

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GATHERING
January 25, 2020
Maitland Presbyterian Church

Gathering Song: *Morning Has Broken* with accompaniment by Margaret Patten

Welcome and Call to Order: Moderator Sharon Williams at 9:59 a.m.

Lighting of the Christ Candle: Beth Timmons, District 7 Coordinator

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.

Worship:

- Initial greeting and prayer by Rev. David Collins;
- Moment for Mission by Olga L. Malave-Radi regarding the plight of the people of Puerto Rico following devastating earthquakes over the past several weeks;
- Offering, all proceeds of which will be directed to El Redentor Presbyterian Church for use with the people of Puerto Rico totaled \$512.75;
- Acknowledgement of the CT and installation of Sharon Hudson Williams as Moderator and Gloria White as District 4 Coordinator by Linda Adkins, PW Moderator of Maitland Presbyterian Church;
- Presentation by Rev. Erika Rembert Smith, Pastor at Washington Shores Presbyterian Church.
- Worship was concluded at 10:29 a.m. with prayer by Sharon Williams.

Closing Song: *Amazing Grace*

Business Meeting: Began immediately following worship by Sharon Williams.

Roll Call: The following churches were represented at the Gathering:

Maitland (Host) (15)	North Lake (3)	St. Marks (1)
Cocoa (4)	Oakland (1)	South Lake (2)
El Redentor (1)	Palm Shores (1)	Vero Beach (3)
First Deland (5)	Pineda (1)	Wekiva (3)
First Sebastian (2)	St. Cloud (2)	Washington Shores (22)

Minutes: The minutes of the 31st Annual Gathering have been approved and posted on www.pwcfp.com website.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Jonas presented the 2019 Income and Expense by Quarter:

	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>2019 Total</u>
Income	\$2,009.04	\$ 685.25	\$1,435.01	\$2,326.00	\$6,084.30
Expenses	\$ 187.48	\$ 838.41	\$1,625.77	\$ 200.00	\$2,851.66
Deficit/surplus	\$1,821.56	(153.16)	(190.76)	\$2,126.00	\$3,232.64

Jennifer then presented the 2020 Budget:

Estimated Income -----	\$ 2,500.00
Expenses (Support Services) -----	\$ 2,370.00
Total Estimated Surplus -----	\$ 130.00

On motion made and seconded, the Budget for 2020 was approved.

Finally, Jennifer presented the list of donations received and sent out in 2019:

<u>Charitable Recipient</u>	<u>2019 Donation</u>
Beth-El -----	\$ 60.00
Birthday Offering -----	\$ 6,759.37
Church Women United -----	\$ 625.00
Church World Service -----	\$ 534.00
Churchwide Mission -----	\$ 3,460.00
Columbia Friendship Circle -----	\$ 1,700.00
Duvall Home -----	\$ 550.00
Fellowship of Least Coin -----	\$ 1,509.74
Habitat for Humanity -----	\$ 50.00
Health Women, Healthy Families -----	\$.00
Heifer International -----	\$ 100.00
Lifeboat Project -----	\$ 806.00
Mission Haven -----	\$ 2,213.00
PATH -----	\$ 725.89
PCUSA -----	\$ 60.00
Pres. Disaster Assistance -----	\$ 966.25
Presbyterian Historical Society -----	\$ 75.00
Safe House of Seminole -----	\$ 50.00
SOSA -----	\$ 1,630.00
Thank Offering -----	\$ 6,334.83
Thornwell -----	\$ 2,145.00
Villa International -----	\$ 175.00
Total Donations -----	\$30,629.08

Presentation of By-Law Amendments:

The proposed amendments having been previously provided to all churches for review, Moderator Sharon Williams first addressed a duplication in the By-Laws and in the Standing Rules.

Under Article X -*Finance*, Section 5, sub-articles a through i and Sections 6 and 7 are a duplication and should only be contained in Standing Rules. A new Section 6 was added, however, to read as follows:

Section 6. Any operating expenses, greater than \$200, will need to be approved by the Coordinating Team.

Moderator Williams went on to explain that the addition of Section 6 is made to protect the finances of PW and to ensure that large expense requests are properly vetted and understood.

Debbie Horn then discussed the remaining changes:

- Article IX – *Duties of Coordinating Team Members*, Section 8, item c shall be modified to read:
Section 8. The Presbyterian Women **District Coordinator** shall:
c. meet with local Moderators *in person, by phone, or email* at least twice a year.

The change is recommended to give District Coordinators flexibility in reaching out to local Moderators without having to travel long distances.

- Article X – *Finance*, Section 5, was modified to read as follows:
Section 5. In order to qualify for reimbursement, PWCFP CT members and District Coordinators must file timely quarterly and annual reports and have no more than one excused absence.

The remainder of the section was removed to exclude the payment of costs of members attending the triennial conference. The rationale is to avoid extensive outlay of funds resulting in depletion of monies in the PW accounts.

- Article X – Finance, Section 6 was added. See discussion above.
- Standing Rules, Section 3 was updated to reflect the rotation election system of officers and district coordinators from 2018 through 2023 and to remove years 2011 through 2017.
- Standing Rules, Section 5, Finances, item d was modified to reflect mileage to be paid at 35 cents per mile instead of 40 cents to bring it into line with customary procedures.
- Standing Rules, Section 5, item f was modified to remove the payment of gathering expenses for voting delegates and District Coordinators who attend Gatherings of Churchwide or Synod of South Atlantic and/or regional events as funds are simply not available to cover the cost and other scholarship opportunities are available.
- Standing Rules, Section 5, Finance, item h, originally modified to require that two signatures be required on checks, was remodified from the floor to remove that requirement.

Following the presentation of the Amendments, on motion made and seconded, the By-Laws, as amended, were approved.

Moderator Sharon Williams addressed the need for CT Members in several categories, including Moderator Elect, Vice Moderator, Presbyterian Homes / School Interpreter, District 1, 2, and 8 Coordinators and Search Coordinator / Parliamentarian. She then called on all Presbyterian Women to be kind and forgiving and to live their lives with Grace. She thanked Rev. Erika for her moving and timely message on the art of Grace. She then thanked the women of Maitland Presbyterian Church for hosting the Annual Gathering, for their hospitality. There being no further business to be conducted, the business was adjourned after District 3 Coordinator, Carol Potter, blessed the noon meal and extinguished the Christ Candle at 11:33 p.m.