Presbyterian Women of Utah Coordinating Team Winter Zoom Planning Meeting

February 6, 2021 10:00 am – 1:45 pm

In attendance: elected/appointed PWP CT Team Members:

Carol Day, Moderator

Verlane Seiler, Vice Moderator

Janet Wortley, Historian

Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz, Treasurer

Mary Hargis, Networker/Search North Region

 Marilynn Collins, Secretary

Emily Lower, Justice, Peace & Mission Coordinator

Aloha Whitney, Newsletter

Rev. Nancy Holve, Pastoral Resources

Jane Lee Vondette, Website Administrator

Additional Congregational Moderators, Contacts present: Jeanette Nosker-Ogden 1st , Gen Phelps-Cedar City, Pauline Forster-Mt Olympus, Sarah Yates-Brigham City, Pam Lewis-COG, Loyda Kyremes-Wasatch.

Carol Day, Moderator welcomed participants, led a devotion based on Hebrews chapter 12, honored the Ute and Eastern Shoshone tribes of this area, and lit the Christ Candle. A quorum was declared.

Mary Hargis was given the floor first, as she had to leave. Mary presented the nominees for office that will be presented at the Spring Gathering: Verlane Seiler, Moderator; Loyda Kyremes, Vice Moderator; Jane Lee Vondette, Website Administrator; Mary Hargis, Networker/Search North; Carol Day, Networker/Search Capitol. The search for a Treasurer and Pastoral Resources are ongoing. Carol has approached Rev. Mirjam Haas Melchior and Mary Hargis will ask Rev. Cat Tobey to see if they would be interested in the Pastoral Resources position. Loreen Heil, Networker/Search for the Central/south has resigned and needs to be replaced. Rev. Holve will be retiring and leaving Utah at the end of June. She shared that she hopes to be called to short-term interim ministry positions.

Secretary’s Report: Marilynn presented minutes from the Fall Coordinating team meeting. Corrections were made in spelling Linda Olson’s name, a repetitive phrase, and the title of the Capitol Region. Moved, seconded, and approved the corrected minutes. They will be sent to the PWP CT and posted on the PWP website.

 Minutes of the online Fall Gathering were reviewed. The complete list of first timers recognized during the Zoom meeting includes: Suzanne Riley, Melody Oliphant, Margurite White, Luana Ulave, Jean Harvey Duncan, and Linda Badoian. The sentence including a comment that we “not take advantage” of freedoms and privileges was changed to “not take for granted….” Moved, seconded, and approved that the corrected minutes be presented for approval at the Spring Gathering. They will be sent to the PWP CT and the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the spring newsletter.

Treasurer’s Report: Sally shared year end financial figures for 2020, commenting that she was pleased that we received what we did, considering the circumstances. Total income for 2020 was $7935.14; total expenses $7172.94. PWP has $5253.04 in committed funds, and $4283.19 in available funds, in checking and savings, as of December 31, 2020.

 Sally presented figures for the 2021 proposed budget. Discussion focused on the fact that many PWC and circles are not meeting at present so pledges and donations are not being received. Aloha shared that Marilynn sent a letter to Trinity PW members as a reminder. Marilynn agreed to share that letter with all PWP CT members. Only eight PWC pledges were received by Sally, for a total of $4370. Estimated expenses for 2021 will be $5349.95. The deficit budget will be presented at the Spring Gathering for approval.

Moderator’s Report: Carol invited everyone to make full use of the PW national website. The Quarterly Mailing has been renamed NewsBytes and is posted there. Article sharing local and presbytery activities are also posted. They are always searching for more stories about how PW groups are meeting and coping with restrictions. Carol submitted an article about Karen Durrant’s excellent efforts in the Community of Grace Zoom Bible study meetings. Carol also reported that the Churchwide Gathering Planning Team is in negotiations with the Marriott in St. Louis about details related to the 2021 gathering and business meeting. It is unknown if there will be in-person or Zoom meetings. Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz will be elected as Synod of the Rocky Mountains Representative to the Board of Directors.

 Carol thanked all who sent in annual reports. She will forward them all to Jane Lee and they will be available to view on the PWP website.

 The 2022 Synod of the Rocky Mountains Gathering will be held in Heber City, Ut, on July 14-17. The Best Western hotel is providing free meeting rooms. Meals will be catered. Ideas for a theme are encouraged. Ideas relating to celebrating and affirming sisterhood, anti-racism, and the Matthew 25 Initiative, were presented. Carol Day, Sally Hoffelmeyer-Katz, Marilynn Collins, and Jane Lee Vondette are part of the planning group. Kathy Reeves, who will be PW Moderator, and is a member of the Synod of the Rocky Mountains, has been invited.

Vice Moderator’s Report: Verlane reported that she has plenty of supplies. First timers at the upcoming Spring Gathering will be mailed a special thank you card, designed by Sarah Yates, and a half-off registration coupon for a future gathering.

Historian: Janet reported that she has nothing new, since we have not met. Several attendees took photos of their computer screens to share the Zoom attendees’ photos with Janet.

Networker/Search Committee and Congregational Sharing: Mary Hargis invited all the Northern congregations represented to share events. Preston was noted as having its most prolific sewing year to date! Jeanette Nosker is making Hug-me dolls to be stuffed at the Fall Gathering, should we be able to meet in person. Churches in the Capitol and Central/Southern Region also reported. Some circles are meeting using Zoom, some are not. Reports on worship gatherings ranged from in person to outdoors, Facebook, and Zoom. Zoomed fellowship and Bible study groups are meeting in many locations. The Horizons study on lament is being well received. Special events mentioned included a Zoom bazaar raising funds for Family Promise, sandwich making, and formation of special health teams.

Mission/Justice and Peace: Emily will send information to the Coordinating Team next week and will have information in the newsletter.

Newsletter: See the gathering planning portion of the minutes for dates.

Website: Jane Lee was commended for the great website and her attention to keeping it up to date. She asked whether 2019 reports need to be kept on the website and was given permission to delete them, replacing the 2019 reports with the 2020 reports.

SPRING GATHERING PLANNING

Date: Saturday, April 17, 2021

Time: 9:40 am – 12:20 pm

Format: Zoom meeting. Carol Day will be the registrar and host. Verlane Seiler will open the meeting. Carol will send the Zoom invitation to all registered attendees.

Reservations: to Carol Day before April 14.

Theme: “When I look into your face, I see my sister.” Racial equity is the focus. Carol Day and Loyda Kyremes are in charge of finding a speaker. Carol will create a simple flyer to put in the materials for the upcoming presbytery meeting; that flyer will be fleshed out for distribution to congregations.

Agenda:

9:40 – 10:00 am Fellowship

10:00 -10:30 am Opening (Verlane), lighting of Christ Candle (Jane Lee), business meeting including elections (Carol), recognition of first-time attendees (Verlane)

10:30 -11:30 Program

11:30 – 12:15 pm Worship, including communion and officer installation

12:15-12:35 pm Fellowship

Newsletter: articles to be submitted to Aloha by March 15. Moderator’s report, fall gathering minutes, treasurer’s report, mission/justice/peace article, speaker bio, coming events, search committee report, Birthday Offering information. Newsletter will be emailed March 22. Carol will include a note about how to change your name on your Zoom photos.

Gathering program: Deadline is April 6.Most of the information normally in the program will be placed in the newsletter so that all can read, review, and make corrections (if needed) to materials before the meeting. The agenda will be sent out by Carol to registered attendees.

Upcoming:

* Summer CT meeting July 10. Zoom meeting unless a miracle happens, then it will be in Springville.
* Fall Gathering 2021, September 17-18, Wasatch PC, if churches are open. Mary Hargis will contact Anand and Alda Dyal-Chands to see if they are available to present a program on sex trafficking and education and training of women in India. Or it could be a Part 2 of the spring gathering focus, racial equity.
* Spring Gathering 2022. “blow out” gathering in Cedar City. Jane McCoy will coordinate a presentation on Pictures of Grace, by her friend Lynne from Nevada.
* Fall Gathering 2022 – Pam Lewis will inquire whether Community of Grace can host.

The meeting closed with prayer led by Pauline Forster and a virtual hug at 1:45 pm.

Marilynn Collins, Secretary