

# Minutes

## PWCFP CT- October 29, 2016

**Meeting was called to order at 10:25 am Karen Hamilton, Moderator**

**Welcome**-Conference Call Participants

**In attendance on conference call were:** Gayle Schmidt, Abbie VanDenBerg, Jennifer Jonas, Carol Potter, Ruth Ann Stearns, Beth Timmons, Sandy Weil, Laurie Renaud, Karen Hamilton

**Excused Absence-** Laura Viau, Dill Pratts (attending Cuba Conference Barbara Joyce, Jean Evans, Jill Cohen)

**Secretary/Historian:** No review of minutes- May minutes to be posted on [pwcfp.com](http://pwcfp.com) website, Laurie Renaud taking minutes of this meeting.

**Treasure's Reports: Jennifer Jonas-** sent statement out this morning (10/29)

Offerings are now this quarter. Budget is due at the end of November. Only 10 pledges received in 2016 out of 35 churches. Send pledge money to Jennifer. Check out web-site ([pwcfp.com](http://pwcfp.com)) for mission form and pledge form.

**Officer's Report:**

**Moderator-Karen Hamilton** report sent electronically on 10/26/16.

May 7- PWCFP CT meeting at Oakland Presbyterian 10 AM.

May 10 - Attended Presbytery Council meeting.

May 13 - Served I-Dignity, First Pres DeLand, Volusia county.

May 15 - PW Birthday Objective Luncheon, St. Mark's.

May 19 - Served I-Dignity, Orlando Rescue Mission, Orange county.

May 20-21 - Served registration for Justice and Peace Conference, Maitland Pres. Attended workshops with Erma and LaVar Jones.

June 2 - Presbytery Meeting, Maitland Presbyterian

June 6-10 - Served Vacation Bible School at St. Mark's

June 18 - Attended Eagle Scout Ceremony for Austin Halley who came up the ranks through Cub Pack 237 and BSA Troop 237 of which I serve as Charter Organization Representative (12 years).

July 17 - Lay Leader at St. Mark's.

July 21 - Served I-Dignity, Orlando Rescue Mission.

August 10 - Served I-Dignity, Seminole county.

August 18 - Served I-Dignity Orlando Rescue Mission.

Our 2016 Bible Study was held Saturday, August 20, 2016, at Maitland Presbyterian Church from 9:30AM to 3:00PM. Rev. Megan Collins presented "Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes" by Judy Yates Siker. Rev. Collins also conducted the worship/communion service. Many thanks to the Maitland ladies for their delicious salad luncheon and over-all hospitality. Congratulations to the 118 ladies from 16 churches in Central Florida Presbytery for participating in this gathering: Cocoa, DeLand, Maitland, North Lake, Oakland, Park Lake, Riverside, Rockledge, Sebastian, South Lake, St. Cloud, St. Mark's, Titusville, Tuskawilla, Vero, and Wekiva. The program and journal can be found on our [pwcfp.com](http://pwcfp.com) website for those churches who couldn't attend. New PW Manuals and 2016-2017 Presbyterian Planning Calendars were distributed to all PWCFP CT members. Rev. Judy Yates Siker also presented the "Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes" Bible Study at the Synod of South Atlantic Presbyterian Women's Gathering October 21-23, 2016 at Epworth By the Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia. Registration and housing forms were listed on the [pwcfp.com](http://pwcfp.com) and [sosapw.com](http://sosapw.com) websites. Registration after September 10, was \$125.

Epworth housing rates included meals and varied as to location. Registration totaled 350+. The offering of \$4,755.00 was divided equally between Mission Haven and The Lifeboat Project.

September 13 - Attended Presbytery Meeting, Eustis.

