

A U S T R A L I A N   C H U R C H   W O M E N .

MINUTES OF WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING,

held at the Y.W.C.A. Building, Perth at 12.30 p.m. on Friday, 12th March, 1976.

OPENING WORSHIP: Rev. Dorothy Wacker opened the meeting, using part of the address given by Dr. Kosuki Koyama at Nairobi - about "The God of Ox-cart Speed". All members joined together in prayer.

GREETINGS, APOLOGIES, FELLOWSHIP:

Members present were greeted : Dorothy Wacker (Chairman), Vera Dean (Secretary), Vera Wilson (as Minute Secretary for the day), Carmel Downey, Isabel Macintyre, Norma Ellis, Peg Eaton, Marjorie Scurlock, and Janet Watts (to stand-in as Editor of Women at Work when Norma Ellis is on holidays overseas).

Apologies were received from Jean Vincent (in Melbourne), Beryl Warr (recuperating after hospitalisation), Jean Banyard (family commitments) and Joy Holland.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the meeting held on February 13th, having been circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO A.C.W.:

A brief newstime brought forth reports of the Nairobi Think Day, held at Wollaston College in Perth, with Dorothy Wacker, of the State Women's Conference of Salvation Army women in W.A., of Peg Eaton's visit to Sydney and a Nairobi report heard there, of Jean Skuse's appointment as Vice-Moderator of the W.C.C. Central Committee, of the refusal of re-entry into India to Mr. and Mrs. B. Killacorn after 25 years of service there as agricultural workers, of the departure of Perth's Sister Ella (a Methodist deaconess) to work with Mother Teresa in India.

SPECIAL DAYS:

Marjorie Scurlock reported on the preparation of the FELLOWSHIP DAY PROGRAMME by Elizabeth Appleby and Dorothy Wacker. Duplicated copies are ready for posting to State Secretaries and convenors. State Units to be responsible for their own publicity material - no posters will be distributed by the Working Committee.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN:

Correspondence was received from the Queensland Unit with a cheque of \$1,500.00 and the note that the F.L.C. had been published on the State's Women's World Day of Prayer leaflet.

Vera Wilson reported re

APPLICATIONS FOR F.L.C. GRANTS: Need to be to the Working Committee by JUNE 30TH. Forms may be obtained by writing to Mrs. Vera Wilson, 7 Reserve Street, Wembley, W.A. 6014.

CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF F.L.C. IN 1981: Suggestions are being called for - by JUNE 30TH, 1976, as an Asian Christian Women's Conference Meeting will be held in August .... to be sent to Vera Wilson (as above) or to Vera Dean, Secretary. The possibility of publishing a book was noted.

F.L.C. NEWSHEET : "SMALL BEGINNINGS": Received from Mrs. Strack, Victoria.

WINIFRED KIEK SCHOLARSHIPS:

Jean Vincent's negotiations re scholars were reported by Vera Dean. It is hoped that at April's Meeting we shall have news of Sara Ah You's training and clarity about Ann Kerepia's need. It was agreed that guidelines re excess luggage be worked out when Jean Vincent returns.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The following Financial Report was received and accepted:

Financial Report :

Receipts:

Balance 11.2.76, \$9654.66.  
W.Kiek Scholarship A/c.

NSW.Inter-Church Council. 14.10  
 ACW.-Queensland 135.00 149.10.

Fellowship of Least Coin.

NSW.Inter-Church Council. 1758.21  
 ACW.Queensland 1500.00  
 3258.21

Memorial Bursary.

A.C.W.-S.A.Unit 304.55 304.55

Fellowship Day.

NSW.Inter-Church Council 552.71  
 A.C.W.-Qld. 300.00 852.71

World Community Day.

NSW. Inter-Church Council 420.04  
 ACW. - Queensld. 300.00 720.04.

\$14939.27

Expenditure:

Circle of Prayer Booklets \$380.68

Administration & General.

