

## PRESENT AND PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION IN AUSTRALIA.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 17th MARCH 2017 AT 2.P.M. AT THE BANKSTOWN SPORTS CENTRE, BANKSTOWN, SYDNEY, N.S.W.

The President, Sister Ann Nixon warmly welcomed all members in attendance with a beautiful verse. She also gave a special welcome to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sandra Davis, the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George Taylor, and Worthy Grand Matrons and Worthy Grand Patrons from Queensland and Victoria, and the Worthy Grand Correspondent, Brother Paul Smith.

At this time Sister Nixon thanked Sister Lois Allen for taking the meeting in July 2016 in Melbourne as she was unable to travel.

Sister Sue McIntosh said what a lovely time she had in Oklahoma with her counterpart and how well she had been received. Sister Robyn Thomas explained how she, her husband, Sister Christina Vaessen and our Secretary, met with her counterpart from Washington when the cruise ship they were travelling on docked in Tasmania. Brother Paul Smith spoke of his interaction with his counterpart from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland. Sister Barbara Hartman said she was interacting with her counterpart from North Dakota by telephone as this was the easiest way of communicating. Sister Barbara Bates said she was still in contact with her Grand Representative over a few years.

Sister Nixon asked members to stand for a moment of reflection for those who are sick or have been bereaved

APOLOGIES. Were received from Worthy Grand Patron of Queensland, Brother Adrian van Moolenbroek, a late apology was received from Sister Felicity Woodfield Worthy Grand Matron of Queensland. The Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron of N.S.W.& A.C.T. Sister Jennifer Fawns and Brother Neil Gillies, and Worthy District Grand Matron and Worthy District Grand Patron of Tasmania, Sister Carol Harper and Brother Graham Deacon, as well as all noted on the apology sheet.

MEMBERSHIP. Members as at today are as follows 181 financial members including some new members. There are 7 honorary members. Several appointed Grand Representatives have not re-joined. Unfinancial members will have to re-join, as we remove them from the books for clarity in organising the books.

MINUTES of the meeting held in Melbourne 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record moved by Br. Malcolm Baker seconded Br. Alan Bover.

There was no business arising.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

Inward

Two new applications for membership.

Membership renewals for 61 members.

N.S.W. and A.C.T. Grand Chapter advising place and time for meeting.

U.G.C.A. Advising Most Worthy Grand Matron and Patron will be in attendance.

Apology from District Grand Matron and Patron of District Grand Committee of Tasmania.

Outward.

Letters of thanks to new members.

Request for time and place for our meeting to N.S.W. and A.C.T. Grand secretary.

Invitations sent to U.G.C.A. For M.W.G.Matron and Patron to attend March meeting.

Invitations to the Grand Chapters of N.S.W/A.C.T., Queensland and Victoria for heads of states to attend March meeting.

Invitation to District Grand Committee of Tasmania heads of state to also attend March meeting.

Cards sent to several members on various occasions.

Moved by Sister Robyn Thomas seconded Sister Rhonda Screen. Passed

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance as at 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 \$3630.33 less-money held in trust.

\$ 75.00 N.S.W./A.C.T.

\$ 86.00 Queensland.

\$ 385.00 Victoria.

Balance for Grand Reps. A/C \$3084.33.

Moved by Sister Margaret Kennedy seconded Sister Barbara Bates. Passed

## ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT- To be ratified.

Noysworks – Diaries	\$ 1518.00	chq. no. 20001.
Helen Williams Printing	\$ 127.00	)
“ “ Postage	\$ 50.00	) Minutes, Christmas message etc. Chq no. 20002
“ “ Petty cash	\$ 23.00	)
Total Accounts	<u>\$ 1718.00</u>	)

## GENERAL BUSINESS.

Donation of \$ 500.00 for MWGM and MWGP.'s Charity for 2015-2017 biennium. Moved Sr. L. Ellison seconded Sister B, Hartman.

Thank you to N.S.W./A.C.T. Grand Chapter for making the room available for our meeting.

Thank you to Sister Margaret Kestenbaum for offering to do the place mats for our lunch in Perth.

The Sister Helen MacLauchlan said that preparations for the 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Sessions in Perth were going ahead satisfactorily.

There was a discussion about the association providing jugs of juice at the luncheon this was agreed.

There was a discussion about the association subsidising each meal by \$ 4.00 at the Grand Representatives lunch, this was agreed to by a majority of the members present.

## ANY FURTHER BUSINESS.

The following were asked to speak.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Sandra Davis thanked us for the invitation to attend, and said she enjoyed listening to the Grand Representatives experiences.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother George Taylor also thanked us for his invitation to attend.

The Worthy Grand Matron of Victoria, Sister Rhonda Screen spoke, and said several of their members enjoyed corresponding with their counterparts. And Victoria also sends greetings.

Sister Nixon thanked all those that helped out by selling tickets and donating prizes for our competition.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 following lunch at approximately 2.30p.m this will also be the AGM. The lunch will be held in the Grand Ballroom at the Rendezvous Hotel Perth starting at 11.00am for 11.30am.

The competition was drawn.

THE MEETING WAS DECLARED CLOSED AT 2.50pm.

WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION WERE AS FOLLOWS;-

E. Taylor	A., Bover.	E. Watt	R. Screen	P. Leabeater	E. Martin
V. Mobbs	B. Hartman	J. Wells	H. McLachlan	M. Kennedy	B. Watts.

Ann Nixon President

Helen Williams Secretary