

**GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY
18TH WORLD COUNCIL
MINUTES
JULY 23, -31, 2005
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY, VILLANOVA PENNSYLVANIA
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The 18th World Council Meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society was held in the United States of America from July 23rd to July 31st, 2005. The meeting was held at Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania.

An informal gathering was held on July 23rd, 2005 in St. Mary's Auditorium. The delegates and observers were welcomed, and introductions of officers and key people were made. Lois Frankforter, President of GFS/USA greeted the gathering and Kaitlyn Geliebter, Junior Delegate of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, read greetings on behalf of the President Gwen Linton.

Monday, July 25th, 2005 Session 1

9:30 AM to 12:05 PM

All Senior and Junior Delegates signed in for Session one. (See page two for list)
The 18th World Council Meeting began at 9:15 am on Monday, July 25th in the Cinema of Villanova University.

Official Opening and Welcome

Adele Ray, the GFS World President, welcomed all present to the 18th GFS World Council Meeting. Adele welcomed the delegates and former World Presidents, Joy Epton (1993 -1996), Nobantu Makunga (1996 - 1999) and June Hillier, (1999-2002).

The World Officers for the past three years were then introduced - Dorothy Orr, Secretary, Wendy Waer Rainey, Treasurer, June Hillier, Vice President, and The Very Reverend Phyllis G. Taylor, World Council Chaplain.

Opening Prayers

The Rev. Phyllis Taylor opened the Council with prayer. Everyone was asked to focus on the theme for the day, Unity in Prayer, and time was allowed for discussion among the delegates and observers. Following the theme discussion, an altar cloth that was made by Jacquie Longacre, using the pieces of fabric that were sent in by the member countries, was blessed. This cloth will be used on

the Communion table for all the remaining services of World Council.

Regrets

Adele Ray mentioned with regret that several countries were unable to send delegates to the 18th World Council due to the denial of Visas to travel. The following countries are not represented due to these circumstances, Cameroon, Ghana, Liberia and other observers from Nigeria and Sierra Leone. She explained that the visa issues were very difficult and that many requests were made to help in getting these papers. This process is time consuming, costly and very involved, especially in the African Countries.

Introduction of Delegates and Observers

The delegates were introduced at the informal meeting on Saturday evening. Each Country was seated behind the sign of their country.

Countries and the delegates who attended the 18th World Council Meeting were:

AUSTRALIA	Lesley Briggs Bettrys Lowe	Senior Delegate Junior Delegate
ENGLAND	Carol Gardner Ceridwen Short	Senior Delegate Junior Delegate
IRELAND	Emila Corrigan Elaine Grothier	Senior Delegate Junior Delegate
JAPAN	Chuzuko Kiragami Ayumi Okagaki	Senior Delegate Junior Delegate
KENYA	Veronica Mutua	Senior Delegate
KOREA	Ruth Choi Youn Mi Choi	Senior Delegate Junior Delegate
NEW ZEALAND	Janet Waite	Senior Delegate
NIGERIA	Clarice Modu	Senior Delegate
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	Lucille Haembo	Senior Delegate

SIERRA LEONE	Jane Godwin Angela Jackson	Senior Delegate Junior Delegate
SOUTH AFRICA	Monica Kuse Thelma Pama	Senior Delegate Junior Delegate
SRI LANKA	Jeanne Withanage	Senior Delegate
USA	Barbara Belden Kirstin Auletta Junior Delegate	Senior Delegate
WALES	Kay Warrington Rhiannon Wynne	Senior Delegate Junior Delegate
ZAMBIA	Beatrice Zulu Florence Phiri	Senior Delegate Junior Delegate

OBSERVERS who attended this council are listed in the program booklet by country.

Greetings and Correspondence

The President informed the meeting that the following Greetings and messages had been received. The Greeting from The Most Rev. Frank T Griswold, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America was read. Greetings from the other countries and former World Presidents were read throughout the course of the meeting. A list of these greetings is included with these minutes. (See Attachment 1)

Meeting Procedure

Adele Ray explained the procedure for the meeting is listed on Page 4 and 5 of the agenda booklet and item 2.6 of the Guidelines of the World Council of the Girls' Friendly Society on page 20 of the World Council Agenda Book.

Minutes of the 17th World Council

June Hillier, the World Vice President, presented the Minutes of the 2002 World Council Meeting held September 23 to October 1, 2002 in Australia.

June moved to accept the minutes, subject to corrections.

