



O.M.E.P WA INC.
World Organisation for
Early Childhood Education of WA

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Organisation Mondiale pour l'Éducation Préscolaire
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MINUTES

Committee Meeting held at 47 Yeovil Cres, Bicton, on Thursday 3 December at 7:15 pm.

1.0 MEMBERS PRESENT- Welcome to new members

Sandra Hesterman, Judith Candy, Dawn Butterworth, Poul Mathiasen, Lis Mathiasen, Ann Taylor, Mary Vajda, Ingrid Vajda.

2.0 APOLOGIES

Tina Elsegood

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved: Dawn Butterworth

Seconded: Lis Mathiasen

Carried

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES -

4.1 AGM - There are three new members on the committee. They were welcomed by the President.

4.2 Global Hand Washing Day. Jayne Kaiko did a fantastic job to celebrate Global Hand Washing Day. A report and photos are on OMEP Facebook page. **ACTION:** Secretary to send Jayne a thank you note.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Inwards

5.1.1 5 Oct ACNC- Australian Charities and Not-for -profit Commission Quarterly Annual form needs to be submitted 31 Jan2016. **ACTION** Sandra will seek legal advice re filling in the required form. Sandra and Mary to complete the form before 31 Jan if appropriate.

5.1.2 2/12/2015 Paul Flatau UWA- Outcomes Measurement in the Western Australian Community Sector request to participate in a survey. **ACTION:** No action needed. OMEP WA will not take part in the survey.

5.2 Outwards

Nil

Moved: Sandra Hesterman

Seconded. Poul Mathiasen.

Carried

6.0 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Presented by Dawn Butterworth, OMEP Australia President. OMEP Australia held its AGM via teleconference on 10 November. Five WA members were present at 91 Preston Point Rd. Nationally there was one member from Victoria, 1 Queensland, 12 New South Wales, 5 from South Australia. Meeting went on without any technical problems. The membership was impressed with the work of the Australian Secretariat, which is currently based in Perth. The Asia Pacific Conference was held in Auckland NZ on 27- 29 November. It was held in Maori House. Very interesting workshops were held. 100 delegates attended. The format consisted of group discussions where relevant issues were discussed. There were no formal presentations.

Dawn received an invitation to attend a Christmas party and talk on poisonous plants at the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens. The invitation was passed onto Shayne Collins who will represent

OMEP Australia. OMEP Aust was also invited to a presentation titled, *Listening to Children's voices* at UniSA. Dr Beverly Hall will represent OMEP. OMEP will pay \$200 towards her travel costs.

Deceased Members- Three members/ex members of OMEP died in October:

- 16 Oct Vi Galatis WA, a passionate early childhood educator, Primary school principal and member of the OMEP WA chapter executive in previous years.
- Dawn Hore from Vic (23 Oct) She was the curator for the Art Display at the Melbourne World Congress. She was on the Board of the Taralye Oral Language Centre for Deaf Children of which she was Director for many years. They gave a \$200 donation to OMEP. Shayne Collins attended her funeral.
- Beth Mellor's funeral (SA) was on 29 October. Beth was the director of the SA Lady Gowrie Centre for many years. She was a highly respected early childhood educator and OMEP member right up to her death. Marilyn Webb attended her funeral.

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

1 December 2015

Financial Statement for October and November 2015

Opening balance:	\$ 8,634.70	
Transactions:	Receipts	Payments
23 October		
Chq. Deposited		
Membership J.K. Goss	\$ 60.00	
S. Hesterman &		
R. Rowick	\$ 120.00	
28 October		
Chq. Presented		
(Gift to D. Hagan)		\$ 100.00
2 November		
Chq, Presented		
(Flowers to J. McKay		
Westminster Centre)		\$ 27.88
6 November		
Chq. Presented		
(Story Books, Westminster		
J.P. School) Logorythm		\$ 935.00
16 November		
Direct Credit		
Membership Libby Lee.		
Hammond	\$ 60.00	
Closing balance		
30 November	\$ 7,811.82	

Moved: Lis Mathiasen

Seconded: Judith Candy

Carried

8.0 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

No new or renewed membership since mid-November. There are some people I am not sure of, whether they will renew their financial membership or not. Three members have emailed that they are resigning. They are Jacquie Hollier, Jenny Jay and Judy Warren. Currently there are 19 individual members and 1 organisational member. This gives us a Director, the only state to have a Director.

