

**PWCP QUARTERLY MEETING  
MAITLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MAY 5, 2018**

**Attending:** Karen Hamilton, Abbie VanDenBerg, Olga Malave-Radi, Jill Cohen, Beth Timmons, Carol Potter, Brenda Tompkins, Jean Evans, Sharon Williams and Debbie Horn.

**Call to Order / Lighting the Christ Candle:** Karen Hamilton called the meeting to order at 10:13 and Abbie VanDenBerg lit the Christ Candle.

**Prayer / Devotional:** Abbie VanDenBerg read a passage from the book by Henri Nouwen entitled The Inner Voice of Love which was well-received.

**PW Purpose:** Forgiven and free 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 (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom.

**Welcome:** On behalf of Maitland Presbyterian Church, Debbie Horn welcomed the members of the council to the meeting.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Debbie Horn  
Minutes of the last meeting were approved as written

**Treasurer's Report:** Jennifer Jonas – absent  
Jennifer's First Quarter Report was presented to all and approved as written:

<b>Total Income</b> -----	<b>\$ 2,265.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b> -----	<b>\$12,800.32</b>
<b>Deficit</b> -----	<b>\$10,535.31</b>

Abbie VanDenBerg reminded the council that the figures will even out as the year progresses. A brief discussion ensued on whether churches are giving to PW. Those churches that have active PW tend to give.

**Moderator's Report:** Karen Hamilton

Activities from March 10 to May 8, 2018  
03/11/18 – attended 11 AM symphony service at MPC  
03/13/18 – attended Hebrew Bible Study at St. Mark's  
03/15/18 – served IDignity, Orange County  
03/29/18 – attended Maundy Thursday service at MPC  
03/30/18 – attended Good Friday service and luncheon at MPC

- 03/31/18 – attended Spring Fling and Egg Hunt at St. Mark's
- 04/01/18 – attended Sunrise service and Easter Breakfast at St. Mark's
- 04/01/18 – attended the 11 AM service and Easter Luncheon at MPC
- 04/6-7/18 – participated in the PWSOSA CT teleconference / Zoom meeting
- A challenging opportunity to coordinate 30 CT members for reports, budget approval and planning.
  - Janira Colon and Olga from El Redentor spoke with Moderator Erma Jones about the needs of Puerto Rico with Janira listing the needs of 7 communities that still need assistance.
  - SOSA CT voted to assist 3 of the 7 churches with checks for \$1,000 each. They are  
*Presbyterian Church in Anasco.* Its pantry serves people in the mountains. Elder Adalis Luciano-Andujar – 787-918-307  
*Campamento Guacia.* The largest Presbyterian retired campus in PR. It serves ice to the community and use a lot of gas and diesel per day. Mira Rivera – 787-473-8044  
*Presbyterian Church in Lares and Utuado.* The people in this area lost everything. Rev. Evelyn Torres Ramirez – 787-640-3896
- 04/08/18 – attended the “Tartan” service at MPC
- 04/10/18 – attended the Cent. Fla. Presbytery Council meeting at College Park Pres
- 04/10/18 – attended Hebrews Bible Study at St. Mark's
- 04/15/18 – attended Valencia College Spring Concert at St. Mark's
- 04/17/18 – participated in the FLAPDAN conference call – conducted by Kathy Broyard
- Florida is divided into 6 presbyteries: *Central Florida, Florida, Peace River, St. Augustine, Tampa Bay and Tropical Florida.* Only Florida Presbytery was spared damages from Hurricane Irma in September, 2017. Some presbyteries are still repairing damage from Hurricane Matthew in October, 2016.
  - Karen reminded us that representation is needed on several recovery groups. PDA financial support for recovery groups depends on active participation and involvement from local congregations. ***The next FLAPDAN call date will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.***
- 04/19/18 – served IDignity, Orange County
- 04/22/18 – served as lay leader at St. Mark's
- 04/27/18 – served IDignity, Orange County
- 05/02/18 – served IDignity, Orange County
- 05/05/18 – conducted PWCFP CT meeting at MPC
- 05/08/18 – to attend Cent. Fla. Presbytery Council at St. Mark's Senior Center

**Vice Moderator's Report:** Sharon Williams

- Attended PWCFP CT meeting at Lake North Presbyterian Church
- Attended church Ladies Tea at Bushnell Presbyterian Church
- Attending Beth Moore Bible Study at Maitland Presbyterian Church
- Attended Event with Maitland PW at Journey Church

- Attended church service and retirement luncheon for Cynthia DeVos at Mt. Dora Church
- Submits monthly articles to Maitland Presbyterian for mission column

**Parliamentarian / Search:** Rosellyn Calvert – ill and unable to attend

- Path: 47 churches donated \$60,598.31 so far this year.
- Has asked Beth Timmons to wear the penny hat and give out the Path calendars at the PW Gathering in Louisville in August.
- Search Committee: The Bylaws state that District 3 & 4 churches are supposed to find/elect the next Search Committee Chair. They have been contacted several times with no response.

**Communication Specialist:** Abbie VanDenBerg

**Activities since March 10, 2018**

- Attended PWCFP CT meeting at North Lake Presbyterian Church
- Attended Women of the Church Ladies Tea at Bushnell Presbyterian
- Dialed into and joined the ZOOM meeting of the PW Synod of the South Atlantic on Friday and Saturday, April 6-7
- Attended the Presbytery council meeting at College Park Presbyterian on March 10 with Karen Hamilton

**Updated the PWCFP Website as follows:**

- Removed older documents
- Uploaded revised 2018 Bible Study Registration Form
- Uploaded Minutes of the last Council Meeting
- Updated Events Calendar
- Updated Church Districts page, cross-checking them with a Presbytery Document
- Updated Leadership Page
- Added video made by Olga Malave-Radi about trip to Puerto Rico in response to Hurricane Maria

**Interpreters:**

**Cultural Diversity:** Olga L. Malave-Radi

- March 1: Attended Orange County LTRG Meeting (Support to victims of Hurricane Irma and Maria)
- March 4: Preached at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
- March 8: Attended Leaders Meeting at El Redentor
- March 9: Attended Presbyterian Women Meeting at El Redentor
- April 28: Attended Annual Meeting of Latino/Hispanic Presbyterian Women, Synod of South Atlantic
- April 29: Led Pastoral Liturgy at El Redentor
- May 5-22: Traveled to Puerto Rico to work as Volunteer at "Primera Iglesia Presby. Of Añasco"
- May 13 & 20: Will preach at "Prima Iglesia Presbyterian of Añasco"
- May 27: Will preach at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church

**Global Missions:** Barb Joyce

- Attended the Cuba Leadership Team meeting at Wekiva Presbyterian Church in March
- Planning for the June Nicaragua Mission trip with Deland Presbyterian is in full speed with a fundraiser dinner, auction and many more activities. We are watching events in Nicaragua closely but as of now the trip is still on.
- Attended and chaired the Global Mission Meeting for the Central Florida Presbytery on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Maitland Presbyterian Church, along with Peace and Justice and Mission Development.
- Forwarded Mission opportunities to the churches in our Presbytery and reminded them of Grants available through CFP. The grant application has been updated and has been distributed to the churches.
- Sent mission information to the Mission Committee Chair persons at all the CFP churches on supporting missionaries worldwide.

**Justice and Peace:** Jill Cohen

- Attended the Ecumenical Advocacy Days and although not as well organized as previously, was successful, focusing on racism. It was lead by Doug Grace.
- Attended Center for Peace & Justice Day at Stoney Point with excellent classes. Andrew Bartlett led a session on land reparations, farming and gardens.
- The Freedom Network Conference in Denver attracted 500 members. Jill announced that \$100,000,000 was being received from the Government for victims.
- Graceway Presbyterian Church has made a \$1,400 love offering to Lifeboat.
- Homes totaling \$1.5 million have been donated to the Lifeboat Project, free and clear, for use with trafficking victims. One is in Winter Springs, two in Casselberry and one in Thornton Park.
- Jill was contacted by Jerry Kushner at the White House for possible input regarding the Kushner-backed prison reform bill pending before the Judiciary Committee.

**Pres. Home/Schools:** Barbara Miller

- Barbara has been excused from attending the meetings at this time. No report.

**District Coordinators:****District 1:** Vacant**District 2:** Sandy Weil - Absent

- Reported that she attended Mt. Dora Presbyterian on Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> to install their CT for next year.

- Karen reported that Horizon has a new installation service that may be of benefit to Moderators.

