

**Minutes of the Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Utah**

**Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church**

**April 28-29, 2017**

**“OUT OF THE DARKNESS...INTO THE LIGHT” John 1:5**

The Gathering began on Friday evening April 28, 2017 with Registration at 5:00 PM by Cottonwood Presbyterian Church. Following a blessing, dinner was served by Community of Grace Presbyterian Church.

At 7:10 PM we gathered in the Sanctuary where Loyda Kyremes of Wasatch Presbyterian Church led us in songs. Todd Wheeler, from Wasatch, assisted Loyda on the piano.

Following the singing, the Christ Candle (signifying Christ's presence with us) was lit by Moderator, Lynn Erickson. Lynn extended a warm welcome and thanked Community of Grace for a wonderful dinner. Lynn then presented a devotion on the Presbyterian Church USA trip to Thailand regarding trafficking and immigration, written by those attending the trip. The theme revolved around 1 Timothy 5:18, Isaiah 65, Isaiah 40: 20-31 and Romans 12:15. Lynn closed the devotion in prayer. Lynn announced that First Time Attendees would be recognized on Saturday morning as all of them would be there at that time. She then presented Carol Day from Springville Community Presbyterian Church who was chosen for the 2016 USA Mission Experience in the San Francisco and Bay Areas.

Carol thanked everyone for their support in sending her on this mission. A slide presentation followed pointing out trafficking, abuse, and immigration where she highlighted a 3 point plan of  $\approx$  1) Be amazed, 2) Let go, and 3) Resist. She mentioned that God put Jacob's ladder in all of us. The entire story of the Mission Trip can be found in the January/February 2017 issue of the Horizons Magazine. A very enlightening and thought provoking program that should nudge us into getting involved in some way. Carol finished with a group activity

wherein groups were formed and all performed a favorite music genre as found on our cell phones. It was a great way to be involved and get to know others and their likes.

Carol Day and Marilyn Collins spoke on their Presbyterian Disaster Assistance training and let us know they are available for a program presentation on this important subject.

Marilynn Collins announced that the PW Global Mission Exchange would be to Indonesia next and 50 crocheted necklaces are needed (materials available at Gathering). Loyda Kyremes announced Crossroads Urban Center would hold their annual Beer & Brats fundraiser on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Marilynn announced this would be the last year to have the Mother's Day Cards for sale. The dates and known information about the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, Kentucky was announced. Announcements were made about that the New Horizon Bible Study was available on the Horizon table and that the Least Coin and Cents-ability boxes were on the dining tables. It was also announced that there were books for sale benefiting the Martinpur School and that they have named their library the Utah Library. We were encouraged to take copies of the Fall Gathering Minutes (as printed in the Newsletter) and read them over for familiarity at the Business Meeting tomorrow (Saturday, April 29).

Lynn Erickson, Moderator, closed our evening with a prayer and extinguished the Christ Candle, allowing time for socialization and checking individual mission project tables, at 8:35 PM.

Saturday, April 29, 2017, Registration began at 8:00 AM by Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz with a time to view the display tables. At 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary a music program began led by Loyda Kyremes and accompanied by Todd Wheeler. This was an energizing, fun, moving time of song. At 8:50 AM, Pastor Philip Hughes of Mt. Olympus warmly welcomed us to MOPC as he

explained the Church Mission Statement and our youth's upcoming mission trip to Kenya, Africa.

We were then led in a devotion by Carol Day, who also lit the Christ Candle. Her devotion cited Micah 6:1-8 – a passage of Hope – “Evil prevails when a good man does nothing” a thought provoking question: “What does the Lord require of you?” Carol closed us in prayer at 9:00 AM.

Lynn Erickson, Moderator, called the business meeting to order. She recognized first time attendees as follows:

Lisa Fletcher	Wasatch Presbyterian Church
Jane Lee Vondette	Trinity Presbyterian, Ogden
Gene Vogel	Wasatch Presbyterian Church
Sheila Barnish	Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church
Shirley Knox	Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church

The first time attendees were presented with a bag of goodies including a ½ off ticket for the next Gathering, prepared by Valley Community Presbyterian Church of Richfield.

The Minutes of the Fall Gathering for Presbyterian Women in Utah at American Fork, September 16-17, 2016 were presented by CT Secretary, Pauline Forster. A motion was made, seconded and the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Mary VanScoyk, Trinity Presbyterian, Ogden presented the budget. A discussion on the \$10.00 allocated for phone, flowers followed. It was suggested, a motion made, seconded and approved to delete the word phone from the Phone/Supplies/Postage Expenses/Flowers budget line and raise money allocated from \$10.00 to \$75.00. A discussion followed regarding Networkers/Search expenses budget to be raised from \$25.00 to \$75.00. A motion was made, seconded and approved to increase this also. A motion was made,

seconded and approved to accept the Budget as adjusted. It was announced that the Birthday offering is due the second quarter to the Treasurer.

Marilynn Collins spoke on the Global Exchange. Our representative this year is Rev. Nancy Holve and each PW group was encouraged to make a monetary donation in support of this Global Mission.