September 14-15 - Florida PWSOSA Planning Team visited Epworth. Mercado participation was my responsibility. Table requests for Jones Auditorium:  
Dottie Kelly, Creations of Hope, Haiti; Bernice C. Rogers, FPC, Cleveland PW; Leslie & Ken Walker African Ministries, Kenya; Linda Levine, Mayanworks; Jean Homrighausen, Thornwell Home; Kathy Broyard, PW-PDA, FLAPDAN; Jill Bolander Cohen, The Lifeboat Project, Coffee Against Human Trafficking; Author's Corner; Carol King, Days for Girls; Karen Hamilton, USAME San Francisco 2016; Robin Powell, Mission Haven; Steven Miller, Columbia Friendship Circle; Crafts with Molly; Villa International; Gail Holesha, Church Relations Coordinator Westminster Communities; Carissa Howard and Carol Winkler, Horizons/Presbyterian Publishing.

September 22-30, 2016. I represented Presbyterian Women, Synod of South Atlantic, in San Francisco and San Jose, California, for the USA Mission Experience.

The purpose was to raise awareness about human trafficking, domestic violence and immigration issues; to develop skills for implementation and advocacy in local settings; to identify resources to assist Presbyterian Women to help delete slavery and domestic violence; to examine the myths of immigration; and to explore personal immigration stories. A workshop was given on Saturday, October 22, at Epworth. Attendees were encouraged to schedule a workshop for their church or presbytery based on their needs.

October 1 - Attended "Tea on Broadway" at Oakland Presbyterian.

October 2 - Lay Leader for World Wide Communion and Justice & Peace Special Offering at St. Mark's.

October 9 - Attended "Wacky Women" Thank Offering at Maitland Presbyterian.

October 11-13 - Attended Mission Haven and Columbia Friendship Circle meetings at Columbia Theological Seminary.

October 17 - Attended "Festival of Tables" Thank Offering at Park Lake Presbyterian.

October 19-23 - Attended and participated in PWPDA Workshop, USAME Workshop, Mercado, and all other activities planned for the Triennial Gathering at Epworth By The Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

Looking ahead to 2017, our 29th Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women of Central Florida Presbytery will be held at First Presbyterian Church, DeLand, on Saturday, January 28th from 9:15AM to 3:00PM. "Looking at PW Through a Different Lens" will

explore where PW is currently and where it is heading. Registration is \$10 until January 13th.

Late registration will be \$15.

PW Central Florida is working to bring Melissa Banes Sevier, author of our 2017-2018 Bible Study "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in the Letters to the Hebrews" to Florida on Saturday, August 12, 2017, from 9:30AM to 3:00PM. Maitland Presbyterian has graciously consented to host this event so that all six PW Florida Presbyteries may attend as well as our sisters in Georgia and South Carolina. Registration is \$15 until July 28th, \$20 after July 28th. Registration includes catered continental breakfast, lunch, and support materials. See the flier on our website for further information or contact me directly. Robin Powell will email the flier to all Epworth participants.

**Vice-Moderator, Gayle Schmidt-** Over the last several months I have spent a lot of time doing Presbytery work that included PW. I attended CFP Stated meetings in both June and September, the Bible Study at Maitland, and CFP Council meetings. I do my best to represent PWCFP at those time in addition to my other job, CFP Nominating Committee chair. I worked with the PLCT to plan and hold our first Festival of Tables which benefited the PW Thank Offering. Approximately 50 ladies were in attendance.

**Parliamentarian: Rosellyn Calvert** –electronic report received 10//26/16 I attended the 10th Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women at Epworth, St. Simons Island 10/21-23/16. Beth Timmons, Carol Potter and I put 2017 calendars at each place setting in the Epworth dining rooms.

Registration was closed when Beth and I arrived at Epworth so we rested in Karen's room. We visited the Mercado many times collecting Thank Offering materials for Titusville churches.

A large print Bible study "Who Is Jesus?" was purchased for First church.

I attended "Feeding the Soul" and "Spiritual Journaling" workshops on Saturday.

Rev. Judy Siker, author of our Bible study, walked, talked, and ate with us. She signed my copy of the Bible study "Who Is Jesus?"

I met many past moderators and friends and heard about different contributions for meals.

In April I will attend the St. Augustine past moderators meeting in Gainesville. I was their Moderator 1970-1973. I will stay with Betsy Berry.

