

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN COORDINATING TEAM

March 31,2008

PRESENT: Celia Ansley, Suzanne Barrett, Gail Blunt, Mary Ellsworth, Marie Engelson, Jinny Heckert, Ann Hinshaw, Lois Hunley, Sara Kellar, Eleanor Kirlin, Rena Letterman, Ellie Mercer, Louise Morgan, Donna Parker, Ruth Powers, Doris Reeves, Joyce Weaver

ABSENT: Sadie Carlson, JoAnne Chase, Patti Jerome, Ginny Simpson

CALL TO ORDER: Moderator Donna Parker called the meeting to order with the lighting of the Christ Candle and prayer.

Concern was expressed for several BDRPC members: Helen Ashwood, Mary Conner, Evelyn Coone, Patsy Farley, Lindsay Robinson and Cliff Simpson.

DEVOTIONS: Spiritual Facilitator Sara Kellar conducted the devotions.

MINUTES of the previous meeting were approved. **REPORTS OF**

OFFICERS:

Moderator Donna Parker urged members to continue to think about the Spring Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery to be held at B-DRPC on April 19.

Secretary Ruth Powers announced that the Coordinating Team minutes are now on the B-DRPC web site bdrpc.org. Members can find information about accessing PW web pages in the March Communicator.

Corresponding Secretary Eleanor Kirlin distributed the thank you notes she has received for gifts given to charitable organizations by several circles.

Treasurer Ann Hinshaw reviewed the treasurer's report for March.

Circle Moderators:

Circle 1 Moderator Lois Hunley reported that Circle I was happy to have 13 in attendance at the March meeting. They are organizing to help with the Spring Gathering.

Rena Letterman reported that 16 members, including 2 new members, attended Circle 2's meeting. This circle now has 37 members. She attributed this large number to holding the meeting in the evening and having good food.

Sue Barrett reported that 12 members and 1 guest attended Circle 3's meeting.

Celia Ansley said that Circle 4 had 12 in attendance. The circle purchased six Relay for Life luminaries honoring the six cancer survivors who are members of the circle. The name of a survivor was on each of the six.

Ellie Mercer said that Circle 5 also had 12 in attendance in March. Ellie and 2 others visited the Presbyterian Home for Children and took Easter lamb cakes for each of the houses. Because the children were home on spring break, they were able to visit with them.

Joyce Weaver reported that 10 members met at Quotations in March.

Mission/Issues Facilitator Louise Morgan's emphasis this month will be on the collection of postage stamps and the Children's Center of Transylvania County. Eleanor Kirlin, chair of the Card Recycling Group, reminded all that the purchase of cards supports the Children's Center. The group is in need of more members.

Historian Jinny Heckert has submitted her reports to Presbytery. She will be taking photographs at the Spring Gathering.

Creative Ministries Chair Rena Letterman reported that Sara Kellar is helping her with the May 1 Birthday Luncheon.

Three members from each circle are needed to clean up after the luncheon.

Rena asks that circle members make their reservations, including the \$6 cost, with their circle chairs. Sara distributed information sheets to be distributed to circle members. The two projects that will be supported by the offering are listed . Reservations are due by noon on April 28, and checks should be made out to Presbyterian Women with a memo to Birthday Luncheon.

Eleanor announced that the recycled cards will be available for sale at the luncheon and payment is considered to be a donation to the Children's Center.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sue Barrett reported on the arrangements for the April 19 Spring Gathering. She requested that circle members volunteer to bake cookies and package 2 to a plastic sandwich bag. These should be brought to the church by Friday, April 18. Names of those baking should be given to Mary Ellsworth.

Members should make reservations along with their \$7 with circle leaders.

It was suggested that promotional handouts be distributed after both church services on a date to be decided. This should be approved by the ministry team of the session. Announcements will be placed in the church service bulletins.

A discussion followed about the need for supplementary funds for the Gathering. Sue Barrett made a motion that Presbyterian Women take \$100 from our treasury to supplement expenses. The motion was seconded and carried.

Sarah Kellar read a letter to be sent to churches in the area inviting women to the 11 a.m. program at the Gathering. This does not include an invitation to the luncheon.

Spiritual Facilitator Sara Kellar reported that more than 22 women from our church participated in the Ecumenical Retreat at Sacred Heart Church.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moderator of Search Marie Engelson read the report of the search committee's nominations as follows: Moderator Ellie Mercer, Recording Secretary Ruth Powers, Moderator of Search Hilda Folger, Spiritual Facilitator Sara Kellar, Creative Ministries Facilitator Louise Morgan, Mission/Issues Facilitator (unfilled), Social Committee Chair Rena Letterman, Circle 1 Moderator Lois Hunley, Circle 2 Moderator (unfilled), Circle 3 Moderator Donna Parker, Circle 4 Co-Moderators Celia Ansley and Gail Blunt, Circle 5 Moderator (unfilled) and Co-Moderator Joanne Chase, and Circle 6 Moderator Judy Dasta.

Doris Reeves requested that those circles that have adopted a Guatemalan child prepare a letter to be taken to Guatemala by Judy Nebrig in April.

Donna adjourned the meeting with prayer, with the extinguishing of the Christ candle and with the recitation of the Mizpah Benediction.

Ruth Powers, Recording Secretary