

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

MINUTES of meeting of the Working Committee, held at the A.C.C. Building, Sydney, on Tuesday, September 6, 1977 at 9.45 a.m.

PRESENT: Win Dougherty (President), Doris Mitchell (Secretary) Mary Andrews, Glad West, Betty Davis, Heather Stevens, Joan Curtin, Olga Badger, Edna Baker, Margaret Ralph.

APOLOGIES: Gwen Cork, Marjorie Stanhope

DEVOTIONS: The President led the opening devotions, referring to the importance of commitment and endurance as keynotes in our work together.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming committees, held in Perth on July 29, 1977, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary reported that, through the kindness of the Australian Council of Churches, arrangements had been made for holding the Committee Meetings in the A.C.C. Board Room, on the first Tuesday morning each month. In addition, office space has been made available for use when required, and a filing cabinet placed at our disposal.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the General Secretary of the A.C.C., expressing our appreciation of these courtesies.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward

Miss V. Dean, Perth, re Minutes, mailing lists, despatch of files.  
A.C.C. - Minutes of Executive Meeting 13.7.77  
"In Unity", July 1977

Outward

Miss V. Dean - reply to hers  
Mrs. L. Deutscher, Congregational Women's Fellowship of Australia, acknowledging contribution to Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund.  
(Mrs. Shanti Solomon, Executive Secretary, A.C.W.C.,  
(Miss Dorothy Wagner, Churchwomen United, New York, and  
(Mrs. Grace McKenzie, Women's Committee, N.C.C. of New Zealand,  
Greetings on behalf of Working Committee  
Mrs. B.R. Wyllie, A.C.W. Archivist - re records for filing.

RESOLVED that the inward correspondence be received and the outward endorsed.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIP:

Betty Davis reported having received letters from Mrs. J. Vincent (former Convener) and the World W.Y.C.A., Geneva. She had written to Miss Tapati Das, Bangladesh, and Sister Barkat Dass, Pakistan, extending congratulations on their selection as recipients of the scholarships for 1978, and good wishes.

RESOLVED that, in accordance with the recommendation of the National Committee, the sum of \$2,200.00 be made available to the World Y.W.C.A., in Geneva, to cover travelling and accommodation costs of Miss Das's observation tour of some Y.W.C.A. handicrafts projects.

It was agreed that we should request from the World Y.W.C.A. information regarding her itinerary.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN:

It was reported that, in accordance with the decision of the National Committee, a letter had been sent to Mrs. Shanti Solomon, requesting more F.L.C. promotional material.

SPECIAL DAYS:

Following discussion, it was agreed that the themes for 1978 should be:

Fellowship Day (July) "The Way Ahead"  
World Community Day (October) "The Third World Among Us"

"WOMEN AT WORK"

The Editor submitted a draft of the September issue and was complimented on the new format. Hopes were expressed that the area of circulation might be extended.

FINANCE: Secretary's Petty Cash. It was agreed that an advance of \$50.00 be made to the Hon. Secretary, for use on an imprest basis.

"AREAS OF CONCERN"

The President referred to the themes discussed at the Nation Committee Meeting as areas of concern for study and action by State Units, and presented resource material which she had gathered. It was agreed that this should be collated and sent out to Secretaries of State Units with the Minutes.

CONSULTATION:

The matter of arranging a "Consultation" with Churchwomen from North America and New Zealand, raised at the recent National Committee Meeting was referred to, and it was agreed that the Secretaries should explore the possibility of holding such a consultation at the time of the next National Committee Meeting (1979).

CLOSE: The meeting was closed with prayer at 12.15 p.m.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Next Meeting: October 4, 1977, at 9 a.m.