

**GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY WORLD COUNCIL**  
**USA**  
**15/22 JULY 1978**

Minutes of the 9th meeting of the World Council of the Girls' Friendly Society held at Whittier College, Whittier, California.

**Session 1 Monday July 17**

"Mood for the day" was conducted by Mrs Jean Cheshire, World Chairman, 1969-192, "Bear Ye One Another's Burdens".

The Ninth World Council was called to order by the Chairman, Mrs Floris Bain, at 9.50am. She introduced the delegates.

<b>Australia:</b>	Mrs Harvie Featonby, Miss Jennifer Hood
<b>England:</b>	Mrs Elizabeth Nixon, Miss Diane Webster
<b>Gambia:</b>	Miss Betty Cates
<b>Guyana:</b>	Sister Joan, CJGS, Miss Beverly McDonald
<b>Ireland:</b>	Mrs Elizabeth A E Mayes, Miss Helen Trimble
<b>Japan</b>	Mrs Matoe Kawasaki, Miss Keiko Ohazchi
<b>Korea:</b>	Martha Yung Hee Park, Angela Myung Ja Kim
<b>Liberia:</b>	Mrs Lottie Harmon, Mrs Rose Sambola
<b>Sierra Leone:</b>	Miss Gladys Langley
<b>Sri Lanka:</b>	Mrs Gris Samuel
<b>USA:</b>	Miss Marilyn Cogger, Miss Kathleen Allan
<b>Wales:</b>	Mrs Joan Williams, Miss Carol Samuel

Miss Cogger, senior delegate from USA moved

*"That husbands who had been so helpful upon our arrival at Shittier, become members of the Boys' Auxiliary of GFS".*

Motion was seconded by Miss Cates of Gambia and so voted. CARRIED.

Mrs Bain introduced the members at the head tables:

Mesdames Barbara White, World Council Treasurer, Dorothy Collins, World Council Secretary, Adele Ray, Vice-President of GFS, USA who substituted for Mrs Ann Hawkins, President of GFS, USA, she being unable to attend because of illness at home. Prayers were offered for Ann and her family.

Next, by introduction, Mrs Felicity Mandleberg, World Council Vice Chairman.

Mrs Bain also presented Mrs Ethel Tiley, President of Townsend Fellowship and Miss Edith Wilson, President of GFS National Sponsors, USA.

Greetings were received and read from The Archbishop of Canterbury; The Presiding Bishop, USA; Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland; Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mother; The Archbishop of York; The Bishop of Gambia; The Bishop of Liverpool; Archbishop Muston, Melbourne, Australia; The Bishop of Gloucester; The Bishop of Sheffield; The Bishop of Washington, DC.; Primate, Archbishop of Sydney; The Bishop of Tasmania; The Bishop of Rhode Island; The Archbishop of Melbourne; The Bishop of Los Angeles; The Bishop of Seoul, Korea,; The Bishop of Massachusetts; The Bishop of Guyana; The Bishop of Melbourne; The Bishop and People, Diocese of New Jersey; The Bishop of Chicago; The Bishop of Western Massachusetts; The Archbishop; of Wales; The Bishop of Liberia; Rector, St Thomas, Penna, Rector, St James, Perkionene, pa; Minister, Secretary of State, Wales; Bishop of Japan in Japanese and English'; Lady Anna Cowen, Patron Australia; GFS Sri Lanka;

Nancy Atkins, past World Chairman, Jimmy Carter, President USA, (read at later session), J Joseph Garrahy, Governor, Rhode Island; GFS Victoria; GFS Zambia; GFS Sierra Leone; Joyce Creek, Leadership, London, Harry Secombe, Swansea; GFS New Zealand (tape heard at later session); Geo M Chapman, Rector St Paul's Brookline, Mass. (Mrs Bain's Parish), Rector, Church of the Resurrection, Long Island, New York; Director Christian Education, Diocese of Rhode Island; Rector, St John's, Huntingdon Valley, PA; Rector, Trinity Oxford Penna; national Chairman, Episcopal Church Women, Betty Crenally, USA; Director Christian Education, Mrs Flemister, Liberia; Vicar General, Diocese of Ballarat, Australia; Dame Marion Kettlewell, DBE, London, Michael Dukakis, Governor of Massachusetts, GFS, Ireland; GFS Melbourne; GFS Grafton; GFS Barbados; Edmund Brown, Governor, California; Central Council in England and Wales; The Bishop of Transkei.

Mrs Bain announced that Mrs Fletcher of GFS headquarters in London had graciously taken on the tedious task of handwriting the minutes of all past World Council meetings into the new record book, a gift of Mrs Jean Cheshire to replace the one that was lost (Post office fire) prior to World Council in Melbourne, 1972. At this time the minutes of the 1969 Council were signed by Mrs Jean Cheshire, and those of the 1972 Council were signed by Mrs Felicity Mandleberg. Following the signing, a copy of a document that was presented by the English delegation was read which informed the assembly that the founding meeting of GFS was held at Swanmere, 22 December 1874. It was moved and seconded that this information be placed in the records (Copy not with records as of this report)

Mrs Ruth Miller, Chairman of Hospitality for this Council meeting reported registration as follows: 218 residents, 3 daily visitors.

#### **Location of World Council 1981**

Mrs Bain read letter received from the Bishop of Transkei requesting withdrawal of invitation extended in London, 1972. The Bishop advised that he was obliged to come to this regrettable decision only after long deliberation.

Australia moved and England seconded

*"That a letter conveying our love and prayers be sent to the Bishop of Transkei".* CARRIED

Liberia moved

*"That Ireland's original invitation which was extended at 1972 World Council be accepted for 1981 at this time".*

Seconded by USA.

CARRIED

#### **Program Correction:**

This is the 9<sup>th</sup> World Council.

#### **Agenda:**

- 1 Responsibility for cost of delegates
- 2 Date of World Day of Prayer
- 3 World Project
- 4 Adoption of World Symbol
- 5 Request from England – discussion of Family Life (Father Detor's Workshop)
- 6 Invitation for 1984 World Council
- 7 Travel expenses of delegates.

#### **Treasurer's Account for 1975**

Ireland moved approval and England seconded, so voted. CARRIED

Signed by Mrs Mandleberg.

Session One recessed at 12.15 for prayer lead by Father Bain.

#### **Session Two**

Called to order by Mrs Bain at 2.45pm. She reported news story from Johannesburg about Dolphin saving fishermen's boat from smashing onto the rocks in a fog.

### **Rules of Order**

Only delegates may vote. Observers are free to speak.

USA delegates and Diocese of Los Angeles delegate presented birthday bouquet to Mrs Bain.

At this time the assembly listened to the tape recording from New Zealand. It was delightful to hear the singing in Maori. Arrival of greeting from Mrs Kathleen Bright Parker, past World Chairman. Also from Council, Chichester.

Minutes of 1975 World Council were read.

Wales moved, USA seconded,

*"That the minutes be accepted."*

CARRIED

Mrs Bain signed minutes, July 17, 1978.

### **Reports:**

Reports were distributed in typed form and then read or commented on by the delegates from:

Sri Lanka – Mrs Gris Samuel; Sierra Leone – Miss Gladys Langley; Ireland – Mrs Elizabeth A E Mayes; USA – Miss Kathleen Allen; Liberia – Mesdames Harman and Sambola; Korea – Angela Myung Ja Kim; Wales – Carol Samuel and Mrs Joan Williams; Barbados – Read by Patricia; Australia – Mrs Harvie Featonby and Jennifer Hood; Henderson for Mary Marshall; Guyana – Sister Joan, Shirley Thomson and Gail Molyneux; Japan – Miss Keiko Okagaki; England – Mrs Elizabeth Nixon; New Zealand – read by Adele Ray for Molly Gambrell.

At this time Mrs Nixon, England, asked if message could be sent to the Bishop's Conference at Lambeth Assembly agreed this should be done.

### **Session Two – recessed at 5.15.pm**

#### **Session Three –**

The third session was called to order by the Chairman at 9.45am, Wednesday, July 19. The devotions were conducted by the English delegation followed by a repeat of the Rules of Order of the Council.

Greetings were read from GFS of Tasmania, Australia.

