

**PRESENT AND PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION IN AUSTRALIA
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

MINUTE of the meeting held on Wednesday, 5 June 2019, at the Festival Function Centre, Findon, South Australia commencing at 2.30pm.

PRESENT: The President, Sister Elizabeth Watt, welcomed all and thanked them for their attendance. Brother Graham Deacon, WG Fraternal Correspondent and Patron of the Association was warmly welcomed along with distinguished guests – Sister Helen McLaughlan MWGM, Brother Michael Struthers, MWGP, Brother Michael Cornell, Ambassador to Australia, General Grand Chapter, Sister Lorna Dunkley, WGM of the Grand Chapter of NSW & ACT, Sister Janice Cartwright, WDGM and Brother Barrie Bell WDGP of the District Grand Committee of Tasmania.

The President also acknowledged the presence of Honorary Members, Invited Guests (as per the Attendance Sheets, Past Presidents, Past Secretaries and welcomed those attending for the first time. A Friendship Verse was then read.

TIME OF REFLECTION: The President asked members to pause and give thanks for the lives of those who had passed to a Higher Chapter since the last meeting – Sister Joy Latimer (QLD), Brother Eric Pape, PWGP (QLD). Sister Cartwright's mother.

SICK MEMBERS: Sisters Lois Allen, Lorraine O'Neill, Kath White, Jean Hanmer, Esme West, Barbara Andresen, Mel Hall, Jennifer Fawns, Marilyn Auld and Brother Bill Cooper.

APOLOGIES: As recorded on the Attendance Sheets.

MEMBERSHIP: Current membership totals 154 consisting of 7 Honorary Members, 139 Financial Members and 8 Unfinancial Members. Association fee of \$20.00 for the 2019-2021 became due on 1 January 2019. So pleasing that many have renewed their membership prior to the meeting.

MINUTE: Minute of the previous meeting held on 8 March 2019 at the Bankstown Sports Club, having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record on the motion of Sister Jennifer Shepherd, seconded Sister Betty Griffiths. CARRIED.

Business Arising: Diaries were distributed to those attending the luncheon. Excess diaries are being sold for \$6.00 and were available from Sister Sandra Pearson. Pre-purchased Diaries are with the Secretary for delivery.

Westpac Bank business: - Report.

Elizabeth Watt, President & Margaret Smith. Secretary/Treasurer attended an appointment at Westpac Modbury Branch SA to discuss having our bank account returned to the name in our Bye laws – PRESENT & PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION IN AUSTRALIA ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

The incorrect name account was closed and a new account in the name stated in the Bye laws was opened.

We have eight cheques so the we can continue the business of the P&P Grand Reps over this Session. Internet banking for READ only has been set up.

NEW ACCOUNT INFORMATION IS – BSB 035 046 ACCOUNT No 516336

Margaret Smith

SECRETARY/TREASURER”

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence to be dealt with as read. Moved by Sister Maureen Hillman, seconded by Sister Christine McDonnell. CARRIED.

Inward:

- Acceptances to invitations issued to attend the Grand Representatives lunch and AGM;
- Applications for membership;
- Receipts;
- Emails of a routine nature;
- United Grand Chapter of Australia for insurance.
- Return Thanks card from Sister Jancie Logan.

Outward:

- Emails of a routine administrative nature;
- Minutes etc;
- Letters requesting payment of Association dues;
- Sympathy Card for Brother Alwyn Logan (QLD)

Sorry there is no word from the International P&P Grand Reps Association. There was nothing on the Website and I emailed the Secretary with no reply.

It was moved Sister Deirdre Royer, seconded Brother Alan Bover that the inward correspondence be received and the outward endorsed. CARRIED

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Balance Sheet for 2017-2019 has been emailed or posted prior to the meeting. Moved to be received by Sister Joan Wells, Seconded by Sister Deirdre Royer. No Discussion. Adopted moved by Sister Faye Thornton, Seconded by Sister Barbara Bates. CARRIED.

The balance at 30 April 2019 was \$4340.81. Held in Trust for Victoria \$260.00. Request for return of monies – Cheque No 200020, 13 May 2019 forwarded.

It was moved by Sister Sandra Davis, seconded Sister Esme West that the Financial Report be received. CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Expenditure	Chq No	Amount
UGCA Insurance		250.00
Trust for Victoria. Monies Returned	200020	\$260.00
MWGM/MWGP Charity (Moved & Sec 8 March 2019)		\$500.00
Complimentary Meals 6 x \$38.00		
Luncheon Subsidies 143 x \$4.00		
VIP Gifts X 30		\$321.83 – Elizabeth Watt
Secretary's Expenses –		
Stamps \$30.00,		
Ink Cartridges x2 Black & colour, 136.98		
Glue, Paper, 28.56		
Box of Raffle Tickets 26.64		\$258.17
Flowers 30.00		
Paper 5.99		

Note that Accounts for the Sessions had been passed in Sydney, that is, payment of MWGM/PS Charity Donation, VIP Gifts. Complimentary Meals, Luncheon Subsidy at the end of function. Full list of Income & Expenditure at the end of the Minute.

It was moved Sister Christine Wagener and seconded by Brother Ron Aimer that the payment of Insurance & Secretary's Expenses be passed for payment & Return of monies held in Trust for Victoria be ratified. CARRIED.

As the current Secretary/Treasurer has not made use of the Float and has no intention of doing so for this Term, Sister Margaret Down WG Treasurer moved and Sister Lorraine Ellison seconded that the Float be returned to the bank. CARRIED.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Sister Elizabeth Taylor, WG Secretary spoke, expressing her thanks to Sister Lorraine Ellison for her efforts in completing the process for the Commissions for this Term.

A question – Do you have to be a Past Worthy Matron/Patron to apply for a Commission? No, any member can apply.

If your Commission finishes shortly, please apply again with an assured quick processing for the next Commission.

Thanks: The President conveyed her thanks to:-

- those who assisted in any way towards the lunch and meeting;
- those who accepted the invitation to serve as an escort or hostess; ushers, all the little jobs that make the day work well.
- those who will participate in the Friendship Service during the Formal Opening of the United Grand Chapter the following day;
- those who generously provided raffle prizes.

Prior to the election of office bearers for 2019-2021, Sister Elizabeth Watt thanked Association members for the privilege of serving them as President. Thanked Sister Margaret Smith, Secretary/Treasurer for her assistance especially leading up to the Luncheon. Also, Brother Graham Deacon WG Fraternal Correspondent & Patron of our Association for your assistance over the Term.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Brothers Michael Struthers (Hon), Jonathan Nantes (Hon), George Taylor PMWGP, Stuart Lang PMWGP & Sydney Down PMWGP were appointed Tellers.

President: Sister Maureen Hillman was nominated by Sister Margaret Smith, seconded Sister Lorraine Ellison. There being no further nominations Sister Maureen Hillman was declared elected.

Secretary/Treasurer: Sis Margaret Smith was nominated by Sister Christine McDonnell, seconded Sister Jennifer Shepherd. Sister Betty Griffiths was nominated by Sister Jennifer Fawns seconded by Sister Margaret Down. The Tellers distributed the Balloting material. Sister Margaret Smith was declared elected.

Moved Sister Margaret Down, seconded Sister Lorraine Ellison that the Ballot be destroyed.
CARRIED

Sister Elizabeth Watt congratulated the new office bearers, presented Sister Maureen Hillman with the President's badge and concluded with an appropriate prayer.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Sister Maureen Hillman thanked everyone for their support and looked forward to serving the Association. See you at the Sessions in Sydney in 2021.
2. Sister Hillman introduced Brother Stephen Brown of South Australia, the incoming WG Fraternal Correspondent and invited him to sit with the new office bearers.
3. Sister Hillman advised that the next meeting of the Association will be held in Brisbane 3rd April 2020. May we all have happy times corresponding with our counterparts.

RESPONSE:

Sister Helen McLaughlan, MWG Matron, spoke on behalf of all visiting dignitaries. She congratulated the new office bearers and thanked Sisters Elizabeth Watt & Margaret Smith for their effort during their term in office.

The meeting was closed at 3.22pm. The competition was drawn at the Luncheon.

INCOME from 1/5/19	Amount	Chq No	EXPENDITURE	Amount
		200020	F. Thornton. Trust Victoria return	260.00
Competition	574.65	010969	UGCA Insurance	250.00
Diaries	414.00	010970	UGCA MWGM/Ps Charity	500.00
Dues from 1/5/19	260.00	010971	E. Watt. VIP Gifts	321.83
Float banked	<u>45.85</u>	010972	M. Smith. Secretary Expenses	258.17
		010973	UGCA Subsidy + Comp. Meals	<u>800.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1294.50		TOTAL	2389.00

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER