

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COORDINATING TEAM

June 1, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Moderator Ellie Mercer called the meeting to order and read the Purpose of Presbyterian Women.

Concerns were expressed for Helen Crais, Helen White and Jinny Simpson.

DEVOTIONS: Sara Kellar led devotions based on the importance of laughter.

INVITED GUEST Cathy Gary explained the current organization and operation of the two teams that serve under the Congregational Care Ministry Team of the Session that are responsible for providing receptions following memorial services. The Coordinating Team will discuss how P.W. will manage memorial receptions and report to Chair, Carolyn Turner.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 29, 2010, Coordinating Team meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER Ann Hinshaw reviewed the monthly report for April and May 2010. **Ann announced that both the Birthday Party Offering and the Least Coin collection were the largest B-DRPC P. W. has received.** The Birthday Offering totaled \$1221 and the Least Coin offering totaled \$97.79.

Ruth Behrens announced that there are still study books available for next year's Bible study of Revelations. These cost \$8 each; however when these are gone, the cost of additional books will include the cost of postage. Those who have ordered and paid for books may pick them up from the church workroom.

Ruth distributed packets of information for the treasurers of each circle.

Ellie reported that Corresponding Secretary Carol Branning is out of town but continues to arrange to have cards sent to P.W. members.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

MODERATOR Ellie Mercer announced that 14 attended the Spring Gathering at the Presbyterian Home for Children in Black Mountain. Sue Barrett was installed as moderator and Ellie as Vice Moderator.

Creative Ministries Chair Louise Morgan thanked all who worked on the Birthday Party and especially thanked Rena Letterman for her hard work. Louise was very pleased with the good attendance and the program by missionary Barbara Nagy.

Louise has recruited Ellen Dozer to be the speaker at next fall's Thank Luncheon.

Ellie thanked Hilda Folger and the Search Committee for their efforts. The following officers were elected at the May 6, 2010 meeting: Moderator – Judy Dasta, Recording Secretary – Ellie Mercer, Search Committee Chair – Janet Shepherd, Spiritual Facilitator – Sara Kellar, Social Chair – Rena Letterman, Circle Moderators – Circle 1 Lois Hunley, Circle 2 Gretchen Greene and Zoob Gentle, Circle 4 Anne Taylor and Ruth Hathaway, Circle 5 Ruth Behrens and Joan Smith, Circle 6 Ruth Powers and Circle 7 Ellie Mercer.

Ellie thanked retiring officers Sue Barrett, Hilda Folger, Martha Taylor, Dorothy Knowles, Donna Parker, Gail Blunt and JoAnne Chase. She welcomed new officers and commented on the challenges that face Presbyterian Women such as a revision of the Bylaws to meet our changing demographics and adapting to the needs of our members.

VICE MODERATOR Pam Dashiell announced that three women have joined Presbyterian Women recently and plan to participate in circles.

Spiritual Facilitator Sarah Kellar announced that **Doris and Hap Reeves** will be Bible Moderators for the coming year's study of Revelations. It was suggested that the sessions be held the last week of the month, a week before most of the Circles meet. Circle leaders are to poll their members about this change.

Ellie complimented **Historian Celia Ansley** for her creative work on the P.W. Scrapbook. Circles are encouraged to take a photograph at the upcoming last meeting of the year.

MISSION ISSUES Chair Betty Strickland commended all who participated in the Week of Missions.

Social Chair Rena Letterman thanked all who worked on the Birthday Dinner. She expressed concern that a great number of those who participate in events do not make reservations.

CIRCLE REPORTS

Circle leaders reported several suggestions that have been useful in their Circles.

Lois Hunley said that there are two homebound members in Circle 1 who are given information about each meeting as each is visited by a member. **Gary Greene** will lead the June Bible study.

Gail Blunt sends a letter about Circle activities to members who are unable to attend.

Ellie Mercer reported that Circle 7 took a field trip to Whitewater Cove in April and will visit the Women's Center with baby gifts on June 8. On August 3 the Circle will attend Senior Salt Days at the Cove. All P.W. members are welcome to join the group.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Ellie suggested that there is a need to further consider Presbyterian Women's involvement in receptions following memorial services. Celia Ansley made a motion that Circle leaders discuss this issue with their members and report back to Ellie, who will then lead the Executive Committee in developing an interim plan for handling receptions following memorial services. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned with the Mizpah Benediction.