Report from The Gambia was given by delegates, Miss Betty Cates. This was followed by a welcome from England and then the entire assembly on the first attendance of Gambia GFS at a World Council. There was discussion of the minutes of previous councils with reminders from Australia to insert into 1975 minutes that the book had been lost in transit. Copy of Mrs Atkin's (World Chairman) was needed, it being the only record relative to 1969-92 period. Liberia and USA will try to search this out.

The suggestion was made that a list of World Chairmen with dates be inserted in front of new record book.

#### **World Day of Prayer date:**

USA proposed that the date of World Day of Prayer be changed from September 29 to a date later in the calendar year. After considerable discussion, Liberia moved

*"That the date remain as is"* England seconded the motion

CARRIED.

#### **Expenses of Delegates at World Council:**

The next matter of business was the question of who should bear the cost of expenses of the delegates while at World Council. After discussion of this problem, England moved and USA seconded

*"That a Committee be set up to study the situation and report back. The Committee – Mrs Mandleberg, England; Mrs Harman, Liberia; Martha Park, Korea; Sister Joan, Guyana; Mrs Beth Mayes, Ireland; Mrs Cheshire, Australia and Miss Mrs Bain, USA"*

To meet at 4pm in Hastings House and report findings at the evening session.

### **The 1975-1978 Project – (Leadership Training for Sierra Leone, The Gambia and Liberia).**

Miss Cutbush, England spoke to the problem of finding the proper person for the project. After discussion Australia moved, Ireland seconded

*"That the four West African delegates meet with Mrs Bain, Mrs Mayes, Mrs Featonby, Kathleen Allen, junior USA delegate, Miss Cutbush and a delegate from Korea as observers to meet at 2.30 in the 'Lounge' at the Information Centre and report back at the evening session. CARRIED.*

### **The 1978-81 Project**

Proposals were presented by Sri Lanka, The Gambia, Korea and Liberia.

Session Three ended at 12.10 for noonday prayers with request from Information Centre that corrections be made on master list posted there.

### **Session Four**

The fourth session opened at 8.10pm. Mrs Bain reported that the proposals for a change for World Day of Prayer should have been presented by the delegate from USA not by an observer.

Australia moved, Korea seconded

*"That this correction be accepted".* CARRIED with the request that date be made flexible. At this time a request was expressed that prayers for the ill, shut-ins and all in any kind of trouble be offered by the Assembly.

Mrs Mayes, Ireland reported for the committee on cost of expenses of delegates to World Councils *"that an anonymous (World) fund be established (One half of funds to be given anonymously and the other half raised through partnerships between countries"*

USA moved to accept the report, Liberia seconded the motion.

After a five minute caucus of delegations, the motion was CARRIED to accept the report.

After discussion of how to raise funds, the USA delegates (Junior) moved

*"the establishment of a working fund for World Council".*

Ireland seconded the motion and the motion was CARRIED

USA moved

*"Partnerships in GFS be established as reported".*

The junior delegate from Australia seconded the motion.

Mrs Mayes read list of suggested partnerships –

England, Guyana, Philippines, Barbados

USA, New Zealand, West Africa

Australia, Korea, Scotland, Newfoundland

Ireland, Japan, Transkei,

Wales, SRI LANKA.

After discussion and rephrasing the motion was CARRIED.

Mrs Featonby, Australia reported on the committee for 1975-78 projects. It was proposed

That a candidate from West Africa could be sent abroad for training, subject to the approval of the Bishop of West Africa. Meanwhile, search for a candidate in England should go on.

Mrs Featonby moved

*"This report be accepted".*

Mrs Nixon (England) seconded the motion and the motion was CARRIED.

### **Adoption of World Symbol**

The recommendation for adoption of a symbol proposed by Australia was withdrawn, Such a logo



already exists as found in minutes of previous World Councils.

### **Newsletter**

The value of a newsletter was discussed as well as news. Mrs White, USA, indicated that as Chairman of "Penpals" for 1975-78, she has people writing for linkups on Penpals. Session Four ended 10.30pm.

### **Session Five**

Session five opened for delegates only on Friday, July 21 at 9.45am with a briefing by Father Bain on the Commissioning Service.

Mrs Mayes gave outline for permanent World Council Fund.

- 1 Countries to contribute as they are able for travel and running expenses of Council.
- 2 Partnerships of Countries for sharing support, the more established countries paired with less established countries. There was discussion on how money was to be raised and handled.