In December I will mail 2017 wallet calendars and Christmas cards to the Presbyterian Hunger Enablers requesting information on the projects they support.

**Communications Specialist: Abbie VanDenBerg-** electronic report received.

Abby asked for prayers for her husband's lost vision from infection from cataract surgery.

Attended the PWCFP-CT meeting at Oakland Pres May 7th.

For the 2016 Bible Study: created the registration form, planned the meeting with the Maitland PWCT, planned the worship service, recruited the musicians, created the program book, ordered and assembled gift bags, created the Bible Study Leader's Journal booklet, set up the sanctuary for the worship service and set up the registration area for the event.

Created the PWCFP 2017 Bible Study registration form.

Updated the PWCFP Website in the following ways: removed older documents, uploaded the 2017 Bible Registration Form and Bible Study Program Booklet, Events Calendar, Help Wanted section on the Home Page and the Leadership Page.

#### **Interpreters:**

**Cultural Diversity: Dill Pratt-** resigned and has recruited Olga Malave to replace her from El Redentor's PW

Her email is: [malaveo@yahoo.com](mailto:malaveo@yahoo.com)

Her phone number: [502-533-2336](tel:502-533-2336)

**Pres. Home/Schools: Barbara Miller-** New to position beginning in January, 2017

**Justice & Peace Jill Cohen - no report**

**Global Mission: Barbara Joyce** I attended the Bible Study on August 20<sup>th</sup> @ 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 4<sup>th</sup> @ 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**District Coordinators:**

District 1- Open position-possible candidate from Epworth

District 2- Sandy Weil- electronic report received

August 20, Brought 12 members of First Pres Deland (my home church) with me to the Bible study preview at Maitland Pres

Oct 21-23 Brought 2 CT members and one Bible study leader with me to Epworth-by-th-Sea SOSA gathering.

My CT at DeLand is working hard and eagerly to prepare for the January 28 Gathering, and I will hand-deliver invitations to my District 2 churches in November

District 3- Carol Potter- electronic report received I have continued to forward all 'forwardable' material from CFPW Moderator Karen Hamilton to my churches. I have had continued correspondence and phone calls this quarter to the officers of So. Lake PC, Clermont, who have been working through a number of concerns, and have made myself available whenever possible to encourage them as they deal with the problems they face. I also spent time with them at our Synod meeting last weekend at St. Simons Island. There, I also met two of the husbands, so they can put a face with the name.

I attended the installation of the new pastor at the Wildwood PC and was pleased to learn that she would like to see the development of a PW group and has had good experiences with PWs in her past church experiences. I also introduced myself to my contact there, with whom I have had a number of phone conversations, so we, too, know 'who' we are talking to during our phone and other conversations.

My other churches do not have PW groups for various reasons. However, I do continue to send PW materials. I know that in some cases, the lack of a PW program isn't due to lack of effort on women in the churches. Leesburg 1st for example did a great presentation on what PW offers and only received one response of interest. In most cases, the churches have small memberships and the women are involved in the activities and missions of their churches.

I attended the Synod meeting at St. Simons Island and was very glad I was able to go. It is a great get-away for spiritual growth and leadership. The writer of the Bible Study: Who is Jesus Through Different Lens, Judy Siker, was a great speaker and very approachable. She brought a good deal of excitement to the study. She told our group that she has been asked to consider doing another study for PW.

This Fall/Winter, I will continue to seek encounters with the remainder of my churches. Most have not been responsive and apparently go through various leadership. It is a challenge.

District 4- RuthAnn Stearns- electronic report received Three Presbyterian Women from Oakland church attended the Bible Study held on August 20, 2016 at Maitland Presbyterian Church. Rev. Megan Collins gave a delightful presentation on the study by Judy Siker, "Who is Jesus?" I have had only 1 response to my attempts to reach the churches in District 4 besides my own, Oakland Presbyterian Church.

The Presbyterian Women at Oakland are becoming revitalized. On October 1, we held our annual Tea (and only money raising activity). We were graced with the presence of Moderator, Karen Hamilton.

