

**Presbyterian Women Central Florida Presbytery
Coordinating Team Minutes – January 7, 2017**

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church 9:30AM- 12:30PM
1025 Palm Springs Drive, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

Moderator **Karen Hamilton** called the meeting to order at 9:45AM. The devotional and prayer was read from These Days for January 7th. In attendance were Kay Kennedy, Carol Potter, Beth Timmons, Jill Bolander Cohen, Abbie Vandenberg, Sandy Weil, Olga Mercado, Jean Evans, and Karen Hamilton. Absent and excused were Gayle Schmidt, Jennifer Jonas, Rosellyn Calvert, Barbara Joyce, and Ruth Ann Stearns. Kay Laws was the guest of Sandy Weil.

The **PW Purpose begins every meeting**: 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 was extended to those who braved the storm warnings. Refreshments were provided by the Moderator. The Secretary's Minutes submitted by Laurie Renault from our conference call October 29th have been posted to the website. Treasurer's Report by Jennifer Jonas was not submitted.

Moderator Report: Karen

11/8 Presbytery Council Meeting

11/8 Led Bible Study for evening circle St. Mark's

11/9 Assisted I-Dignity Sanford

12/3 Installed officers PW Maitland

12/5 Met with DeLand PW CT

12/6 Attended Presbytery Mtg Melbourne Good Shepherd 12/15 Assisted with I-Dignity Orlando

Vice Moderator Report: **Gayle** submitted a request from Joe Raymond to receive Vocational Scholarship funds. Joe has previously received \$1,800. The CT voted to

refuse further assistance to Joe as he does not attend a PCUSA seminary. Karen will advise him of his application status.

Parliamentarian/Search: Rosellyn Calvert : Rosellyn reported that she send out 150 thank you cards to churches that supported 2 cents/meal. She also contacted Gayle and Becky for assistance in finding District Coordinators for Districts 6 and 8.

Communications Specialist: Abbie VanDenBerg

Updated Events Calendar

Added May 2016 and Oct 2016 PWCFP CT Meeting Minutes in PDF and Word format Moved RuthAnn to District 4 where she should be

Fixed the Church list which had some formatting issues

Deleted the August 2016 Reg. Forms from Forms page

Added National PW Third Quarter and Fourth Quarter newsletter to Useful Links page

Working on: The August 2017 Bible Study Reg. Form

Re-typing our Bylaws in time for the program booklet at the end of January

Interpreters:

Cultural Diversity: **Olga Malave Mercado** will be installed January 28th. Seeking permission to host PW Annual Gathering in 2018.

Global Missions: Barbara Joyce

I attended the Bible Study on August 20th @ Maitland Presbyterian Church. Megan Collins did a fabulous job as our speaker.

I attended and chaired the Global Mission Meeting for the Central Florida Presbytery on October 4th @ Maitland Presbyterian Church. Pam Shubert, the Missionary from Turkey was our guest speaker at our meeting and I took her to dinner. She gave us an update on her mission in Turkey and all that has been accomplished. Very positive.

I attended the Cuba Leadership Team meeting in Sept. and plan on going on the Cuba Mission trip

In January 2017.

I attended the 10th triennial gathering of PW at St Simon Island. I took 3 classes, Cluster Leader, Little Women Circles and Looking at Death & Dying. Very informative and uplifting.

I forwarded on 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.

I sent mission information to the Mission Committee Chair persons at all the CFP churches on supporting missionaries worldwide.

Justice and Peace: **Jill Bolander Cohen** - Oral report

Pres. Home/Schools: **Barbara Miller** - will be installed January 28th.

District Coordinators:

District 1: Vacant

District 2: **Sandy Weil** - working on Annual Gathering

District 3 **Carol Potter** -

My activity this quarter has been muted. I have forwarded materials sent to me by Mod. Karen Hamilton when appropriate, especially those materials passed from Synod or Church-wide which would be of interest and appropriate for my churches. Unfortunately, of my 8 churches, only 4 have provided contacts, and of those 4, only 2 have an active PW. And, one of the two with active PWs deals with complicated church issues which cause the church itself to be on 'shaky' ground. The other is strong and viable.

The shaky church situation has a CT and one circle. Recently, they have been in contact with me about issues at the church and also some parliamentary concerns within the CT. I enlisted Kay Kennedy's help, as CFPW Parliamentarian and think the parliamentary issue is straightened out. That CT was very appreciative and seems to feel free to call me with concerns and questions.

I have also encouraged attendance at the Jan. 28 Annual Mtg in Deland and hope to see some of their women in attendance. North Lake PC will have several women going, but the number isn't in yet. Their circles will be meeting next week and we hope to both encourage attendance and provide rides.

I have been told by several individuals that they find working with the PW on-line services difficult and not too helpful. They also have had trouble contacting Louisville about things such as Life-time membership forms, etc. A question has arisen as to just where the 2 cents a meal (cents-ability) monies go and how they're used. Perhaps, more could be said about that and other money questions in the letters sent out by the moderator or treasurer, etc. I have also informed my churches of Karen Hamilton's need for prayers of healing and have been told their ladies are praying for her.

District 4: **Ruth Ann Stearns:** Scheduled meeting at Oakland Presbyterian for January 7th.

District 5: **Jean Evans:**

November 8 - PW Council meeting Maitland Pres

December 3 - Prayer Brunch at Maitland Pres Presented outgoing Moderator with gift

December 10 - meeting for Cuba Mission trip

Forwarded all correspondence from Karen to all PW Moderators at D5 churches.

District 6: Vacant

District 7: **Beth Timmons:**

I have phoned, emailed, delivered, or mailed PW information to the District 7 churches throughout the year. 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.

I sent Mother's Day cards also to thank them for supporting PW Missions. Riverside PW has decided to cut back on their coordinating team and simplify their activities. They asked for information on how to donate to certain missions as they have done in the past through PW, so I sent two forms for giving to various missions through the PW of Central Florida Presbytery.

Each of the District 7 churches were given the 2017-2018 planning calendar and invited to the Annual Gathering in January. At Cocoa PC, all 4 Circles are using the PW Horizon's Bible Study and meeting monthly. Two Rockledge PW attended the

Bible Study in August and are excited that two circles have gained new members this year. Riverside PW Circles are doing well and like the “Who Is Jesus” study very much. The Merritt Island PW Circle is not using the PW Bible Study, but meets on Tuesday evenings along with the youth and men for “Terrific Tuesday” dinner and activities, which includes a women’s Bible study. First PC Titusville and St. Luke’s PW use the PW Bible study on “Who’s Jesus.” Rosellyn keeps both churches informed about the PW activities and encourages them to join in. Pineda PW Circle is using the PW Bible study.

I enjoyed the SOSA PW gathering at St. Simon’s Island. Roselyn Calvert and I attended, representing 1st PC Titusville and Cocoa PC respectively.

District 8: Vacant

Old Business:

1. Annual Gathering January 28th, First DeLand: discussed program contents, scheduling, speakers, worship service and after lunch Q&A.
2. Updated **Calendars for 2017 and 2018 for program and website.**
3. Positions to be filled on PWCFP CT (Moderator in Training, Secretary, District Coordinators 1,6, and 8).
4. August 12, 2017 Bible Study, Maitland Presbyterian. Changed contact info and study title.

New Business:

1. Nancy Wickersham, St. Mark’s, volunteered to retype Bylaws and Standing Rules. Abbie will complete this for the annual gathering program.

2. Additional Items

Next Meeting: March 11, 2017

10:00 a.m.

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Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer