

Call to Order/Lighting the Christ Candle: Karen Hamilton, Moderator

Prayer/Devotional:

PW Purpose: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves: To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the Church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Welcome

Secretary's Minutes: Laura Viau January 9, 2016
Corrected Approved

Jean Evans Annual Gathering Minutes reviewed by Gayle Schmidt and Abbie VanDenBerg approved to post on www.pwcfp.com website.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Jonas

I wanted to report that the Annual Gathering was a great success. We actually MADE money this year (\$390.75) and we were able to donate an additional \$667.20 for charity. What a great bunch of women we have in our PW!

28th Annual Gathering Expenses

2016 Quarterly Expenses

Moderator Karen Hamilton

- January 21 volunteered at IDignity Orlando to assist the homeless in obtaining documents enabling them to seek employment.
- January 23, there was a presentation of Presbyterian Women-Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at the Central Florida Presbytery C.O.L.E. meeting held at DeLand Presbyterian. Twelve people from 4 churches attended the breakout session. Karen requested that 2 members (2 women or 1 woman/1 man) from each Central Florida Presbyterian Church attend the Disaster Preparedness Training on March 19, 2016, at St. Mark's. It will be held from 8:30 am to approximately 3:00 pm. Registration is required by March 12th.
- On January 30, The 28th Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Central Florida Presbytery met at El Redentor Presbyterian Church in Oveido, Fl. The theme was "One Body, One Spirit". El Redentor was thanked for hosting the Annual Gathering and welcomed PW representatives from 16 churches: El Redentor, First DeLand, Maitland, St. Mark's, Park Lake, Wekiva, Tuskawilla, North Lake, South Lake, First Presbyterian Titusville, Cocoa, First Apopka, Oakland, Hope Presbyterian, Glenwood Presbyterian, and First Vero. The offering was divided four ways with the theme of missions: PC USA in Cuba, PC USA in the Dominican Republic, El Redentor Food and Hygiene Red Bags mission, and El Redentor Dresses with Dolls mission. The gathering offering was \$666.88. Each of the forums will receive \$155.34. \$45.53 was received for 2 cents/meal.
- February 9 attended Presbytery Council meeting at Wekiva Presbyterian.
- February 10 volunteered at IDignity Sanford.
- February 18 volunteered at IDignity Orlando.
- February 20 installed officers for PW at Oakland Presbyterian.
- February 21 installed officers for PW at Maitland Presbyterian and attended the Lifeboat fundraiser hosted by Scott Maxwell.

- February 25 attended the spiritual retreat at North Lake Presbyterian.
- February 28 attended the farewell service for Rev. Sara Varnado who had served as Associate Pastor at St. Mark's for 2 years.
- March 2 attended Elizabeth Turk's presentation on their family missionary work in Madagascar held at Park Lake Presbyterian.
- March 5 attended Presbytery meeting at Ormond Beach Presbyterian. Spoke about PW-PDA workshop to be held at St. Mark's on March 19.
- March 6 served communion at St. Mark's celebration of Gifts of Women Sunday.
- Many hours have been spent in preparation for the PW-PDA workshop March 19, planning for SOSA April 21, and Epworth October 21-23.

Vice Moderator

Gayle Schmidt

- Since our last meeting I have attended planning meetings for the Annual Gathering, CFP Council meetings in November and December in Karen's absence and the Annual Gathering at El Redentor. I also attended both the December and March Stated Presbytery meetings.
- I shared the PW/PDA information with the circles at Park Lake. Due to clean up and paint meetings previously scheduled no one will be able to attend.

Parliamentarian:

Rosellyn Calvert

Morning prayers are said each morning, family, friends, and Presbyterian Hunger Enablers. Thank you notes were sent to the churches that support PATH in 2015. I attended a BIRP meeting in Palm Bay. Sending them a check for \$60 for First. Church. Then went with Rev. Jody Nobles who did a presentation on Living Waters at the Merritt Island Bible group. Collected a truckload of items for the St. Luke's Rummage sale that was held 3-4&5. Also worked at the sale. I am Bible leader at St. Luke's. and Caller for PW at First. Ch.

Communications Specialist:

Abbie VanDenBerg

Website:

- Updated CALENDAR PAGE current to Jan 2018
- Added CPJ May Event flyer, Bible Study Reg Forms, Epworth SOSA Flyer, the 28th Ann. Gathering Program, and 2015 Financial docs to the HOME PAGE
- Uploaded new Bylaws doc with 2015 amendment on the BYLAWS PAGE
- Updated LEADERSHIP PAGE
- Added and updated the FORMS PAGE
- Updated the DISTRICTS PAGE
- Updated the ANNUAL GATHERING PAGE to reflect Jan 2017 date and place

Attended:

- and hosted the JAN CT meeting at MPC
- The 28th Annual Gathering at El Redentor
- and participated in the PW Sunday event at MPC
- The Lifeboat Project Gala hosted by Scott Maxwell

and created:

- the Program for the 28th Annual Gathering, helped with the nametags, and gave the morning message on Service at El Redentor
- and created print programs and table markers for the Lifeboat Project Gala

Interpreters:

Cultural Diversity: Dildrinell Pratts

Global Missions: Barbara Joyce

- I attended the Mission Development Meeting on Jan 4th and chaired the Global Mission meeting on the same day. I sent a letter to all the PW Mission chairpersons and pastors and elders in the Central Florida Presbytery explaining the importance of supporting our Mission Co-workers around the world. Also the availability of grants for short term mission trips internationally.
- January 28th on attended the luncheon on Human Trafficking at Maitland Presbyterian Church.
- I sent information to all PW Mission Chairpersons the information on the churches in the Central Presbytery of Cuba Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba. The CLT is looking for any church that is interested in forming a partnership with a church in the Presbytery.
- Pam Shubert the Missionary in Turkey will be itinerating to central Florida in the fall. I am looking for churches interested in having her visit there churches.

Justice and Peace Jill Bolander Cohen
Compassion, Peace and Justice Symposium in May, Registration is open and available

Pres. Home/Schools: Kay Kennedy
No Report

District Coordinators:

District 1: Vacant

District 2: Sandy Weil

I made initial visits to three of my churches this week: Upsala, Mount Dora and First Presbyterian Eustis. It took two trips to find anyone "home" at Upsala, but when I did, I had a good conversation with the part-time office girl (who goes to Northland), and was sent a friend request for the church from the part-time pastor, who apparently maintains the Facebook account. I learned from the receptionist that there is a weekly Bible study, men included, at 10 on Tuesdays. I'm going to visit that group soon.

At Mount Dora, I met the Moderator (I think) -- I don't have my notes in front of me -- and I think she told me there's a gathering in the offing that I will be able to attend.

At Eustis, all I accomplished was leaving the notebook. Oh, and each place, I left extra copies of the disaster workshop information.

I haven't made an official visit to Glenwood, but have established a good relationship with Lois Smyth (pronounced Smith) over the past couple of months.

I guess I could report on my 7th church, since that's the one I attend. :-) We are having our Lifetime Membership award ceremony this coming Sunday (tomorrow), and the following Saturday, a noon gathering to dedicate the Birthday Offering.

District 3: Carol Potter

This quarter I attended the Annual Meeting along with Kay Kennedy and found it interesting. I have not visited my churches, but have continued to forward them all information sent to me by Karen Hamilton, Moderator, to share with their churches. Had planned to travel to Clermont on Friday to visit with South Lake's women, but due to a pet emergency here had to cancel. Am planning to attend their installation in May, God willing. Of my nine churches only

3 have Presbyterian Women's groups and one of those meets without being officially PW. Part of the problem is size of the congregation. Other problems include church's weakening relationship with PCUSA. I will get back to Karen about the Disaster Training Session after presenting it to our women. Unfortunately, that is the week prior to Easter and many will be traveling or having company.

District 4: Ruth Ann Stearns_

I mailed all the packets to the churches along with a letter of apology from me and a copy of the posters + the revised 2017 dates. Presbytery listed 2 churches not on the list - Philadelphia Brazilian Presbytery Church in Kissimmee and Fuente de Sanidad Presbyterian Church in Winter Garden. I did not have enough packets for those churches, so I did not send anything to them.

District 5: Jean Evans

- Attended planning meetings for the Annual Gathering in November and December.
- I attended the Annual Gathering on Jan 30.
- All information from Karen and PW have been forwarded to D 5 churches.

District 6: Vacant

District 7: Beth Timmons

Email and Information from PWCFP Coordinating Team meetings were sent to all the District 7 Churches. I attended the annual meeting at El Redeemer with Nancy Neel, Cocoa PC, Roselyn Calvert, 1st PC Titusville, and 3 others. I delivered the packets from the annual meeting to the rest of the District 7 churches. I received the histories from the District 7 churches and forwarded the information to the Historian.

District 8: Becky Stewart

Dottie Baird, past District 8 Coordinator and I attended a Sunday worship service at First Presbyterian in Sebastian, to celebrate with their congregation the awarding of a Life Membership to June Taylor. I attended the luncheon and Annual Meeting at First Presbyterian, Vero and installed their new officers for 2016. I went to a luncheon with the new officers at First Presbyterian, Vero, spoke with each of them about their responsibilities and made sure they had a current copy of the PW Bylaws. I continue to meet with the Nominating Committee as they seek ways to best meet the needs of the CT Board. Four of my Churches participated in Blanket Sunday in January and February. Last Saturday, First Presbyterian, Vero had their spring fundraiser, Spring Fling. I attended their Fashion Show, Mini Boutiques and luncheon.

