

Minutes of the meeting held in the Board Room, Bible House on Friday 26-2-'60.

The President, Mrs Farr, occupied the chair, and constituted the meeting with Bible reading and prayer. Thirty-two members were present.

APOLOGIES were received from Miss Armstrong, Major Coleman, Mesdames Glatworthy Dixon, Greenhaugh, Lawrenson, Lowry, Peters, Tytherleigh, Vandenberg, West, Wype:

MRS MAYNARD DAVIES who had been present at the National Conference of Australian Churches in Melbourne, and who was unable to stay throughout the whole meeting, brought a short, but interesting revue of the sessions. This evoked several questions, and whetted the appetite of the members, so that it was decided to invite Lt. Col Garlick to give a full report of the Conference at the March meeting on the 29th.

The MINUTES of the previous meeting were then read and confirmed, and the TREASURER submitted her ~~financial~~ financial statement showing a credit balance of £8-8-1, which was duly received.

CORRESPONDENCE was received as follows:-

1. From the Baptist Women's Federation indicating Mrs C.D. Baldwin as ~~their~~ their nominee for President-elect; this was approved by the Council.
2. From Mrs Carpenter resigning as Secretary owing to her transfer to Newcastle. This was accepted with sincere regret, and instructions given that Mrs Carpenter's very ^{fine} contribution to the work of the Council be acknowledged, and its appreciation expressed.

The question of a new Secretary and ~~Assistant~~ Asst. Secretary was discussed at length, but it seemed unfair to ask any member to make a definite decision at such short notice. Therefore the Acting Secretary was asked to carry on until the March meeting when both officers will be appointed.

3. Letters of thanks for Christmas greetings were received from Mesdames Mansfield and Tytherleigh.
4. Letters of support were received from Dr. Watson and the Baptist Women's Federation, both appreciative of the report on the Growing Menace of the Poker Machine.

DAY OF PRAYER announcements and reminders stressed the fact that Lt. Col. Mabel Bell would be relinquishing the Secretaryship of the Movement after years of most efficient and strenuous labour. Realising the difficulty of finding a successor all members were requested to do anything in their power to find ^{such} a successor to Col. Bell.

Information was given that 23,000 printed programmes have proved insufficient this year, and that 11,000 Youth programmes are also exhausted.

In view of the proposal that a President-elect be included in all deliberations for the year immediately preceding her assumption of the presidential office a NOTICE OF MOTION RECOMMENDED BY the Executive, was received, amended, and presented as follows:-

NOTICE OF MOTION to alter Sect.7 of the Constitution of the N.S.W. Women's Inter-Church Council, is hereby given as required thereby,

In lieu of the words, "these shall be president, four or more vice-presidents, treasurer, secretary and recording secretary. These officers shall be elected annually from and by the General Committee at its annual business meeting. All elections shall be by ballot. The president shall be elected from each participating Church in rotation", the section shall read,

"these shall be president, president-elect, four or more vice-presidents, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, publicity officer. These officers shall be elected annually from and by the General Committee at its annual business meeting. The president shall be nominated from each participating Church in rotation, and the president-elect shall be nominated from the participating Church next in rotation."

Mrs Briggs suggested that the Chief Secretary be approached with the earnest request that juveniles be not allowed to view films classified as unsuitable for children. An approach from this Council would help to strengthen the hands of the Commonwealth Film Censorship, and it was pointed out that such legislation is already in force in other countries, notably Great Britain, New Zealand and Germany.

Invitations to "WYBALENA" FETE to be held 2nd April were distributed with the plea that these be used to maximum advantage. Attention was drawn to the competitions for children, and the letter forwarded to schools was read. The co-operation of all was sought.

Advance notice was given of a wool afternoon to be held in St. Stephens Hall at 2 p.m. 6th May, with a ticket charge of 5/- which will include afternoon tea. A quota of 200 people is required, since the Villawool firm is engaging an actress as compere, and professional mannequins to show articles, the like of which have attracted the patronage of Royalty.

Mrs Millar foreshadowed the reduction of "Wybalena" debit balance to £1,000 before the end of 1960, and voiced the opinion that the Appeals Comm. would then have accomplished their task.

Mrs Payten told of a meeting convened by the Lord Mayor which she had attended, where certain amenities in Hyde Park would be established, the profits of which would help charities. Mrs Payten envisaged "Wybalena" sharing these benefits, and promised further information at a later date.

Owing to the lateness of the hour the discussion on the Community Day Group findings which had been listed on the programme, were postponed, but Mrs Farr gave a timely word to the effect that it was not the launching of new projects that called for our effort, so much as the bigger effort to make a success of the projects to which we are already committed.

The meeting closed with the Benediction. *R.C. Farr*
25/3/60

