

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN UTAH COORDINATING TEAM MINUTES OF THE SUMMER
PLANNING MEETING

Springville Presbyterian Church, 245 South 200 East, Springville, UT 84663

July 13, 2019, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Moderator Carol Day welcomed all participants, shared a devotion, and lit of the Christ Candle. Special prayers were offered for the Love family, Lower family, healing for Karen Durrant, and the Whitney family.

In attendance:

Carol Day, Moderator

Verlane Seiler, Vice Moderator

Janet Wortley, Historian

Lynn Erickson, Treasurer

Mary Hargis, Networker/Search North Region

Marilynn Collins, Secretary

Eva Edwards, Horizons Representative

Rev. Nancy Holve, Pastoral Resources excused

Jane Lee Vondette, Website Administrator

Marge Gaines, Springville

Jeanette Nosker, Ogden 1st

Loyda Kyremes, Wasatch

Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz, Cottonwood

Mary Kunz, Valley Community PC, Richfield

Excused: Karen Durrant, acting Newsletter editor; Janet Wortley, Historian; Loreen Heil, Networker/Search South Region; Emily Lower, Justice and Peace.

NB: Sharon Fowler has resigned as Newsletter Editor. Search for a new editor will begin with an announcement in the summer newsletter.

Business Meeting opened at 10:05 am

Secretary's Report, Marilyn Collins: The February 2, 2019 PWP CT minutes were reviewed and approved with two corrections. The April 19-20 Spring Gathering minutes were reviewed and will be presented for acceptance at the Fall Gathering in Richfield.

Treasurer Report, Lynn Erikson: Income and expense report for January 1 – July 13 was presented. Only one scholarship has been awarded to the PW Synod gathering. Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to reopen the scholarship application

process. Scholarship applications will be received until August 1. Also Moved, seconded and approved to allow Utah PWP participants, who are not members of the PW Synod CT, to apply for mileage reimbursement. [Synod CT members will be reimbursed by the Synod, through Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz, using the same criteria.] One driver per car, at the IRS volunteer rate of 14¢ per mile or gas receipts. Mileage must be direct from the home starting point to the Sheridan Holiday Inn and return, using Google Maps or MapQuest. Reimbursement form is available on the PW Utah website. Marilyn will send this information to all PW Synod gathering registrants.

Current balances, as of July 13:

2019 income, \$6254.78

2019 expenses \$5615.53.

Checking account balance 6/30 - \$7109.07

Savings account balance 6/30- \$2706.65

Designated/committed funds \$4933.74

Estimated total available funds \$4881.98

The financial report was approved as presented. Noted that Verlane Seiler still needs to submit receipts for expenses at the Spring Gathering before the cash flow totals of the spring gathering will be accurate.

Moderator's Report, Carol Day: Activities at the Spring Gathering were discussed. Time management was a major concern and needs improvement. Speakers will be held accountable and organizers will offer subtle reminders and be more assertive. Carol gave a report on the recent Presbytery of Utah meeting and gave thanks for Loyda's moderatorship. The Doctrine of Discovery has been repudiated by the PCUSA and was discussed at the meeting. This doctrine states that explorers discovering a land without Christians present may take that land away from the indigenous peoples. Instead PCUSA events will honor all indigenous peoples whose lands have been taken, any time the church holds an event. A diversity packet is available through all congregational commissioners.

Four Salt Lake churches and one Ogden church are in pastoral transition and need prayers. The 2020 General Assembly will be in Baltimore. The 2012 PW Churchwide Gathering will be in St. Louis, August 5-8.

PW Utah has endorsed a Birthday Offering application from Little Lambs of Utah, which is sponsored by Logan First Presbyterian Church. The organization seeks to uplift families and foster youth.

Vice Moderator's Report, Verlane Seiler: Verlane had enough supplies for five bags and is looking for more supplies.

Networker/Search Reports:

Mary Hargis, Northern Region reported that the Brigham City summer social will be Thursday, July 2. Trinity recently fellowshiped with their local Relief Society and Young Women's groups over a salad supper and a mission activity that involved decorating pillowcases to send to children displaced by the hurricane in 2017. Ogden First is losing its interim pastor and will be having its annual rummage sale on August 2-3.

Carol Day reported on behalf of the Central/Southern Region that Springville women meet weekly and are sewing cloth string bags designed to hold medications for delivery by a church member to Haiti. The city of Mapleton has adopted the project for a July 20th humanitarian project during the city's pioneer day celebration. American Fork women are doing well.