- 1.1 add the name of Val Gribble, Media Officer to the World Team
- 1.4 Add the Country Zambia and Beatrice Zulu as Delegate
- 1.4 Correct spelling Kay Warrington, Wales

- 1.4 Correct spelling Emila Corrigan, Ireland
- 1.4 Clarice Modu Senior Delegate from Nigeria
- 1.6 delete “of” before “the procedure” in first line of paragraph
- Last line of page 8 change “word” to “world”
- 1.8 Number 10 add “s” to the word “meeting”
- 1.8 Number 11 correct spelling “ageing”
- 1.9 add the word “a” before “new”
- 1.9 Bullet point three correct title for the Queen Mother, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mother
- 1.9 Bullet 7 use “Encouraged” instead of “encouraging” and “worked” instead of “working”.
- 1.10 Change transfer to transferred in the third line
- 1.11 Add the word “that” before “the” in the first line
- 1.12 In the second paragraph delete “a” before “clause” and “the” before “any” in first line. Also add “world” after the word “past”
- 1.13 change “pray fully” to “prayerfully” and add “s” to “presentation.”
- 1.15 change was not ‘year’ but “yet” to have been elected
- 1.15 and 3.2 are the same motion but have different seconders. The 1.15 motion was carried, and 3.2 motion can be eliminated.
- 2.1 Bullet 1 add the word “of” before “questions.”
- 2.1 Bullet 2 to read “that GFS was very rejected and in pain.”
- 2.2 Clarice Modu is from Nigeria, not Kenya.
- Numbering is wrong as there is no 2.3.
- 2.4 line one change “is” to “in”
- 2.4 Bullet 1 change “successful” to “successfully” and add “members” after the word “family”
- 2.4 bullet 3 change “other” to “another”
- 2.4 correct spelling of “Popondota” diocese
- Session 3 should be Session 2 at the end of 2.4
- Correct spelling of Gibbon to Gibbons on page 12
- 3.1 Add “New” after “Papua” in Paragraph title
- 3.5 Add “to” after “is” in the second line, in fourth line “no where” is to be “nowhere.”
- 4.9 Delete the word “a” in front of smaller project.
- 4.10 Pauline Searle is from England, not Australia fourth paragraph.
- 4.11 add a period after completed and begin the next sentence with upper case for “Only.”
- 4.12 Joy Epton and Joy Parkin, former World Chairs, were appointed as scrutineers.
- Closing date of the council Tuesday, October 1, 2002

A short break followed to sort out 1.12 of the minutes concerning the guidelines and the past World Presidents right to speak at a meeting.

The motion by Pauline Searle, England, stated that in previous guidelines, that the past World Presidents may be invited to speak, but may not vote at the World Council meeting and that it be added to the guidelines for this council (2002). As it is stated in the minutes for 2002 the amendment is correct.

June Hillier (Australia) again moved that the minutes be accepted with the corrections that were made. Clarice Modu, Nigeria seconded the motion, and it was carried. 25 yes, 0 No

June Hillier signed the minutes of the 17th World Council Meeting and the Book of Minutes was given to Adele Ray for safekeeping until it is handed over at the 2008 World Council Meeting.

Financial Statements for the 17th World Council

June Hillier, World Vice-President presented the Financial Statement for the 2002 World and Australian Councils. An audited report of the council was received and is attached to these minutes. (Attachment 2)

June then moved the Account of Income and Expenses for 2002-2005. The following notes are to be added to the statement.

Note 2 England and Wales are to be included in the list of having paid their dues.

Note 2 New Zealand total within the World Dues is for 1999=2002, and for 2002-2005.

Note 2 World Dues for South Africa are included in the income, but not defined, until we can follow up this with the treasurer.

Note 3 England refers to both England and Wales, and the amount of \$13,754.75 AUD, includes the World Dues for England, and Wales. The dues are listed under World Project in this report.

Clarice Modu (Nigeria) had a question about the final payment to Nigeria. She will speak to Joy Epton (England) concerning this payment.

It was requested that additional copies of the financial statement be made available. They will be available for the next business session. The vote on the financial statement will be postponed until the next business session.