**District 3:** Carol Potter

- Hosted CFPWCT meeting at North Lake PC on 03/10/18
- Forwarded materials from Moderator Hamilton or PW Institutions to churches with contact person.
- Sold coffee provided by Jill for LifeBoat Project Ministry. Picked up coffee and turned over \$384 in sales to Jill. Additional \$272.00 will be turned over, including donations or overpayments as additional donation. Will continue to advertise in church newsletter. Wife of Associate Pastor will assist with sales as she is very interested in the LifeBoat Ministry.
- Communicated with South Lake PC about installing new officers.
- Installed South Lake PC PW officers on 05/02/18 at the church, including pastor's wife as Moderator. The current Moderator will become Vice Moderator. The Horizon installation was used and 14 attended.
- Scheduled to install NLPC PW officers on 05/20/18 at the Spring Luncheon. Birthday offering will be received. NLPC PW circles will also present attractive bags filled with personal supplies for the Haven Shelter for battered women. Toys for children will be included.

**District 4:** Ruth Ann Sterns – Absent

- Oakland Presbyterian Women are working on hosting the Bible Study Event in August, 2019. Calendar is clear but a use permit must be filled out. Does not expect difficulties.
- Searching for new chair

**District 5:** Jean Evans

- Attended PWCFP CT meeting at North Lake Pres. 3/10/18
- Participated in "egg" Palm Sunday at Maitland Pres. 03/25/18
- Participated in serving Easter Lunch at Maitland Pres. 04/01/18
- Attended Anita Renfroe event at Journey Church 04/26/18
- Forwarded all notes from Karen to area churches

**District 6:** Brenda Tompkins

- Will be participating in preliminary planning for August Bible Study with Abbie VanDenBerg and Sharon Williams. Debbie Horn has offered to help.
- Inquiry from Susan Kaney about Bible Study. What do we do? Did not know protocol. Explained about seed money and preliminary meeting will be scheduled.

**Districts 7:** Beth Timmons

- Attended PW Annual Gathering in January, 2018.
- Distributed PW information to Presbyterian churches in Districts 7 & 8
- While at Brevard & Indian River Presbyterian (BIRP) meeting in February, gave PW annual meeting information to PW representatives from Merritt Island, Good Shepherd, Eastminster, and Riverside churches.
- Sent link to the Presbyterian Women Annual Gathering booklet 2018 to District 7 & 8 churches.
- PW information was delivered to Rockledge and Pineda churches.
- Attended presentation by Jean Homrighausen, Thornwell Mission Advancement Officer, who spoke at 1<sup>st</sup> PC Titusville on February 20. Presentation was enjoyed by the fourteen Presbyterian Women from St. Luke's, Cocoa, and 1<sup>st</sup> PC Titusville churches.

**District 8:** Vacant. See District 7 notes above.

**Old Business:**

1. Churchwide Gathering August 2-5, Louisville, KY
  - Roommates need to be determined
  - Lunch tickets need to be purchased
  - Clothing suggestions: Black and red shirts
  - Keep a journal of activities and bring back hand-outs
2. Birthday Offering Suggestions
3. Abbie to represent PWCP at the June 7 Presbytery Meeting
4. August 18<sup>th</sup> Bible Study, Park Lake Presbyterian – Jean, Sharon, Olga & Debbie will assist Abbie in preparation
5. 2019 Calendar of Events –
  - January 5: CT
  - January 26: Annual Gathering
  - March 9: CT via telephone
  - May 4: CT in person
  - August 10: Bible Study – Oakland (?)
  - October 5: CT via web
  - October 25-27: St. Simons

**New Business:**

1. SOSA CT: Abbie reported that the meeting was held by Zoom and saved approximately \$8,000. This year we will attempt two meetings by Zoom and one in person. Those without computer capability can attend via telephone.
2. PWC FP CT & Presbytery Representatives to FLAPDAN are Karen Hamilton, Gayle Schmidt and George Wilcox
3. Compassion, Peace & Justice Symposium will take place at Maitland Presbyterian September 8 and 9.

4. Other: Jean Evans reported that the Annual Golf Tournament at Maitland Presbyterian resulted in approximately \$13,000 in donations to the Language Learning Center.
5. More attention needs to be paid to what is happening in individual churches. Our problems are their problems and our strengths are their strengths.
6. Prayer Requests:
  - Beth Timmons asks for prayer for Rosellyn Calvert
  - Carol Potter asks for prayer for Rose Gorman and grandson issues
  - Karen asks for continued prayers for her heart and cancer recovery
  - Sharon asks for prayers for her youngest in medical school for discernment of future decision.
  - Jill offered praise for receipt of the properties for Lifeboat Project.

The meeting was closed with prayer and the Christ Candle was extinguished at 12:14 p.m.

**Next meeting: October 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. – Web conference call**