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History of Presbyterian Women

The Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women, Trinity Avenue Church, met on January 23, 1991 at the church. In the absence of Dot Brock, Moderator, Mary Pickard presided. There were five other members present.

Mary announced that Food Lion Stores would provide 5% of its sales on February 11, 12 and 13, 1991 to the Barium Springs Home on cash register receipts turned in to the church office. A later report proved this to be a very successful project.

A letter from Duke student, Carolyn Lanier requesting financial support for travel to Honduras with a work team during spring break was presented for consideration. The coordinating team recommended that the Presbyterian Women support Carolyn for one day at a cost of \$75.00, and that the circle chairmen discuss individual support in their meetings.

Plans for using a Birthday Offering bulletin at a Sunday church service were discussed, and it was suggested that it should be explored with Pastor Kent Clise. It was also suggested that the Presbyterian Women might use this Sunday to inform church members about our organization.

Dot announced that a Global Mission Conference will be held February 2 at First Church in Wilson and on February 3 at St. Andrews Church in Raleigh.

Hildur Blake and Mayme Hampton attended the New Member Orientation Committee on January 22 and reported that Dot Brock's summary of Presbyterian Women was presented and will be included in the new member packet. Hildur will be sending letters to each new woman member of the church.

On January 23, Hildur Blake was elected to the Board of Elders.

Our special offering for blankets on Sunday, February 10, totaled \$600.00. Church World Service purchases all purpose blankets at \$5.00 each for people in disasters such as flood, tornadoes, refugee situations, etc. Louise Staffa organized the Presbyterian Women project.

On February 16, Mrs. Louise Leverette Bennett died (1897-1991). Mrs. Bennett was the mother of our Minister Emeritus, Dr. William C. Bennett. She was a long time active and devoted member of the church and Presbyterian Women. She was a Life Member of the Presbyterian Women. "Her final days were marked by the same characteristics which so many of us knew

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from her long and distinguished life. Her sense of humor and quick wit were evident to the end. Her final hours were marked with dignity." (Church Newsletter for Sunday, February 24.)

The Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women of Trinity Avenue Church met on February 20, 1991 in the church parlor. Dot Brock presided. Five others attended.

Dot Brock announced that Pastor Clise had approved using the Birthday offering bulletin cover on Sunday, May 5. The Coordinating Team approved Hildur Blake's idea to include information about Presbyterian Women.

The team was informed that the history of the Presbyterian Women in the church would be separate from the additional work required to prepare the history and scrap book of the total church. Traditionally both have been prepared by one person from the Presbyterian Women's membership.

The Coordinating Team voted to contribute \$50.00 to assist with expenses of travel and honorarium for Dr. Clarice Martin, author of our study book, Tongues of Fire. She participated in a meeting on Sunday, April 28 at the First Church in Durham.

Dot brought several reports from the New Hope Presbytery Presbyterian Women: six \$500.00 scholarships had been awarded to Presbyterian students; the summary of the Presbyterian Women synod, "Concerns Questionnaire," in which our circles responded, indicated concerns about leadership development and spiritual growth; and the editor of New Hope page of Presbyterian News encouraged articles from the local churches.

Mary Pickard reported that Circle #3 was doing fine. The circle was reorganized after being disbanded in the spring of 1991.

On March 3, Rebekah Bowden was elected to the Board of Deacons.

The Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women met in the church parlor on March 20 at 7pm. Dot Brock, the moderator, presided. Eight other members were in attendance.

Dot announced that the Birthday Offering Bulletin covers had arrived, and would be used along with the offering envelopes on the first Sunday in May. Hildur Blake distributed examples of the flyers which we could obtain without cost to publicize Presbyterian Women in our congregation. She proposed that they be given to each woman church member along with

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the bulletin on the Birthday Offering Sunday.

Nita Long, chairman of the Search Committee, sent a list of those who had agreed to serve as officers from April 1991-May 1992.

Moderator - Dot Brock

First Co-Moderator - Mary Pickard

Moderator - Search Committee - Jean Findlay

Secretary - Carolyn Andrews

Treasurer - Marion Frazier

Historian - Ann Martin

Circles were to be reminded to send in the name of their Circle Chairman for the next year to Dot Brock or Nita Long. Circle reports for the previous year were also called for by April 10.

Dot reported that our Presbyterian Women group showed a very low percentage of our women in the congregation participating in our group. She expressed hopes for improvement.

A "thank you" note was received from Carolyn Lanier, to whom we contributed \$75.00 toward her expenses to go with a work team from Duke to Honduras. She indicated a desire to come and speak with us sometime. Dot planned to discuss with Pastor Clise the potential of her speaking to the church about missions on our Birthday Offering Sunday in May.

The treasurer, Marian Frazier, reported \$3,196.61 in the treasury, and that all bills had been paid. The team approved the distribution of undesignated Outreach benevolence. They were \$250.00 for local benevolence - \$125.00 to the Presbyterian Urban Ministries and \$125.00 to Genesis Home; \$100.00 Benevolence - for - elsewhere - money to the Birthday Offering in addition to the \$50.00 in the budget for that purpose; and the treasurer and First Co-Moderator would decide how to distribute the Denominational funds of \$225.00.

On Easter Sunday, March 31, the Church's sanctuary was adorned beautifully with Easter lilies contributed by individuals and groups in memory or in honor of friends and/or loved ones. Many thanks are due Mary Pickard for her work as the Church's Sanctuary Guild's Chairman. Appreciation was also extended to Linda Autry, the Acolytes' Chairman, for her work at Easter and all during the year.

On Sunday, April 21, the Chancel Choir premiered a new anthem, "We are Glad," written in honor of Mrs. Henry C. (Mary Lou) Carr in recognition of her 93rd birthday on April 26 and

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of her service to the church. The anthem is based on Psalm 126 and incorporated the use of her favorite instrument, the cello, with additional scoring for four part choir and organ. The composer is Craig Courtney of Columbus, Ohio. Mary Lou Carr served as Trinity's first organist and, along with her husband, was instrumental in securing a private gift to purchase the church's organ in 1926. She has continued to be active in our music program as well as many other areas of the church, particularly in the Presbyterian Women's activities. The anthem has been selected for publication by Beckenhorst Press. This anthem was dedicated with love from the congregation, the choir, and her two daughters, Eleanor Boyd and Frances Parker.

The Coordinating Team voted to donate the \$350.00 for "TAPC General Book Orders" fund to the Elizabeth Andrews Fund. Elsie Blake recalled that Mrs. Andrews was a strong supporter of Presbyterian Women.

Marian Foster, Treasurer, informed the group that the books would be closed out this week and that the Presbyterian Women of TAPC was financially secure - \$7,544.00 in pledges had been received, and the \$189.67 interest accumulated from the CD was put back into the operating budget. The team voted to contribute \$500.00 to the retirement gift fund for a special Presbyterian Women, Elsie Blake, upon her retirement as the church secretary and because of her significant and untiring support of Presbyterian Women.

They also voted to donate \$500.00 toward refurbishing the bench in the rest-room. Elsie Blake volunteered to approach Yvonne Crumpecker, a skilled seamstress, with the request. Mrs. Crumpecker, a member of Presbyterian Women, did so agree, and with the aid of the church budget, refurbished the rest-room, which is often used by visitors and brides.

Attending the April 1991 reception and Fall overview of our text book, *Trilogy of Fire*, with the author, Dr. Chuck Martin, were Frances Carter, Vera Condit, Elsie Blake, Inez Crossman, and Mary Vickard. This event was at the First Presbyterian Church, Durham.

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The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team met on April 24 at the church. Dot Brock presided with nine members present.

Dot Brock and Mary Pickard attended the annual spring gathering of New Hope Presbytery Presbyterian Women in Henderson on April 20, 1991. There were 265 registrants and 46 churches were represented. Mary commented that the meeting was informative with more take-home materials than in previous gatherings.

The Coordinating Team voted to allocate \$300.00 to the Presbytery of New Hope Scholarship Fund.

The opportunity for Miss Carolyn Lanier to present a slide show of her spring break trip to Honduras (for which the church donated \$288.00) was discussed. Since her travel commitments prevented her from presenting the slides perhaps one of her travel companions could do so in the fall. Specific arrangements would be made later.

