

PWP CT Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2017 Mill City, OR

Present: Marian Stratton, Mary Lou Williams, Jane Holmes, Barbara Votrobek, Lynne Martin

Barbara opened with Psalm 85 and the devotional reading "Revive Us Again" from "Amazing Grace: 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions" by Kenneth W. Osbeck, followed by singing of "We Praise The, O God" and prayer.

Marian called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM.

Minutes from the January CT meeting and the April Spring Gathering were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's report presented and approved. There is \$16,482.23 in checking, \$2,779.41 in savings and \$33,467 in the Biff Hogue Leadership Fund.

Spring Gathering was overall positive. The Deacons from Newburg First Presbyterian went above and beyond to welcome the women from all over the presbytery. There were 49 registered attendees, some from as far away as Prineville and Klamath Falls. The Klamath Falls church is no longer part of the PC(USA) but the general feeling is that these women (and those from other interested non-PC(USA) churches) should be welcomed and included. Mary Lou read a thank-you note from SOAR for our donation of \$776.50, \$500 of which came in the form of a special offering from one individual.

Mod +1 Marian attended the Mod +1 meeting at the Mercy Center in Burlingame, CA April 28-30. She passed out materials for perusal, including a list of the PW Synod Coordinating Team, a list of the PW Moderators in each presbytery in the synod, a list of common acronyms used in the PC(USA), and a chart showing the PC(USA) "hierarchy", including Presbyterian Women. Marian reported that the Global Exchange representative to Indonesia from the Synod of the Pacific is Mary Lemm Davis from Pendleton, and that she will be available to speak about her trip after she returns in late September. We will consider her as a possible speaker for the 2018 Spring Gathering.

Action item – Marian will contact Mary Lemm Davis about speaking at the 2018 Spring Gathering.

Fall Gathering will be October 21, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis. Because October is domestic violence awareness month it was decided that a program focusing on this topic would be appropriate, with an emphasis on violence-free relationships. The theme will be "Violence-Free Relationships: What Can Caring Women Do?" We will use Psalm 72:14 as our scripture – "From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight." Plans include a keynote speaker, possibly from the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV) in Corvallis, a worship service, a promotional skit for the 2018 Churchwide Gathering, and a book review of "Missoula" by Jon Krakauer, presented by Mary Lou. Barbara has agreed to play the piano.

Action items – Jane will contact the Rev. Jennifer Martin at Central Presbyterian in Eugene about being worship leader. Back-up will be the Rev. Sarah Lewis from Piedmont Presbyterian in Portland.

Lynne will contact CARDV about providing a speaker for the program.

Mary Lou will find out about promotional skits for the 2018 Churchwide Gathering that may be available from PW/PC(USA).

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM for lunch.

Meeting reconvened at 12:35 PM

Discussion of publicity for the Churchwide Gathering (August 2-5, 2018 in Louisville) and the Fall Gathering at the June 23-24 Presbytery meeting at Mt. Tabor PC in Portland.

Action item – Barbara will check into posters to display at the June Presbytery meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM. Barbara closed with prayer.

Next meeting August 23, 2017 at Marian's home in Eagle Crest, Redmond.

Respectfully submitted: Lynne Martin, acting Secretary.