNT = \$2,000 - WITHDRAWAL AMOUNT = \$1,000  
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- (2) SAVINGS INVESTMENT A/C with WESTPAC 28/2/86 = \$956.03  
ADD INTEREST 30/4/86 320.79  
  
\$1,276.82  
Less Withdrawal 500.00  
BALANCE \$776.82  
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TOTAL FOR TRANSFER TO CURRENT A/C = \$1,500.00  
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THE PRESIDENT WILL BE TRAVELLING TO THE ASIAN CONFERENCE ON 30/10/86

FINANCIAL POSITION - "NEWSETTE"

"Newsette" production and postage 1/3/1985 to 28/2/1986 = \$349.85

"           subscriptions                   1/3/1985 to 28/2/1986 = 337.00

\$ 12.85 Dr.

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Costs have increased this financial year - printing, postage and registration. On average rate over the four issues - February, May, August, November, the cost per copy is .40 cents, the \$2.00 p.a. would cover, but for the "free" copies which, I suggest should be charged to administration? Could costs be reviewed, say, next February, or March?

*Dorothy E. Lumsden*