All of my Churches have been sent the packet of materials from the PW Annual Meeting in January. I also forwarded all correspondence from Karen to each of my Churches.

Old Business:

1. 2016 Annual Gathering at El Redentor January 30th
2. PW-PDA Workshop at COLE in DeLand January 23/Training at St. Mark's March 19
3. March 6 Gifts of Women Sunday 2016 (Maitland, DeLand, Wekiva described current)
4. Triennial Gathering St. Simons Activities/Workshops/Shirts/Name Tags -- October 21-23
 - a. Information forthcoming re Workshops, Horizons author will be speaking
 - b. Florida is leading preparation. Karen in charge of the Mercado (the marketplace), can contact her for opportunities to sell items with funds to go toward missions.
5. **Bible Study August 20 at Maitland Presbyterian, Rev. Megan Collins**
 - a. Flyer in Gathering Booklet and on Website

- b. Can contact Robin Poole (Moderator) 407-920-9921 pool.robin@gmail.com to request space to display ministry activity and ideas
- c. Provide framework for planning committee as they being the work and connect with Maitland representatives. Abby will help connect Megan with planning committee

New Business:

1. 2016 Compassion, Peace & Justice Florida Symposium May 20-21, Maitland

2. 2018 PW Calendar set locations

January 27	30 th Annual Gathering	TBD
March 10	CT Meeting	North Lake Presbyterian
May 5	CT Meeting	Maitland Presbyterian
June or July	Churchwide Gathering	TBD
August 18	Bible Study	Oakland
Oct 6	CT Meeting	First Presbyterian Vero Beach

3. 2016-2017 Presbyterian Calendar (Karen will get order to Presbytery for June 2 delivery)

4. FYI: FISH - August 27, 2016 9:00 AM -12:30 PM; and COLE - January 21, 2017 Locations TBD

- a. Can we look at offering a workshop that would help PW officers at COLE?
 - i. What are the basics of PW and circles
 - b. Ask to host Open Space to explore how to invite women into the PW purposes in the 21st Century at the June 2 CF Presbytery meeting.
 - c. Panel discussion at Annual Meeting

5. Additional items to be discussed

M/S/P – Abbie VanDenBerg/Jean Evans

Raise CFP mileage reimbursement to \$0.55 per mile to match SOSA travel policy for future events/meetings

Next meeting – **PWCFP CT MEETING May 7, 2016 10:00AM-12:30PM**

Oakland Presbyterian Church, 218 E. Oakland Avenue, Oakland, FL 34760

Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer

Carol’s daughter Kathy

Abbie’s son, Will

Jean’s Dad, Warren

These Days - March 12 - Praying with God by Christina Braudaway-Bauman

When we pray, I believe God joins us in our prayers. Perhaps it is also true that as we pray, we also join God. We join our intentions to God’s own. We align ourselves with God’s hope and work in the world. Perhaps the most important word in the Lord’s Prayer is the first one. The word is “Our.” When the disciples ask Jesus how to pray, the prayer he teaches is communal. Our Father, give us bread, forgive us, lead us, deliver us. As we say the Lord’s Prayer, we join Jesus, the disciples he taught, the generations of faithful people who have said it for two thousand years, and the church around the world in its weekly worship. As you say the Lord’s Prayer, imagine the power of millions praying, “Your kingdom come. Your will be done.”

Let us pray the Lord’s Prayer together now.

Extinguish the Christ Candle

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2017
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
CENTRAL FLORIDA PRESBYTERY

January 7, 2017 PWCFP CT MEETING

10:00 a.m.
St. Marks Presbyterian Church
1021 Palm Springs Drive
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

January 28, 2017 29th PWCFP Annual Gathering

9:15 a.m. – Registration
10:00 a.m. – Meeting
First DeLand Presbyterian Church
724 N Woodland Blvd.
DeLand, Florida 32720

March 11, 2017 PWCFP CT MEETING

10:00 a.m.
Cocoa Presbyterian Church
1404 Dixon Blvd.
Cocoa, Florida 32922

May 6, 2017 PWCFP CT MEETING

10:00 a.m.
Anchor Point Ecumenical Center
929 Votaw Road
Apopka, Florida 32703

August 19, 2017 PWCFP Bible Study Event

9:15 a.m. - Registration
10:00 a.m. - Meeting
Park Lake Presbyterian Church
309 East Colonial Drive
Orlando, Florida 34860

October 7, 2017 PWCFP CT MEETING

10:00 a.m.
Maitland Presbyterian Church
341 North Orlando Avenue
Maitland, Florida 32751