PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF UTAH

COORDINATING TEAM WINTER MEETING, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020,

SPRINGVILLE PC, SPRINGVILLE, UT

Present:

Carol Day, Moderator

Verlane Seiler, Vice Moderator

Lynn Erickson, Treasurer

Mary Hargis, Networker/Search North Region

Marilynn Collins, Secretary (via Zoom from Tucson, AZ)

Eva Edwards, Horizons Representative

Rev. Nancy Holve, Pastoral Resources

Jane Lee Vondette, Website Administrator

Janet Wortley, Historian (via Zoom from Salt Lake)

Emily Lower, Mission, Justice and Peace

Aloha Whitney, Newsletter Editor

Pauline Forster, Mt. Olympus

Jane McCoy, Cedar City

Pam Lewis, Community of Grace

Jeanette Nosker, Ogden 1st

Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz, Cottonwood

Guest: Jeri Joy (via Zoom from Sheridan, WY)

Excused: Loreen Heil, Networker/Search South Region; Loyda Kyremes (Wasatch), Sarah Yates (Brigham City)

The meeting opened at approximately 10:20 am. Moderator Carol Day welcomed all participants, shared a devotional based on I John 4:7-12 about faith shining brighter in community, and lit the Christ Candle. Special prayers were offered for the family of Linda Olson who died yesterday of pneumonia/ septicemia. Joys were also offered for the anticipated July 24 wedding of Rev. George Lower.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Minutes of the July 13, 2019 Coordinating Team meeting were approved as presented. Minutes of the September 20-21, 2019 Fall Gathering were reviewed. Two typos were corrected, and it was recommended that the minutes be forwarded to the Spring Gathering for approval.

MODERATOR’S REPORT: All those who had participated in the Fall Gathering shared input. Having thirty-two participants in Richfield was deemed a good turnout. Richfield and the CT members who arrived early to help with arrangements were thanked. Carol will send a belated thank you card to Loyda Kyremes and June Scott for their presentations. It was noted that the information on the Doctrine of Discovery was very well presented.

At the Fall (November) presbytery meeting, held at Wasatch Presbyterian Church, Salt Lake City, Jeff Silliman announced his retirement as of December 2020. A replacement search has begun. Youth who attended the national triennium gave a great report. $15,000 in mission grants has been given to small congregations in Utah. Loyda Kyremes completed her term as Moderator of Presbytery; Rev. Nancy Cormack-Hughes is now Moderator. A special education opportunity, highlighting women who have led Wasatch Presbyterian Church during its history was presented by women of Wasatch.

The Synod Board of Directors representative, Gail Heimbuck, has sent us preliminary information on the 2021 Churchwide Gathering, which will be held in St. Louis from August 5-8. Registration will be $450.

Board of Directors Moderator Jyung In (Jenny) Lee met with the PW Coordinating Team in the Synod of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado two weeks ago. She presented information on PW in an impressive power point. Utah members elected to the Synod Coordinating Team include: Carol Day, Moderator; Lynn Erickson, Treasurer; and Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz, one year on Search. Marilynn Collins has retired after 20 years of service on the Synod CT.

PW in the Synod of the Rocky Mountains has received a communications grant that we have used to subscribe to the Zoom videoconferencing system. Any PW group within the synod that wishes to use the system, at any time, for coordinating team meetings, presentations, training, etc. just needs to contact Carol and she will arrange it.

Carol has received annual reports from PWCs and said reading them is her favorite part of the Moderator’s job. She counted 38 different community and regional groups, in addition to national PW programs, that local PWs support. She also reported that hearing all the other PW presbytery moderators report at the Synod CT meeting was “so cool” because PW in the Rocky Mountains is amazingly involved. She will bring the Utah reports to the Spring Gathering.

During the Synod CT, Marilynn shared excerpts from the PW Manual that showed the wide variety of options available for organizing and leading a PW group. Elections are not required. Moderators are not required. A specific name is not required. If elections are held, and if money changes hands, a Treasurer who is a member of the PCUSA is required for accountability to the Session. The question “What does PW need to be PW?” can be answered in many ways.

The Quarterly Newsletter from the Board of Directors is available to all PW leaders via email and print. Marilynn will make sure Verlane’s name is added to the national email list. The Louisville staff is always interested in articles/stories about local PW groups involvement and activities. Jenny asked for permission to use some of the annual report articles in Horizons and on the PW website.

