

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Kendall

Coordinating Team Meeting,

March 1, 2008, Pocatello First Presbyterian Church

The meeting opened with the lighting of the Christ Candle, and singing the PW Hymn of Dedication.

Members present were Andrea Wagner, Rigby and Pocatello, Kristi Wagner, Patty Perry, and Val Montano, Rigby, Debbie Salles, Joan McCune, Ann Hunter, Beth Downing, Pocatello, Ruth Duggan, Myra Lively, and Annie Bishop, Buhl.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept Andrea Wagner as the Nominating Committee's candidate for *Horizon's* magazine representative.

News from our PW groups:

Buhl: they are celebrating new members in their PW group, studying the *Horizon's* Bible study on Ruth and Jonah, and their church has celebrated it's 100th anniversary.

Jerome church: keep this congregation in your prayers.

Pocatello: members are helping pack food back packs that go home with school children on weekends.

Rigby: They had a successful Christmas bazaar and soup luncheon. They are using the *Women of Faith* series for their Bible study, and will Celebrate the Gifts of Women during their church service on Mar. 9th. They have 15-16 women at each meeting, and are trying to help one local charity each month.

Soda Springs: Ann read a letter from Mazie Porter, which told aabout the soup luncheon they served, with 9 kinds of soup. They have a quarterly meeting, and also do a weekly Bible study using *Companions in Christ*. The church has new chairs for the Fellowship Hall, and has raised money to buy a water buffalo and flock of chickens for the Heifer Project.

Twin Falls: Ann read a letter from Juanita Upton.

Last Fall, Ann sent a list of churches in this presbytery which do not have PW's to the Churchwide PW, Then, the Churchwide PW sent letters to pastors of those churches.

Discussion about ways to encourage Salmon to begin a PW:

Provide a *Horizon's* subscription. Andrea volunteered to contact Heidi Smith, the pastor, who is interested in getting a PW started.

Kristi suggested making contact with the new church development in Driggs. Joan said she had made contact with them, but they are not sure they want to form a group of only women, but they did express interest in seeing the *Horizon's* Bible study.

Ann volunteered to follow up with the churches and invited them to the Buhl Gathering.

Coordinating Team reports:

Minutes of the August 11, '07 CT meeting were passed out. Beth made corrections, and the minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's report: Kristi passed out copies of the treasurer's report. She reviewed the report with the CT.

Mission Opportunities: Patti read an excerpt from *The Pilgrimage*, the PWS newsletter, on the Palestinian olive tree planting project, which is a special example of partnership opportunities.

Leadership Communicator— Joan McCune discussed *'The Pilgrimage,'* the Synod PW newsletter, and encouraged everyone to share it with their local PW. Officer training will possibly be done at the Fall Gathering rather than in two sessions in east and west sections.

Ann asked for ideas to help reduce the number of meetings people attend. Val suggested the possibility of having some meetings in conjunction with other church meetings such as presbytery.

Horizon's representative: Andrea hopes to engage younger women in the churches.

Moderator: Ann thanked everyone for their reports and their work. She announced the PWS Gathering

in San Francisco in April, which Myra and Joan will attend.

We have received two requests for funds: Gail Packer-Marshall will be attending the 2008 Global Exchange, which will meet with women of the Roma culture in the Czech Republic. She is raising funds for the trip and needs \$4500.00 by June. And Cecelia Mouan, Stockton Presbytery, will be a representative to the 2008 mission of Beyond Borders, and she needs to raise \$1500.00 for her expenses for that trip.

Old Business:

Helen Saylor Scholarship: Kristi said that if the PW's do not think their group can send a member to the churchwide gatherings, we are to encourage donations to this scholarship which would provide funds for a representative from the presbytery to attend, in Louisville, 2009. Currently, there is \$60.74 in the fund.

Web page: Check this often. Maybe make it your home page. It is not free—make more use of it. Andrea was asked to work up some guidelines and information on adding a blog to the website, and present this at the business meeting at the gathering in May.

New Business:

Spring Gathering, Buhl, May 3: A Christian artist from Filer will give the program. A motion was made, seconded and passed to give half the offering taken at the gathering to the artist.

Fall Gathering, Sept. 27, Pocatello. Joan will do leadership training.

Budget for 2008: The '07 budget and expenses were reviewed. Leadership training and mileage to CT meetings make up the largest portion of the budget.

A suggestion was made to send the PWP directory electronically, and let local churches print their own copies.

A discussion of the present tradition of providing a subscription to Horizon's magazine for host churches of Gatherings. Maybe we should give subscriptions to the Salmon and Driggs congregations instead. It was decided to leave the subscriptions with the hostess chapters.

An idea was expressed for an 'alternative' gathering to meet for worship with either the Driggs or Salmon churches.

Motion made, seconded and passed to commit \$200.00 to the Global Exchange and \$50.00 to the Beyond Borders representatives, and that local moderators in each church plan to raise funds through a special offering to help support the gift--\$250.00 total. (Everyone in each circle could donate \$2.00.)

We are asked to continue donations of our nickels for the Helen Saylor Scholarship fund.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the 2008 budget as proposed.

*Respectfully submitted by Susie Carter, Recording Secretary,
from notes taken by Beth Downing (Thanks, Beth!)*