Justice and Peace, Emily Lower: Emily was excused but provided a written report with information on her experience as a delegate to Bread for the World, volunteer with refugees, and her excitement about bringing justice and peace issues to the CT and gatherings. She included a resource list outlining Earth Care Congregations, Eco Justice Initiative, Hunger Program, Bread for the World, the new PW substance abuse disorder initiative, Congo Mission Network Conference, a link to the revitalized PW Peace and Justice link, and the upcoming PW peace trip to South Korea. She also included information on Be Ready Utah's Be Ready Business, which helps small and medium sized businesses prepare for emergencies. Check it out at www.utah.gov/beready.

Pastoral Resources, Nancy Holve: Nancy recently shared her Global Exchange experiences with PW Denver. She is working on worship for the Fall Gathering.

Website Coordinator, Jane Lee Vondette: Jane Lee reported that there have been 1435 hits on our website since February. She has no idea why, but the number was verified by the website host. She also asks that everyone send her photos of PW activities to post. And dates of special events, like rummage sales and socials, and circle meetings so they can be built into the calendar.

Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz was asked to provide a status report on USAME funds for the minutes. Following is the updated PWS financial information:

USA Mission Exchange Recap:

	Income	Expense	Balance
2014 Activity	613.84	467.68	347.56
2015 Activity (Inc. Transfer \$250 from Available Funds)	77.50	67.50	3,357.56
2016 Activity (Inc. Transfer \$250 from Available Funds)	1,036.00	2,000.00	2,393.56
2017 Activity (Inc. Transfer \$250 from Available Funds)	737.98	55.97	2,375.57
2018 Activity	775.00	200.00	2,950.57

All of Jeri's payments have been made: 3 payments totaling \$2,200. Her airfare from Billings, MT, to Rochester, NY has also been paid: \$594.50. As you can see from the above, the current balance for itineration is \$1,417.07, keeping in mind the PWS pays only 1/2 and the PWP (or PWC) pays the other 1/2.

Marilynn Collins reported on the upcoming national PW Board of Directors vote to reduce the size of the Board of Directors. If approved, one Vice Moderator, the Secretary, two young women's members, and the New Immigrant Representative would all be deleted. There will still be four young women. The secretary's job is performed by a staff member and the New Immigrant office of the General Assembly no longer exists. This is a reflection of the need to downsize economically.

The meeting was recessed for a potluck salad luncheon.

2019 Fall Gathering

September 20 & 21, 2019 Valley Community Church 46 E 200 S, Richfield, UT

- Theme: Equity
- Facilitator: Loyda Kremes. Adrienne Andrews, Vice President for Diversity at Weber State University was asked to lead the gathering but she is prevented from doing so by other obligations. Loyda will include some of her presentations and will develop the workshops. Loyda will include information on the Doctrine of Discovery, a Weber State diversity video.
- Newsletter, Karen Durrant

Deadline for Information for Newsletter: July 25

Deadline for Information for Gathering Program: September 11

Articles for newsletter: Moderator report, flyer for publicity, hotels, book sale, position openings and descriptions,

Spring Gathering 2020:

April 17 & 18 2020 Community of Grace

- Theme: And Yet She Persisted; Women of Great Faith , Courage, and Determination. Jeri Joy, 2019 USAME participant will be joining us.

PWPCT winter CT Meeting: Springville Community PC, 245 S. 200 E.

Date & Time: February 22. 10 am – 3 pm. Potluck luncheon

PWP 2020 Fall Gathering: Location: Trinity. September 18-19 Theme to be determined.

PWP 2021 Spring Gathering: Carol will inquire as to whether Cedar City would be interested in hosting.

Fall 2019 Gathering Planning ASSIGNMENTS

Pre gathering Church Host Contact for RSVP – Carol Day
Pre gathering Home Hospitality Coordinator – none, no home hospitality available
Registration and Name Tags - Trinity
Table Decorations – Richfield
Icebreaker – Cottonwood (Sally)
Blessing & Dinner – Richfield (Mt. O will provide funds)
Opening – Marilyn
Welcome by Springville - Richfield
Recognition of 1st Time Attendees - Verlane Seiler
Programs – Loyda Kyremes
Saturday Business Meeting – Carol Day
Opening Songs or Energizer – Sylvia Sharman? Carol will coordinate
Saturday Break & snacks – Ogden First
Lunch - Wasatch
Worship Service, Communion, & Extinguishing of the Christ Candle – Nancy
Ushers – Community of Grace

Equipment needs: projector. Trinity will provide

Number of Tables/ Displays:

½ Treasurer	½ PWP Scrapbooks
½ Justice & Peace	1 Used Book Sales
½ Horizons	

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Collins, Secretary, PW in Utah