A retreat for PCUSA women will be held in Park City on May 2-3. All women are invited. Registration and information are available online at [www.fpcslc.org/womens-retreat](http://www.fpcslc.org/womens-retreat).

Information for the PW spring gathering will be distributed at the February 22 Presbytery meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Lynn Erickson presented fourth quarter 2019 and year-end 2019 financial reports for approval. Actual expenses in 2019 were less than budgeted but larger than donations. We had a $351 deficit.

2019 total income: $ 9,714.67

2019 total expenses: $10,093.11

2019 year end committed funds: $3,922.77

2019 year end available funds: $5,950.94

Both 2019 Gatherings generated a little income. Least coin and Cents-ability income were higher; Martinpur used book sales were down. Two pledges from Japanese Church of Christ were received early this year so both are recorded in the 2020 totals, but one was meant to be for 2019. Lynn moved $25 from savings to checking to keep the savings account active. 2019 financial report was approved.

Proposed 2020 deficit budget was presented. Estimated income is $6150.42; expenses are $6,687.95. Brigham City PW has not yet pledged; Lynn will contact Sarah Yates. The Spring Gathering will be more costly than normal as we will have two out-of-state speakers (Jeri Joy and Maren Haynes). Proposed budget will be recommended to the Spring Gathering for approval.

A motion to donate $250 each, in memory of Phyllis Rooney and Linda Olson, to the 2020 Birthday Offering, was approved. Funds will be taken from “funds available.” Attendees at the Spring Gathering will be encouraged to make additional donations at the Gathering, or personally, in these two PW leaders’ memory. Marilynn will send notes to both families after the Spring Gathering when actual total donations are available.

Approved establishing a PW Utah policy of donating $250 per woman to the Birthday or Thank Offering, to honor PW Coordinating Team members who have died during the previous year, as long as funds are available.

NETWORKERS/SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mary Hargis shared the annual report from Preston, where a very small group of women knit sweaters and do Bible study with the community. She reported that she is in contact with Brigham City, Trinity, and her own congregation and all are doing okay. Ogden First Presbyterian has a new, young pastor. Mary also shared that First Presbyterian Ogden PW and Utah PW are supporting a Birthday Grant application for construction of a larger building to house a program that educates and trains girls in India, to keep them from early marriage and trafficking. The existing program has outgrown its usable space.

FIRST TIMER SUPPLIES are adequate. Verlane has five bags ready and more items. It was suggested that newcomers at Community of Grace might be more than that so she will create more bags.

NOMINATING/SEARCH: Welcome to Aloha Whitney, recently elected Newsletter Editor. Emily Lower has agreed to serve a second term as Mission, Justice and Peace Coordinator. Sylvia Sharman (COG) is being approached for a position. Rev. Nancy Holve announced she is retiring in 2021 but is willing to serve a one-year term. Nominees for Networker/Search for the Capitol and Networker/Search South Central, and Treasurer are still being sought.

NEWSLETTER: Aloha has gotten information from Karen Durrant and is working to update the email mailing list. She queried as to who gets the newsletter – everyone was the answer. CT members, gathering attendees, Synod newsletter editors, Gail Heimbuck. A hard copy is to be mailed to the Korean Presbyterian Church, Eva Edwards, and Mary Kunz (Richfield).

HISTORIAN: Janet Wortley will bring the scrapbooks to the Spring Gathering.

PASTORAL RESOURCES: Nancy is still willing to do Indonesia presentations. In 2021 she will be moving back to California.

WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR: Jane Lee shared that the website is current. There have been over 2800 hits since July 2019. She asks everyone to take photos of local PW events and send them to her for posting.

HORIZONS – Eva reported that the new Horizons Bible study will be entitled “Into the Light: Finding Hope in Prayers of Lament.” It will be mailed in March. Comments were shared on how everyone is liking the current 10 Commandments study. Nancy Holve shared that she is using the supplemental DVD and finds it very helpful.

MISSION, JUSTICE AND PEACE – Emily provided a written report outlining upcoming opportunities, PW Resources, Service opportunities, and mission ideas. Little Dresses for Africa now has patterns for boys’ shorts and shirts as well as pillowcase dresses. Knitting for peace, Red Hand Letters, and Bread for the World are also excellent mission programs. The information will be put in the spring newsletter.