Lynn and Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz – Networker/Search Capital then recognized the outgoing officers as:

Carol Day - Website Administrator

Mary VanScoyk – Treasurer (9 years)

Rev. Nancy Holve – Pastoral Resources

Marilynn Collins – Together In Service

Sally then presented the slate of newly nominated officers as:

Carol Day – Vice Moderator for the remainder of the term (1 year)

Mary VanScoyk – Treasurer for a 1 year term

Mary Hargis – Networker/Search North for the remainder of the term (1 year)

Loreen Heil – Networker/Search South/Central

Rev. Nancy Holve – Pastoral Resources

Marilynn Collins – Together In Service

Jane Lee Vondette – Website Administrator for the remainder of the term (1 year)

Other nominations were requested from the floor and with none volunteered a motion was made to accept the slate; it was seconded and then approved.

It was noted that we have a full slate for the first time in several years!

Lynn announced the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, KY, August 2 – 5, 2018 – Theme – “Arise, Shine Your Light” – Isaiah 16:1. Registration fee \$425.00, rooms \$149.00 per night

(can be shared), six scholarships will be available for registration only and will be revisited at the Fall Gathering, scholarship application forms will be available then. Carol Day and Marilyn Collins announced that they are available to share their Disaster Preparedness Training.

Upcoming dates were presented as follows:

CT Planning Meeting – Springville Community Presbyterian Church – either June or July

Fall PW of Utah Gathering – Community Presbyterian, Cedar City – September 15-16, 2017

Spring Gathering – April 20-21, 2018 Japanese Church of Christ, Salt Lake City

August 2 – 5, 2018 – Churchwide Gathering – Louisville, KY

Fall Gathering PW of Utah – September, 2018 – First Presbyterian, Ogden

Rev. Nancy Holve announced Valley Community Presbyterian, Richfield was having a rummage sale next Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Community Presbyterian, Cedar City is opening a Thrift Shop in June. Crossroads, Beer & Brats – Sunday, April 30, 2017.

Marilynn Collins announced – Rev. Moler from Ogden Pres. would be installed as Pastor in Kanab in early July. Trinity, Ogden to hold Rummage Sale, June. Sarah Yates reminded of the Community Presbyterian of Brigham City Thrift Shop. Linda Olson told us First Presbyterian, Ogden has made a total of 750 Prayer shawls and lap robes. Community of Grace Rummage Sale – June 1 and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We adjourned at 10:05 AM for a break of snacks provided by 1<sup>st</sup>. Presbyterian Church of Ogden.

We resumed in the Sanctuary as Carol Day welcomed us back and introduced our Speaker, Chaplain Vicki Neumann from Epiphany Fellowship Mentor Ministry which is an entity of Salt Lake Interfaith Hospitality Network (SLIHN). Chaplain Neumann and her husband founded what is now known as Family Promise of Salt Lake. Epiphany Fellowship Mentor Ministry's goal is to provide a safe house for those released from incarceration in a Christian run

environment. Hope of safety in an insecure world, offering hope and light (John 1:5) – mentors and pen-pals are always needed.

Our next speaker was Lola Zagey from the Other Side Academy, downtown Salt Lake. Lola shared her story of recovery from drugs addiction and giving back! The Other Side Academy is a non-profit, re-educational 2 year residential self-help community for men/women who have recovered from addiction and criminal behavior who want to live a better life. Both women were thanked and presented with \$75 honorariums for their programs. Following Lola's heartwarming presentation, we adjourned for lunch prepared by Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church headed up by Mardi Lessey.

At 1:45PM, we were welcomed to Worship by Rev. Nancy Holve. Rev. Nancy's message centered around women and power, good and bad. She used women of the Bible as examples – Sarah/Hagar, Lydia. We were told to look to them to find hope and extend our mission. A Resurrection hope that we give to each other.

During the Worship Service Officers were installed:

Lynn Erickson - Moderator

Carol Day – Vice Moderator

Pauline Forster – Secretary

Loyda Kyremes – Historian

Mary VanScoyk – Treasurer

Mary Hargis – Networker/Search – North

Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz – Networker/Search – Capitol

Loreen Heil – Networker/Search – South/Central

Members at Large:

Linda Olson – Horizons

Sarah Yates – Justice and Peace

Karen Durrant – Newsletter

**Rev. Nancy A. Holve – Pastoral Resources**

**Marilynn Collins – Together In Service**

**Jane Lee Vondette – Website Administrator**

**Marilynn Collins then called Aloha Whitney a former Global Exchange participant (India – 6 years ago) (Marilynn was a participant 18 years ago) to commission Rev. Nancy A. Holve as she travels to Indonesia, the world’s largest Muslim nation, to build bridges.**

**Following Communion our Worship Service ended. Ushers and Communion Servers were from Wasatch Presbyterian Church. Piano accompaniment was by Elaine Nordberg from Community of Grace Presbyterian. Our Spring Gathering came to a close at 2:35 PM.**

<b>Special offering amount (recipient, Family Promise SL)</b>	<b>\$341.00</b>
<b>Cents-Ability Offering Amount</b>	<b>\$ 11.45</b>
<b>Least Coin Offering Amount</b>	<b>\$ 4.60</b>
<b>Martinpur Book Sales Amount</b>	<b>\$ 21.00</b>
<b>There were 43 people in attendance</b>	

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Pauline Forster**

**CT Secretary**