World President's Report

Adele Ray presented her report, and a printed copy was distributed to all present. Her theme was 'Weave us together in Unity and Love", a song by Rosemary Crow. Some points included in the report:

- Adele worked with World Officers, Dorothy Orr, Wendy Rainey and The Rev. Phyllis Taylor and many other individuals and committees.
- Information was received by Australia of a new branch in the Solomon Islands. There was also a request for information from The Sudan.
- The World Project had been off to a slow start. The Rev. Jillian Cossar had visited Mombasa and had offered help and support wherever she could.
- Produced 6 newsletters to GFS Presidents by way of the President's Connection and six World Newsletter during the past three years.
- World travel fund was able to pay for all the requests for assistance to date.
- There were many that wished to attend this Council who were denied visas to enter the USA.
- GFS Worldwide should continue sharing, encouraging and supporting the GFS ministry around the world.

Adele Ray moved the adoption of her report. This was seconded by Barbara Belden (USA)

and carried. 25 yes, 0 no

The meeting responded to this report with applause. (Attachment 3)

Copies of the GFS World Directory were distributed to all the people attending the World Council. Any additions or corrections should be given to the Secretary.

Session 1 recessed at 12:05 P. M.

Monday Afternoon Session 2 Guest Speaker

The Rev. Anne Kitch who spoke on Prayer and praying with children.

Tuesday, July 26th, 2005 Session 3 9:45 A.M. To 12:15 P.M.

Dorothy Orr, World Secretary, opened this session with prayer. The Rev. Sonia Roulston, Australia, led the reflection of the theme for the day, Unity in Concern. This followed with discussion and prayer.

The Financial Statement was again reviewed. Clarice Modu spoke with Joy Epton concerning her questions about the Nigerian Project and understands that final distribution of money is complete. The money listed in the 2002 report was from Japan and was given at the 2002 Council in Australian dollars and then transferred

to pounds sterling. Joy Epton will send a statement and have it placed in the 2002 minutes.

The World Project in Papua New Guinea had received the balance of funds from the 2002 Council and was looked after by Australia to seek completion of the building. (A report was given at a later time at this council and is highlighted in the minutes.)

June Hillier (Australia) moved that the Council accept the financial statement with the notes. This was seconded by Carol Gardner (England) and carried. 25 yes, 0 no

The council expressed thanks to June Hillier for the reports finalizing the business of the 17th GFS World Council.

Country Reports

The President stated that reports from each Country had been printed in the GFS World Council Agenda Booklet. She asked everyone to read the reports. Each Country was asked to briefly speak about their report. These reports were given throughout the following business sessions.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Minutes- The World President will endeavour to forward minutes no later than one year after the close of this council as stated in the guidelines.

Countries that have not stayed in contact with the World President-

Adele reported that there had been no response to her emails or letters from the following countries, Barbados, The Gambia, Lesotho, and New Foundland. Val Gribble (Australia) suggested that the current World President contact the Archbishop of each of these countries to learn of the status of GFS and encourage those who may still be working with the organization. She is to report back to the 2008 Council on these countries.

The Guidelines for the World Council of the Girls' Friendly Society

This council is working under guidelines that were approved at the 2002 Council.

World Day of Prayer - A thank you was expressed to Ghana and Papua New Guinea for the past two World Day of Prayer Services, which were distributed to all countries. The 2005 service will be prepared by South Africa and will be distributed upon completion. A motion was made at the 2002 Council that all countries be given the opportunity to prepare the World Day of Prayer service.

After discussion it was moved that the rotation of countries be in alphabetical order beginning with the 2006 service. *This was moved by Lesley Briggs (Australia), seconded by Emila Corrigan (Ireland) and carried, 25 yes, and 0 no*

World Travel Fund - The President reported that all funds for travel were received through the World President for this World Council Meeting. Several countries at the beginning of this Council had given additional money. It was noted that if all countries were represented, there would not have been sufficient money to pay for the travel expenses of one person from the ten countries that would have requested help. Money has been given to seven countries to assist with their travel to World Council.

World Archives - England reported that they had placed their archives with the Women's Library in London. They felt that all the World information could also be placed there. The former World Presidents are to compile a list of items that should be sent to the archives after each World Council.

Desk Flags England was thanked for obtaining all the flags that were needed to represent all the World member countries in the Desk Flag set.

Ownership of Property Clarice Modu, (Nigeria) stated that there were seven dioceses in Nigeria. Only two dioceses have GFS and the Diocese where the building is built is claiming the building. The question was raised as to the ownership of the building. Lois Frankforter (USA) stated that the ownership could be defined in the projects and worded that it would include all of GFS and not just those where the building is located, Joy Epton, (England) will help to clarify this for Nigeria. The council then referred to the agreement between the World GFS and the Anglican Diocese of Popondota, Papua New Guinea. The Rev. Dr. Guma (South Africa) stated that legally the dioceses own all property but can specify the use.

In the future World Council projects should incorporate a Memorandum of understanding of the use and purpose of the building.

World Council 2008- Adele Ray advised the meeting that Korea had been elected in 2002 to host the World Council in 2008. The Council acknowledged this with applause.

World Council 2011- One invitation had been received to host the Council in 2011. Emila Corrigan (Ireland) extended an invitation from GFS Ireland and a letter was received from the Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough, the Most Reverend Dr. John R.W. Neill, Primate of Ireland and Metropolitan, supporting the invitation. This invitation was accepted by acclamation of the Council.

Nigerian Project An update of the project was included in the agenda booklet.

Solomon Islands A brief report on GFS in the Solomon Islands is also included in the agenda booklet. GFS Australia has been communicating with this country and has offered support with structure and training. Members from the Solomon Islands are hoping to visit Australia to become familiar with the GFS program.

As a point of order, Kay Warrington (Wales) asked for a timetable for each day's agenda to be distributed and suggested that some of the free time be used to conduct the business of the council. Nobantu Makunga (South Africa) also suggested that a time frame be given out each day. This suggestion will be taken into consideration. Val Gribble (Australia) spoke to the group about being critical and the purpose of the Council.

Before closing this business session, the Bishop of the diocese of Pennsylvania, The Rt. Rev. Charles E. Bennison, greeted the Council and formally welcomed everyone to the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Session 3 recessed at 12:15 P.M.

Tuesday afternoon, Session 4 1:45P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

A Presentation on HIV/AIDS was requested at the 2002 World Council Alicia Beatty Director of the Circle of Care, USA, and Florence Phiri representing Craids, Zambia and Joyce Hamilton, USA who has been living with HIV/AIDS for the past nineteen years worked together to make this presentation to the 18th World Council.

Val Gribble and Lucy Haembo presented a power point report on the World Project in Papua New Guinea. A final audited report of accounts was presented, stating that the project was completed, and the remaining balance of \$ 2,508 AUD was transferred to Australia-PNG Outreach Ministry *The report was accepted on a motion by Lesley Briggs, (Australia) seconded by Barbara Belden (USA) and carried. 25 yes, 0 no*

Val and Lucy were thanked for their presentation and report on this project. (Attachment 4)

Session 4 recessed at 4:00 P.M.

Thursday, July 28th, 2005 Session 5 9:35 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.

This session was opened with prayer led by Wendy Rainey, World Treasurer. The Rev. Phyllis Taylor (USA) led the reflection on the theme One Family of God. Time was spent in discussion, prayer and reflection. Jeanne Withanage (Sri Lanka) offered the concluding prayer.

All remaining Letters of Greeting were read, and the Country Reports were continued until all were completed. Adele offered regrets from the countries that had sent reports but were not able to attend the council. (Attachment 5)

Jeanne Withanage reported to the Council on the effects of the Tsunami in December of 2004 on the Women and girls in her country. Many requested copies of her report. This will be typed and sent out to the delegates of each country to share with our GFS family. A copy is attached with these minutes. (Attachment 6)

Link Countries- June Hillier (Australia) spoke about the purpose of Link countries and the need to reorganize and reenergize our thinking about the way countries are linked. At present, we have multiple countries linked together. It was suggested that the grouping might be smaller and that we be more closely linked in prayer, correspondence and planning. Time was given to think about this and will be discussed again at the next business session.

GFS World Council Guidelines

Copies of the current guidelines were available for Delegates to look over and discuss. Recommended changes are in italics. These will be voted at the next business session.

Session 5 recessed at 11:20 A.M.

Thursday, July 28th, 2005 Afternoon Session The afternoon was devoted to International Day Activities.

Friday, July 29th, 2005 Session 6 9:30 A.M.-12:25 P.M.

This session was opened with prayer led by Adele Ray, World President. The Rev. Phyllis Taylor (USA) led the reflection on the theme One in Spirit Discussion and prayer followed. Lucy Haembo (Papua New Guinea) offered the concluding prayer.

Link countries were again discussed. The question of how-to pair was raised. It was decided that drawing the names out of a hat was not a good idea. Jennifer Buckby (Australia) volunteered to meet with anyone interested in developing new

links during the break and will report back with the new alignment of countries.