Emily also encouraged all participants to subscribe to Justice and Peace Links, send mission stories to Louisville and look at the new resources for substance abuse initiative.

It was shared that during February the Red Cross has been collecting red hats for babies to raise awareness of babies born with congenital heart defects/disease.

Meeting recessed for lunch. After lunch, Jeri Joy, Synod Representative on the 2019 USAME to the Finger Lakes of New York, joined via Zoom. She was asked her preference for a title for the gathering and chose Following in the Footsteps of Great Women of Faith. Her needs for the Spring Gathering are a projector, computer that takes flash drives, cords, and a remote. She will also need a 6-foot table for display in the display area. Her presentation will be approximately 1-1/4 hour on Friday evening.

Spring 2020 Gathering Planning Timeline Activity

Pre gathering Church Host Contact for RSVP – Lynn Erickson

Pre gathering Home Hospitality Coordinator – Pam Lewis

Newsletter information deadline to Aloha – March 1

Gathering program information deadline to Aloha – April 4

Reservations to Lynn Erickson – by April 13

Flyer deadline – immediately so it can be put in congregational newsletters

Offering recipient – to be determined by Community of Grace. Will be shared in the newsletter

Date: April 17-18, 2020

Location: Community of Grace Presbyterian Church, 2015 Newcastle Dr., Sandy

Theme: Following in the Footsteps of Great Women of Faith

Leaders: Jeri Joy, USAME participant from Sheridan, WY; Maren Haynes Marchesini, ethno-musicologist from Montana. Both need hotels near Community of Grace. Maren is bringing her family.

Friday Evening

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Registration - Cottonwood

Name Tags – Jane Lee Vondette

Table Decorations - Trinity

Icebreaker – Emily Lower

Individual Displays & Social Time

6:00 – 6:45 p.m. Blessing Dinner – American Fork

6:45 - 7:00 p.m. Horizons Skit (Nancy Holve)

7:00 – 7:10 p.m. Welcome by COG

7:10- 7:20 p.m. Lighting of the Christ Candle (Kathy Lundberg)

7:20 - 7:30 p.m. Recognition of 1st Time Attendees (Verlane)

7:30 - 8:45 p.m. Following in the Footsteps of Great Women of Faith (USAME Presentation - Jeri Joy)

8:45 - 8:50 p.m. Homework, Closing and Extinguishing the Christ Candle (Carol )

8:50 – 9:15 p.m. Displays and Fellowship

Saturday Morning

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration Cottonwood

Individual Display Review & Social Time

9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Opening Songs or Energizer

9:15-9:25 a.m. Devotion, honoring Utes & Lighting of the Christ Candle (Loyda Kyremes (Janet Wortley will ask)

9:25 - 9:30 a.m. Additional 1st Time Attendee Recognition (Verlane)

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Business meeting, including minutes, financials, National update, search, election

10:30 - 10:50 a.m. Break & snacks (First Presbyterian Ogden)

10:50 – 10:55 am Dorothy Day (Carol Day)

10:55 am – 11:00 am American woman of faith (Marilynn Collins)

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. A Workshop in Community Singing (Maren Haynes Marchesini, ethno-musicologist)

12:30 - 1:15 p.m. Blessing & Lunch (Community of Grace)

1:15 - 1:30 p.m. Preparation for Worship

Ushers & Communion Servers – Pauline Forster & COG

Pianist – Sylvia Sharman

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Worship Service, Communion, & Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

Number of Tables Displays: ½ Treasurer Birthday offering; ½ Horizons Eva; 2 Used Book Sales Marilynn; ½ Mission, Justice & Peace Emily; ½ PWP Scrapbooks or Slideshow Janet Wortley; 2 Posters of Great Women of Faith; 1 Jeri Joy displays

Future dates:

July 11, 2020 - CT meeting in Springville, 10 am – 3 pm

September 18-19, 2020 - Fall Gathering at Trinity PC, Ogden. No theme yet.

April 23-24, 2021 - Spring Gathering in Cedar City. Theme “Pictures of Grace”

September 17-18, 2021 - Fall Gathering.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Nancy Holve at 2:10 pm.