Applecross District United Congregation:  
 Stationery, etc. \$6.85.

Gestetner -  
 Stencils 4.40  
 V. Dean, Sec.,  
 Petty Cash. 25.00 36.25

Balance 12.3.1976: 14522.34

\$14939.27

Accounts Passed for Payment:

Summary of Balances:

Fellowship of Least Coin: 5033.17  
 Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund: 4067.90  
 Memorial Bursary: 454.55  
 Fellowship Day: 1498.76  
 World Community Day: 1447.80  
 Overseas Conferences: 816.26  
 Administration & General: 1206.90  
 14522.34.

N.B. \$75.00. from A.C.W. S.A. Unit, credited to Winifred Kiek Scholarship A/c. last month, should have been credited to Memorial Bursary, and balances have been adjusted.

RE CONSULTANT AT A.C.C. MEETINGS: Cost of sending a Working Committee member to the A.C.C. meetings in Brisbane in July was discussed and a final decision re representation is to be made next meeting.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE:

INWARD:

(1) from GWENDA MURCHLAND: re visit to Perth. Working Committee Members to meet her for afternoon tea at Norma Ellis's home on 8th April.

(2) from JOY SMITH: re contact with State Committees of Christian Education. It was agreed that STATE UNIT SECRETARIES be asked to contact their State Christian Education Committee with a view to representation and improvement of relationships, and to the possibility of involvement in a Human Relationships Weekend/Course or Training Time.

(3) from JEAN YULE: re visit to Central & Southern Africa - report.

(4) from MRS. TOOHILL: re copies of leaflet printed in Victoria re Emma Constance Stone.

Correspondence: Inward: Cont'd:

(5) from ALDER HALL: reporting attendance at Conference of Commission of Christian Education and enclosing official report. A copy to be sent to each State Unit Secretary.

(6) from ALDER HALL: Report of I.W.Y. Conference in Brisbane on "Women's Health in a changing Society".

(7) from A.C.W.C.: requesting material prepared by church women in Australia for International Women's Year. It was agreed to ask STATE UNIT SECRETARIES to contact any State I.W.Y. Committees formed by Church women, to ascertain material available and to forward same to Vera Dean by June 30th if possible.

OUTWARD:

(1) to JEAN SKUSE: Greetings as she began her work as A.C.C. Secretary.

(2) to STATE SECRETARIES: re information about material prepared for I.W.Y.

ASSOCIATED BODIES:

A.C.C. COMMISSION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The minutes of the Biennial Meetings of the C.O.C.E. were discussed re the Revised Constitution and the time for appointment of A.C.W. representatives. A letter to be written to the Secretary of W.I.C.C. in Victoria asking her to deal with this matter.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN UNITED STATES: A book received re C.W.U. was tabled and taken by a committee member to be "reviewed".

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN 1977:

Dorothy Wacker, Vera Dean and Isabel Macintyre were asked to interview Major Bevan of the Railton Hotel re N.C.M. accommodation and to prepare a plan for the meetings and the travel pool arrangements to present to the next meeting.

RESOURCE MATERIAL:

It was suggested that State Units have a Resource Centre where recommended literature would be available for borrowing.

Literature available to the Working Committee was tabled, reviewed or taken for review:

"If I was a Lady" : published by National Youth Council of Australia, 23 Clarendon St., East Melbourne. Useful as a thought promoter re Women's Liberation and women's needs.

"I.W.Y. Conference in Mexico" : Report by Elizabeth Reid.

"Confessing Christ Today" : Report of Section I of W.C.C. Assembly made available to Committee members.

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, 2ND APRIL - 12.00 NOON - AT CHRISTIAN WELFARE CENTRE.

The President asked members to consider areas of need or issues which the Working Committee should concentrate on to be of most help to State Units and to the Church generally.

CLOSING PRAYER TIME :

The meeting closed with prayer at 2.30 pm.

CONFIRMED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