World Project 2002-2005 Kenya Report Veronica Mutua reported on the progress of the project. To date the project has not been started and the funds that have been sent, \$3500.00 US. are still in the bank. There was much discussion about this project, and many were unclear as to what Kenya was proposing. It was noted that \$65,000.00 US was needed to complete a room for GFS. Council's understanding of the project in 2002 was that GFS was to have a room within a building, not the room to be a building itself. The project, as seen now, is that GFS would be responsible for the building, would use it and would allow others to use paying a rental fee. GFS would be responsible for the upkeep of the building. Veronica explained that the room had the approval of the government, diocese, and synod. It was explained to Veronica that she would not be taking the money for the project back to Kenya with her. It is necessary for updated reports to be sent. It was also stated that the most that could be raised towards this project would be about \$20,000 US.

Kay Warrington (Wales) moved that World GFS in the USA hold the money until satisfactory progress is made on the building. The diocesan commitment to build should be confirmed in writing to the World GFS as a partnership in the project. All expenditures of funds raised by GFS will be paid on receipt of an invoice. This was seconded by Lesley Briggs (Australia) and carried 25 yes 0 no

This project has been the responsibility of the 2002-2005 World President. It was stated that since the World President was familiar with what had or had not taken place that she should continue in her role as Vice President to oversee Kenya and the work that will take place for this project. *Joy Epton (England) moved that Adele Ray be the contact person for this project. This was seconded by Lesley Briggs (Australia) and carried. 25 yes 0 no.*

Veronica stated that whatever money GFS World sends for the project, it will be used to establish a room with a bathroom. GFS Kenya will raise additional funds for this project. The approximate amount of money raised to date is \$19,474.00 US. (Attachment 7)

New Business

Proposals included in the Agenda Booklet.

Ireland- GFS Ireland suggested that proposals for future World Projects be submitted at least 6 months before the World Council. It also recommends that guidelines regarding funding be available for proposed projects. Included in the proposal for the World Project should be the aim and purpose of the project and

details of the phases of the project.

This proposal was moved by Emila Corrigan (Ireland), seconded by Kay Warrington (Wales) and carried 25 yes 0 no

England -The proposal that was submitted by Jean Riggs, concerning the devaluation of currencies of countries hosting Council and not using the pound sterling or US dollars, was discussed but no action was taken.

Australia - Lesley Briggs stated in light of the high costs and problems associated with Capital building cost, all future World Project applications will only be accepted for Ministry cost. It was recommended that we be good stewards of what we have, and Ministry can help us achieve results just as well as complicated buildings. After a brief discussion, the thought was stated that each project was unique and might require that a room be furnished, or equipment provided to carry out the ministry. The Delegates were asked to vote.

Lesley Briggs (Australia) moved that the future projects be funded for ministry costs. This was seconded by Florence Phiri (Zambia). The motion was 4 Yes. 21 no. The motion was defeated.

Korea - Ruth Choi, (Korea) presented a proposal that was related to linking GFS worldwide. It suggested that networking between countries to promote friendship, cooperation and mutual support needs to be established. This could offer support for someone who might be travelling or studying in a foreign country with accommodations or transportation. This is intended for those of college age or older. A small committee would be needed to begin to form a network. *Ruth Choi moved to create a network between juniors worldwide to promote communications. This was seconded by Rhainnon Wynne (Wales) and carried. 25 yes 0 no*

Sierra Leone- The World President was saddened by the fact that many could not attend Council because they were denied Visas for entry into the United States. Many had to travel to another country to try to obtain Visas. Sierra Leone thanked all for their support and realized that many of the issues were out of our control. This also was not a problem unique to the USA. It is a political situation, and it was suggested that those in the USA write to their representative in Congress and make people aware of these issues. It was also stated that this should be brought to the attention of the Episcopal Policy Network. *No vote was taken on this proposal.*

Link Countries - Jennifer Buckby reported back to Council on the recommendations of the group that had met to discuss the linking of countries. They did include the five countries that were not active. The committee

recommended that these countries would be partnered in their spiritual life, prayers, finances and closeness of the countries to each other.

Link Countries for 2005-2008: Each line across represents countries working together.

Australia	Papua New Guinea	Nigeria	The Gambia	
New Zealand	Solomon Islands	Cameroon	The Philippines	
England	Korea	Guyana	Zambia	Liberia
Ireland	South Africa	Sri Lanka	Lesotho	
USA	Kenya	New Foundland	Barbados	
Wales	Sierra Leone	Ghana	Japan	

The link country alignment for 2005-2008 was moved by Barbara Belden (USA), seconded by Carol Gardner (England) and carried. 25 yes 0 no

Session 6 recessed at 12:10 P.M

Friday afternoon Workshops 1:30 P.M.-3:30 P. M

Five different workshops were offered for enrichment and learning. Information on workshops is included in Program Booklet.

Friday July 29th, 2005 Session 7 began at 3:45 P. M.

World Project Proposal for 2005-2008

Florence Phiri (Zambia) presented a power point presentation on GFS Empowerment and HIV/AIDS awareness campaign. The Project is an initiative of the GFS within the Anglican Church and shall be undertaken for the purpose of contributing to the long-term empowerment of the youth and young women within the church and community. This will include.

- Acquiring skill in agriculture, i.e. poultry and gardening
- Tailoring skills i.e. dress making and knitting etc.
- Offering counselling and restoration services
- Position of HIV/AIDS information and life skills that is likely to lead to healthy lifestyles and self-sufficiency in targeted population groups.
- The major purpose is to ensure that informed HIV/AIDS education and skills building for making healthy choices the easier choice.

The amount that was required to fund all phases of the project was \$ 50,000.00.US. CRAIDS will give \$20,000.00 towards the project. It is hoped that other money will be raised by GFS and Zambia. The program will involve the bishops, priests, community and GFS. A board of directors will manage the money.

Questions were raised as to what would happen if the additional \$30,000 was not raised. This was mentioned as we have raised about \$20,000 for the last two projects. It was explained that parts of the proposal could be downsized based on what money is available. The proposal can be prioritised and down sized if and where needed.

Florence Phiri (Zambia) moved that the GFS 18th World Council adopt the Zambian GFS Empowerment of Girls and Young Women project to achieve the set of objectives with the amount received over the next three-year period. The motion was then amended that the project be funded with the expected funds to be raised at \$20,000.00.USD. This was seconded by Thelma Pama (South Africa) and carried. 25 yes 0 no (Attachment 8)

GFS Australia presented a paper for discussion on the structure of the World Body of GFS. For consideration were the following items

- World Council would elect the World President and a Vice President rather than a host country.
- Directives to be flexible and developed according to cultural needs.
- Some countries would not be able to host the Council due to lack of funds and or people to work on the project.
- Funds could be made available to help the countries host the council.
- Numbers of members are dropping and limited funding available.

This would give encouragement to some countries but not the resources for hosting the council. The Council was asked to take this back to each country to brainstorm and discuss over the next three years and to have this placed on the Agenda for the 2008 Council. *Lesley Briggs, (Australia) moved that this discussion paper be placed on the 2008 World Council Agenda. This was seconded by Kirstin Auletta (USA) and carried 25 yes, 0 no*

World Council Guidelines The 18th World Council of GFS operated under the guidelines adopted in 2002 in Australia. Several items in the guidelines were considered for clarification. Copies of the working guidelines were distributed, and the proposed changes are in Italics and bold printing.

1.4 **Officers** Point 4 the words ***“and other chairs as deemed necessary”*** were added.

This was moved by Lesley Briggs, (Australia) seconded by Emila Corrigan (Ireland) and Carried 25 yes, 0 no

1.4 **Vice President** ***“The Vice President shall be responsible for communicating and overseeing the World Project initiated during her term of office as World President. The Vice President shall make sure that the Project country sends updates, at least every three months on the progress of***

the project and on the income and expenses.” This was moved by Bettrys Lowe, (Australia) Seconded by Clarice Mode (Nigeria) and carried. 25 yes, 0 no

2.4 Voting at Council Point 1 each “**country**” to World council shall have one vote. This was moved by Lesley Briggs (Australia) seconded by Carol Gardner (England) and carried 25 yes, 0 no

Point 2 was voted to be stricken from the recommendations, **that in the case of an equal vote the President will always vote in the negative**, on a motion by Carol Gardner (England), seconded by Barbara Belden (USA) and carried 25 yes. 0 no

Point 3 was voted to be stricken from the recommendations, **that the President shall have a personal deliberative vote**, on a motion by Jeanne Withanage (Sri Lanka), seconded by Emila Corrigan (Ireland) and carried. 25 yes. 0 no