Moved: Dawn Butterworth **Seconded.** Ann Taylor

9.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 9.1 Election of WA Director - Ann Taylor was elected unanimously as OMEP WA Inc. Director.
- 9.2 School Starter Kit 2016 – This needs to go as an agenda item for August. This year there is too short a time to organise. Committee could approach their local Officeworks shop and seek donations from them earlier in the year.
- 9.3 Play Strategy information – ECA WA is leading the Play Strategy. This has some political ramifications in the field. There has been discussion with interested key stakeholders i.e. Why now? Who and how to get others involved. ECA WA have held meetings with its members and key stakeholders and collected data from the two groups. This data has been collated and a report will be written. This will be sent out for endorsement by early childhood advocacy groups and associations. Once endorsed it will be presented to Government at both the State and Local level.
- 9.4 OMEP WA International and Domestic Projects 2016 –
 - 9.4.1 It was suggested that OMEP could help families locally such as women in refuges, homeless families. Committee needs to think about the action it can take. **ACTION:** give Sandra names and details of contacts. Sandra will phone and report back on progress.
 - 9.4.2 Lis asked if it would be possible to get some musical instruments for the early childhood children in Westminster. It was suggested to collect musical instruments and to perhaps donate the money made from the guitar concert towards buying musical instruments.
 - 9.4.3 Crispins in PNG will remain as the International project. Dawn suggested donating a generator so they can have electricity at all times. Canstruct, a civil engineering firm based in QLD and currently constructing 4 bridges in ORO Province (which are funded by AusAid) will also help the kindergarten. They will place a skin over the old concrete runway that is used as the school's floor, put in some poles to hold the roof up and tin the whole roof. Try and get it to a lock up stage.
- 9.5 OMEP & UN Association seminar – Rees Barratt -- Three interactive sessions were proposed:
 - (1) 1.Introduction on *Child Rights/Global Citizenship* and the role of the One World Centre;
 - (2) 2. Lis Matthiasen from Westminster PS and Dawn Butterworth (OMEP) on a *Child Rights Approach to the Early Childhood Curriculum; and*
 - (3) 3. Session on *Global Citizenship Education in the Australian Curriculum*.
 - (a) The seminar should be conducted immediately after school hours (e.g. 3.30 to 5.30 pm). Venue: Coolbinia PS
 - (b) Afternoon tea 3:30 (30 minutes- OMEP WA committee to supply) for networking and later arrivals.

- (c) Do not charge a fee; however, give the seminar value by negotiating recognition as a PD activity through the Teacher Registration Board.
- (d) Present a certificate to participants.
- (e) Coolbinia PS will be happy to host the event. Attracting 20 teachers will be a high satisfactory outcome.
- (f) Each input should be 15 to 20 minutes presentation, with an additional 10 to 15 minutes for activity/discussion.
- (g) The curriculum session should refer to the WA Curriculum and Assessment Outline, rather than the Australian Curriculum
- (h) Tuesday 1 March proposed date.
- (i) A professionally designed electronic flier including the logos of each of the co-sponsors, will be highly desirable. **Committee agreed unanimously.**

9.6 OMEP WA university Award for Advocacy; **-ACTION:** Sandra to contact universities and investigate possibility of presenting an OMEP WA award to undergraduates. Need to tease out what the award actually is.

9.7 IT support **-ACTION** Sandra to meet with IT expert to find out how to manage website and Facebook successfully.

9.8 Meeting Dates, keep to first Thursday of the month, rotate venues and start at 7:00 pm.

9.9 Main business of first meeting in February is to work out and finalise the year plan.

9.10 Any other business

9.10.1.1 Committee members were invited to the book launch at Westminster PS on December 11th.

9.10.1.2 Judith Parker is back in hospital. Sadly the cancer has spread. She is not very well.

9.10.1.3 20 February the Sundowner will be held at Lis and Poul's place in Padbury. **ACTION:** Mary prepare flier, send out in January and again in February

10 **NEXT MEETING:** 4 February Poul & Lis Mathiasen, 23 Austin Way, Padbury. 7pm

Draft 2016 Calendar of Events

January	Send out Sundowner fliers.
February 4	Thursday 7:00 pm OMEP WA meeting, Mathiasen Home.
	Send out reminder Sundowner fliers.
February 20	Sundowner - Mathiasen Home at 6.00pm
March 1	One World/UN Association/OMEP WA seminar Coolbinia.
April 7	Thursday 7:00 OMEP WA meeting
May 15	International Day of Families
June 2	Thursday 7:00 pm OMEP WA meeting.
June 5	World Environment Day
June ?	Sunday 2:00 pm Classical Guitar Concert. St David's Anglican Church, corner of Simpson and Bombard Streets, Applecross .
June 12	World day Against Child Labour
July 4	Monday OMEP World assembly Day 1
July 5	Tuesday OMEP World assembly Day 2
July 6	Wednesday OMEP World Conference EduTours & PlayDaze
July 7	Thursday OMEP World Conference Day 1
July 8	Friday OMEP World Conference Day 2
July ?	Christmas in July. Lis & Poul Mathiasen, 23 Austin Way Padbury.
August 4	Thursday 7:00 pm OMEP WA meeting.
August	Request donations for School Starter kits
September 6	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.
September 8	International Literacy Day
September 21	International Day of Peace
October	AGM
October 15	Global Hand Washing Day
October 24	Beginning of WA Children's Week
October 25	Sunday: Children's Week Family Fun Day Whiteman Park
November 20	Universal Children's Day
	Contact schools re: school starter kits
December 1	Thursday 7:00 pm OMEP WA meeting.
December	Westminster Book Launch?
January 2017	Pack School Starter Kits
January 26+	Distribute School Starter Kits

DATES TO FINALISE

AGM

MOVIE

Christmas in July?