Two PW members attended the Synod meeting held at Epworth, St Simons Island, Georgia. I believe we were energized and came home with new ideas and ways to make our Presbyterian Women grow.

My intention is to visit each District 4 church in person to allow them to "put a face" to the name. Earlier in the year, I had printed out the posters available on the website. I mailed a packet of them to each of the churches to display in their buildings. I've had no response to my efforts, but I will update the packet with the new flyers and personally deliver them.

We will be praying our efforts will be accepted and that we can give a better report next quarter.

District 5- Jean Evans- Attending Cuba conference June 2 Attended Central Florida Presbytery meeting at Maitland Presbyterian  
July 11 Deacon meeting at Maitland  
July 26 Met with Indonesian government representatives on Human Trafficking with Jill Cohen of The Lifeboat Project at Maitland  
August 2 Mission Outreach meeting at Maitland  
August 20 Bible Study "Who is Jesus" at Maitland Pres  
August 28 PW Council meeting  
September 25 PW Council meeting  
Oct 4 Mission Outreach. Pam Schubert, Missionary from Turkey reported how the churches and schools are doing, funding is always needed.  
Oct 9 Wacky Woman Thank Offering at Maitland Pres  
Oct 10 Deacon meeting at Maitland Pres  
Oct 15 Worked at building Habitat House at Maitland  
Oct 21-23 Epworth -By-The -Sea conference at St. Simons Island. Attended 3 workshops and helped sell coffee in the Mercado for The Life Boat Project  
All correspondence from Karen was forwarded to District 5 churches. Volunteering weekly at Anchor Point with The Life Boat Project and also attended a worship service with the Jamaican community. Took the Beth Moore Study on 2 Timothy "Entrusted". Member of Miriam Circle and using Horizons Bible Study "Who is Jesus". I was out of the state for most of September as I went to Pa and buried my parents together in South Jersey.

District 6- Vacant- Gayle will look for someone to fill position

District 7-Beth Timmons-electronic report received 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 women 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 has not responded to inquiries, but is using the PW Bible study.  
I enjoyed the SOSA gathering at St. Simon's Island.

District 8-Vacant- looking for someone to fill position

**Old Business:**

Mission Haven's 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Video. Promote video and ask individual churches to send \$65 for additional repairs on sidewalks, drive ways, bathrooms etc.

Mission Havens 3 homes and 6 apartments are only PW supported by Living Water Synod and Synod of South Atlantic.-

Schedule of Events – 2017 - update the who, when, and where.

Correct date for August Bible Study to August 12, 2017 @ Maitland Presbyterian.

October 7, 2017- Conference Call format

2018 Schedule of Events: January 27, 2018- need location for 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering, August 18,

2018- Need location- possible Park Lake?, October 6, 2018- Conference call format

2016 Bible Study Retreat Report- Abbie- some people were uncomfortable with the unfamiliar music; attendance: 118 women; \$28 received for Centsability(2/meal).

It was a difficult challenge to host but was worth it.

2016 Triennial Gathering Epworth by the Sea

Wonderful turn out- many comments about the music being mostly unknown songs. There is a need to balance worship services with workshops....2 hour worship twice a day was a little too long.

2017 Annual Gathering- First Deland January 28, 2017 “Looking at PW through a Different Lens.” Attendance forms are on line.

2017 Bible Study Maitland August 12<sup>th</sup> with Melissa Bane Sevier “Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews.” Abbie will get registration form on web-site.

**New Business:**

Budget 2017 PWCFP- Budget due by end of November.

Pledges due- Nov. 1 to Nov. 30 to Connie Seidel SOSA Treasurer- Make sure to write “for Mission Haven on memo line.

Officers needed for 2017:

- Moderator Elect
- Secretary/Historian
- District Coordinators for Districts 1, 6 & 8

Next meeting- 10:00 AM January 7, 2017 St Mark’s Presbyterian Church, 1121 Palm Springs Drive- Altamonte Springs

Closing Prayer