2.5 Minutes Point 2 was removed, as it was a repetition of point 5. Point 5 became point 4 and stated that a copy of the minutes from the World Councils held in prior years shall be given to the World President at the conclusion of the World Council. **All minutes will be recorded electronically as well as in the Minute book** on a motion by Lesley Briggs, (Australia) seconded by Ceridwen Short (England) the motion was carried. 25 yes 0 no

2.8 Finances In the revised (2005) guidelines Dues is to come under Finances and will be the first bullet point. Finances will be **2.7** The second bullet point adds the word “**only**” after travel expenses. This was moved by Lesley Briggs, (Australia) seconded by Rhiannon Wynne (Wales) and carried 25 yes, 0 no
Point 2 the words “**during her term of office**” were added at the end of the sentence. This was moved by Bettrys Lowe (Australia) seconded by Elaine Grothier (Ireland) and carried

25 yes, 0 no

Point 3 was added “**An itemized income/expense statement shall be provided to the next host country within one year after the close of the Council**”. This was moved by Bettrys Lowe (Australia) seconded by Elaine Grothier (Ireland) and carried 25 yes, 0 no

Point 4 a list will be compiled of what monies can be spent for the World Account and what the World Council Operating Account should cover. Kirstin Auletta (USA) seconded by Clarice Modu (Nigeria) and carried, 25 yes, and 0 moved this no

Point 5 all financial reports should be in a form that **is a generally accepted accounting practice**. This was moved by Barbara Belden, (USA) seconded by Janet Waite (New Zealand) and carried 25 yes, 0 no

2.9 World Day of Prayer Add to point one “**on a rotating basis and all countries be given the opportunity to prepare the service.**” This is in keeping with the motion that was passed earlier concerning the World Day of Prayer Service

2.10 Point 2 “6 months Prior to “to be added to keep with the motion by

Ireland on future world project.

A recommendation was made that the entire guidelines be reviewed, and that inclusive language be in place. *This was moved by Bettrys Lowe, (Australia) seconded by Janet Waite (New Zealand) This motion was defeated 8 yes, 15 no*

2.11 Travel Fund Last point to be added” *Money for assistance will be determined by amount donated and will be divided equally among those requesting aid for travelling to the Council.* This was moved by Lesley Briggs, (Australia) seconded by Carol Gardner, (England) and carried, 25 yes, and 0 no (Attachment 9)

Session 7 recessed at 5:40 P. M.

Saturday July 30, 2005 Session 8 9:50 A.M.

The Meeting was opened with Prayer led by The Very Rev. Phyllis G. Taylor.

Bettrys Lowe (Australia) presented a proposal to facilitate communication between Countries. This proposal included setting up a Worldwide Web page that would incorporate events from the various countries, posting of the World Newsletter and promotion of the World Project. The estimated cost of designing and hosting the site, plus the purchase of a domain name would be \$835.00 US. There is an offer from Australia to set up and maintain the web site in consultation with the World President. *This proposal was moved by Bettrys Lowe (Australia) seconded by Beatrice (Zulu (Zambia) and carried, 25 yes, 0 no*

A discussion was then held on funding this site. *It was moved by Carol Gardner (England) that additional 5 pounds sterling would be paid for the World Dues for the next three years to cover startup costs. (Dues would now be 15 pounds sterling) This was seconded by Elaine Grothier and carried. 25 yes 0 no*

A Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the delegates to the 18th World Council was given to the World President, Adele Ray, by Barbara Belden (USA) The gathering showed their appreciation to Adele Ray with their applause.

The President advised the meeting that the World Council Booklet and papers would be forwarded to countries and former World Presidents not represented at this meeting. Some delegates offered to take these back to their countries to the past World President.

The President, Adele Ray, expressed her thanks to all for their participation and persistence in working through, and completing the Business of this World Council Meeting. She also expressed her thanks to all who had a part in the planning and

facilitating of this council.

Before the closing of Council, the Junior Delegate from England, Ceriwden Short, raised a cause for concern about the Junior Delegates not having a vote in the future. She felt that the Junior Delegates should be involved in the meeting and that the Agenda for the 2008 World Council include the change of vote in the guidelines to each Delegate and not each country.

Agnes Lee, President of GFS Korea, presented to the Council the next World President, Ruth Choi. Adele then passed the gavel to the World President Elect for 2005-2008.

The 18th World Council Meeting of the Girls Friendly Society was adjourned at 10:20 A.M. on July 30th, 2005.

Dorothy S. Orr
World Secretary