The Coordinating Team voted to donate the \$360.00 for "TAPC General Benevolence" fund to the Elizabeth Andrews Fund. Hildur Blake recalled that Mrs. Andrews was a strong supporter of Presbyterian Women.

Marian Frazier, treasurer, informed the group that the books would be closed out the first weekend in May and that the Presbyterian Women of TAPC was financially secure - \$2,944.01 in pledges had been received, and the \$189.67 interest accumulated from our CD was put back into the operating budget. The team voted to contribute \$500.00 to the retirement gift fund for a special Presbyterian Women, Flo Bivins, upon her retirement as the church secretary and because of her significant and unflinching support of Presbyterian Women.

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Attending the April 28th reception and final overview of our text book, Tongues of Fire, with the author, Dr. Clarice Martin, were Frances Cooke, Verna Conklin, Hildur Blake, Jacksie Crossman, and Mary Pickard. This event was at the First Presbyterian Church, Durham.

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worship service. Birthday envelopes and a flyer that publicized and explained the Presbyterian Women's work in our church were put in the church bulletin. Dot Brock spoke about our activities and extended an invitation to all women in the congregation to join. Later Dot Brock was pleased to announce that \$445.00 was collected for the annual Birthday offering.

On Sunday, May 12, 1991 at 10:30 am a memorial service for Louise Leverette Bennett (1897-Feb. 26, 1991) was held in the cloister Garden of the Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church. She was the mother of our Minister Emeritus, Dr. W.C. Bennett, and had been a longtime active member of the church and Presbyterian Women.

Presbyterian Women of Trinity Avenue Church was represented by Mary Pickard and Dot Brock at the summer gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic held at Randolph Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Virginia, June 21-23.

On Sunday morning, June 30, 1991, the staff and congregation honored Mrs. Florence Moss Bivins upon her retirement after 34 years as the Church's secretary and administrative assistant. Flo was awarded with accolades and a standing ovation during the morning's worship, a purse of money from caring church members, a new 1991 car, and a reception following the church services. Dr. William C. Bennett, Minister Emeritus, and the church's pastor for 40 years was present to participate in the honors. Flo has been a long time active member and is a life member of the Presbyterian Women. We participated in this outpouring of love by a monetary contribution and the preparation and serving at the reception. Flo continues to serve the church and the Presbyterian Women. She is an excellent Sunday School teacher and circle Bible Moderator. Her love of God and Christian faith are evident in her life and deeds.

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completed in the first quarter of 1992, and would include the coordinating team and the circle rosters.

Home circle members were to be identified and assigned to the circles according to their friends and past circle membership. The master list of home members would be forwarded to the Church's Membership and Care committee to alert the committee of our involvement.

Mary Pickard was assigned the responsibility of completing a report on the Presbyterian Women of our church for New Hope Presbytery by February 1, 1991.

Carolyn Andrews reported a membership of 118 women.

Circle members used a "tickler calender" in October to save money daily for the Thank Offering. One's daily contribution could be pennies to dollars and was symbolic of her thankfulness. This was a fun and successful project. The treasurer reported the total Thank Offering submitted was \$218.40 including \$50.00 from the budget. This was more than 500% increase over the previous year.

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Marian Frazier, treasurer, reported a balance of \$2,496.59.

A brochure and a sample application from for the Presbytery of New Hope Scholarship were posted on the church bulletin board and publicized in the newsletter and Sunday bulletins. Dot Brock expressed the hope that our Presbyterian students would apply.

She gave special thanks to members of the circles who wrapped candles and helped in the preparations for the Moravian Thanksgiving Lovefeast held on Sunday night, November 19. The beautiful chancel Thanksgiving arrangement, a gift of the George Mathis class, was arranged by Judy Johnson and Louise Henry. Many other Presbyterian Women Members helped prepare and serve the coffee and buns. This Thanksgiving Service proves to be a special time for the families of the church to worship, to give thanks to God together, and to prepare spiritually for the weeks ahead.

On December 12, 1991, Anne Rambeau died.