Mrs Mandleberg reminded the delegates that establishment of an executive committee to handle such matters was in the 1957 minutes. Finally, USA moved  
*"That an executive committee consisting of the Chairman of World Council, the Vice-Chairman and the Chairman of the next World Council plus three girl delegates from immediate past Council, to be chosen by the World Chairman constitute the Executive Committee"*.

Korea seconded the motion, and the motion was CARRIED.

At this time the meeting was opened to observers. Belinda Mone, USA alternate delegate and in charge of Youth program for World Council, conducted the devotions.

Mrs Adele Ray, Vice-President, GFS, USA presented gift of love to Mrs Bain from GFS, USA. A Steinben Dolphin. At this time greetings were read from the following, Jimmy Carter, USA President, GFS Transkei, Merle Davis, Perth, Australia, Summer Staff at Whittier College.

Mrs Bain reported consensus was that part of each session of World Council meetings should be for delegates only.

### **Invitation to host World Council – 1984**

Guyana, Wales, Korea and Sri Lanka hope to host World Council sometime in the future. Ireland proposed

*"that their invitation as offered (for 1981) be accepted."*

USA seconded the motion, and the motion was CARRIED.

### **Election of World Chairman 1978-1981**

England moved

*"Elizabeth A E Mayes, Ireland be Chairman"*

Australia seconded the motion, and the motion was carried. Beth accepted prayerfully.

## Acknowledgements

From Beth Mayes for love and concern of Mrs Bain, Mrs Samuel (Sri Lanka) for help and love and the privilege of coming, Liberia thanks and appreciation, especially to Father and Phoebe Detor, Mrs Featonby (Australia) to Diocese of Los Angeles. The information centre to Martha Killefer and Phoebe Detor for the help at the Cathedral. Mrs Williams (Wales) for GFS welcome at Airport and all other help. Belinda Moore tribute to the girls who have been so cooperative. Mrs Nixon (England) hostesses and hospitality corner for tea. Mrs Cheshire (Australia) to Jamie (photographer) Whittier College, especially the kitchen staff, the welcoming committee at the airport (145 people on 31 flights were met by 19 people). Mrs Mandelberg helpfulness of College staff and civility of everyone in Los Angeles.

Japan (Mrs Kawasaki through her interpreter) the beautiful program, of World Council, communications with those in attendance, really feel "We are one in His love" will spread what they have heard here to GFS in Japan, after practice of speaking English would like to hold World Council in Japan.

Adele Ray for everyone here who made it all possible. Korea for rescue at airport at midnight. Sister Joan (Guyana) the hostesses, the Boys Auxiliary, especially for carrying all the heavy luggage, Gambia (Betty Cates) to security guards who let her in and to all who made her visit possible. Gladys Langley (Sierra Leone) kindness and hospitality. Mrs Bain to Father Bain, Father Detor, the Boys Auxiliary, Marilyn Cogger, the officers, the committees, all the workers and the staff at Whittier College.

Mrs Bain announced greetings would be sent to Lambeth Conference.

Questions arose about 1978-81 Project. Liberia moved

*"That the World Day of Prayer fund for the next three years go towards World Council Funds".*

Sri Lanka seconded the motion. USA requested recess for caucus. Motion put to vote, USA opposed. Vote CARRIED.

Mrs Mayes announced we would have to forge our own links but she will send initial letters.

World Council (1978) meeting adjourned at 12.37pm.

Sign A Floris Bain, July 22, 1978.

## AMENDMENTS

- 1 Page 4, Session IV Line 5  
At this time a request was expressed that prayers for the ill, shut-ins and all in any kind of trouble be offered by the Assembly.

TO READ

At this time a request was expressed that prayers for the ill, shut-ins and all in any kind of trouble be included in the World Day of Prayer Service sheet. It was explained that the Service sheet was only intended as a guiding framework for each country to add to or adapt as they wished.

- 2 Page 4, Session four, Line 8  
....." World Councils that an anonymous (World) fund be established. One half of fund would be given anonymously, and the other half raised through partnership of countries. TO READ

....." World Councils (delete rest of sentence) One half of the project would be to set up an anonymous fund for funding World Council and the other half of the project would be partnerships between countries.

Sign Elizabeth A E Mayes, 20 July 1981

