

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN AOTEAROA

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NEW ZEALAND.

Minutes of the National Business Meeting

“Where to from Here”

held at St John's in the City – Wellington.

25th May 2013 – 10.am – 3.45p.m.

Welcome:-

Mrs Mary Gibbs from St John's in the City, Wellington, welcomed 71 members to the meeting.

Apologies:-

These were received from Nola Stuart, Janet Brown, Jane Prichard, Jean Bannister, Alison Blackler, Glenice Holtham, Reva Fergusson, Riteta Tamatoa, Grace Boyes Iemaima Auelua, Vaine Strickland, Alisa Belford, Peseta Tui, Sola Fasitua, Brenda Cottingham, Lola Reuelu, Tepora Fiso, Naomi Lemafua.
It was agreed that these apologies be received.

Devotions:-

The Rev Monica Redman led us in devotions from Psalm 23, giving us some insight into the image of the Shepherd – and how he leads us and restores our “soul.” Illustrating her message with several of her shoes, and how and where her “Soles” have taken her and changed as she has worn them. We especially warmed to the saying if we “Pop our Clogs” the Lord can restore our Souls.
We sang two Hymns for the Day, 23rd Psalm, and WOV Hymn No.527

Rev Monica Redman then constituted the meeting with a Prayer, acknowledging the passing of our former Convenor Mary McIntyre.

Remembrance Candle

Jan Harland then lit our Candle, in remembrance of all of the ladies who have been part of our organisation, and passed on in the last year.

Personal Greetings

Personal Greetings along with small reports of what was happening in the regions were then given by:-

Heather Tate, Natalie Watkin, Lois Robertson, Bev Quigley, Liz Miller, and Margaret Simpson.

Marie Smith (MWF), came with Best Wishes.

Ola Leasi, brought Greetings from the Moderator of Wellington, Rev Perima Leasi, It was evident from the reports our people are still enthusiastic and enjoying being part of our organisation.

Attendance Record.

This has been recorded and the names of the Voting Members who were representing their regions were read. These records attached.

Minutes

Of the Business meeting held in Christchurch 21st April 2012 were taken as read and approved.

Mary Gibbs/Jill Little
Agreed.

Treasurers Report.

Ngaire reported that our Finances were within Budget,

Subs – These were ratified at \$8.00 per member. \$6.00 to go to National and \$2.00 to the Presbyterials. Ngairi/Pamela.

These Subs were **AGREED** to at the meeting

There was a question regarding our reserves. These are in our Annual Financial Report.

Rae Simpson to publish in the Gleanings the structure of our Subs.

Reports:- Retiring Convenors Report (Jan Harland)
Retiring Deputy Convenor's report (Liz Miller)
Resource and Mission Birthday Report (Bev Quigley,
UN report (Pamela Tankersley)

The position of UN Convenor to be advertised in the July Gleanings, with Nominations to be in by end of August. Votes to be counted end of September.
Agreed.

Global Mission Report (Phil King)

Mission Projects. (Joan Roberts.) Packs will be out in July. Joan asked that if the packs have not been received please ring her.

Turakina Maori Girls College (Jan Thomson.) Thanks for continuing to support the college.

It was moved by Jan Harland that the reports be received and seconded by Lois Robertson.

Koha This was then taken up and presented to Wellington Women's Refuge in the afternoon. \$350 being received.

Grace Pamela Tankersley said Grace.

Business Afternoon

Womens Refuge. (Guest Speaker)

Lesley Picking a Strategic Relationships Manager, and associated with Women's Refuge then gave a very insightful talk on the plight of some of our women at risk This was followed by a very powerful DVD produced by the BRAIN WAVE TRUST.

Consultative Workshop

Liz Miller then shared with us the highlights of our Consultative Workshop meeting. We know as Presbyterian Women there is a way forward for us Our young women want to belong, but can we as the older generation and younger generation work together?

11 attended this meeting and the conclusion was that we need networking and fellowship within our Parishes, letting the younger generation plan their meetings or Gatherings there way. It does not have to be our way.

.You have all received a copy of the minutes of this meeting - March 2013.

Consultation Paper “Where to from Here”

It was understood that our Generation “The Baby Boomers” we like to conform The next generation have a random way of doing.

Nola Stuart wrote a paper recognising we need to consider a different way of being Presbyterian Women. Her letter is filed with this report. (This report was circulated to all Presbyterials)

The National Business Meeting agreed in principal with Nola Stuart's report

Moved Seu Collins/Hazel O'Brien.

It was then suggested by Lois Robertson that we need to be bold and take another step on the road. Knowing that we can be led forward with a new sense of direction. Electronic communication playing a big part in the new way of communicating.

It was approved in principal that the position of Secretary should be a paid position. The suggestion was that we should appoint a team for 1 year in this time of transition. The Secretary's salary to come from Nan Burgess's bequest, plus it was recognised our travelling costs would be less as our appointments would come from a more Central area. The new appointment for 12 months would be paid **up to** 16hours a week.

Recommendation:- Nan Burgess bequest to be used for the transition time, funding our Secretary, as we look for a way forward for Presbyterian Women.

Moved Lois Robertson/Mary North.

There was a suggestion from the floor that the NCG approach the Presbyterian Church Aotearoa New Zealand for some funding, but the feeling was that we need to be self sustaining.

Way Forward:- We could have our Secretary in an Executive Position, and the NCG as the Governance Board. Inviting others to help in this process.

Trusting in our NCG in who they appoint.

50th Year of Presbyterian Women

This was brought to the attention of the meeting, by the Northland Presbyterial. N.C.G. To follow up with these celebrations.

Constitution/Terms of Reference.

As this was not an urgent need, these are to lie on the table until the next Business Meeting. They are to be circulated for the areas to consider the changes, and send in their recommendations.

Election of Officers.

Convenor.

There two nominations for Convenor and a vote conducted.

Lafulafu Ekanasio

Dellwyn Moylan.

Lafulafu Ekanasio was elected as our next Convenor with acclamation.

Deputy Convenor.

Le'autuli'ilagi Sauvao was elected unopposed, as Deputy Convenor with acclamation

Secretary

Rev Shona Bettany was elected unopposed, as our Secretary with acclamation.

United Nations

The following recommendation and job description (to be written by Pamela) to be published in Gleanings.

The recommendation from NCG is that the position of UN Convenor not be filled this business meeting, but a job description be circulated through the Gleanings, nominations be called, and a postal vote conducted.

Moved Pamela Tankersley/
Le'autuli'ilagi Sauvao

Signing Authority,

That the signatories for Presbyterian Womens Aotearoa New Zealand bank account held at Auckland Savings Bank be any two of the following four, National Convenor, Deputy Convenor, Secretary, or Treasurer. Moved Pamela Tankersley/Jan Harland.

Thanks

The outgoing Convenor - Jan Harland, Deputy Convenor - Liz Miller, Secretary - Valerie Anderson, Communications Convenor - Fotu Lualua, and UN Convenor Pamela Tankersley, were all thanked for their work during their time on the National Co-ordinating Group. Hazel O'Brien was also thanked for her sterling work, as editor of "Gleanings".

Meeting closed 3.45p.m.

Convenor.....Secretary.....

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