

IAWM Pittsburgh/WPA Board Planning Meeting  
Minutes, August 6, 2010 Home of Linda Miller-Pretz 10:00 a.m.

**Worship** was led by Vivian Malits, based on I Corinthians 13; Linda Miller-Pretz, who told a true story of stroke patient Norman and his piano playing; and Jean Henderson who shared a prayer written by Macrina Wiederkehr and used daily at the 2010 Assembly in Niagara Falls Canada:

Jesus, you are the Great Questioner.

Keep our questions alive;

That we may always be seekers rather than settlers.

Guard us well from the sin of settling in

With our answers hugged to our breasts.

Make of us a wondering, farsighted, questioning, restless people.

And give us the feet of pilgrims on the journey unfinished. Amen.

**Present:** Convener Linda Miller-Pretz; Secretary/Publicity Jean Henderson; Nom. Comte Pat Arledge Benko; Program Chair Vivian Malits, Board liaison Rosalyn Kummer (arrived at end of meeting), By-laws Linda Lawson, Treasurer Lola Turnbull and Doris. **Excused:** Membership Liddy Barlow; Nominating Committee Christiane Dutton; and Archivist Betty Sykes.

**Programs suggested for 2010-2011-**

**Theme: Have Faith; Will Travel –**

**Visits with Women of Faith around the World**

September 30 – at Community Presby Church of Ben Avon

Board 10 a.m.; Program at 11; Lunch out at noon

Leader: Liddy Barlow (and Pippa!) on Great Britain

October 28 – (same place and schedule as above)

Leader: Jean Henderson (and others) on Cuba

November 28 – (same place and schedule as above)

Leader: Christiane Dutton on France (Taize) and Germany

December 14 – at Pgh Seminary

Board late afternoon; Dinner at PTS; Christmas Concert at 7:30

January 27-28 – Annual Winter Retreat at Crestfield – 1 p.m.-1 p.m.

Leader – Rev. Betty Voigt, founder/director of On Holy Ground

February 24 – Ben Avon venue and time

Leader: Joan Houk on RCWP work around the world

March – TBD

April 14 – Seminary – Dinner for seniors and Bible Lands lecture

May 19 – Annual meeting at Ben Avon with catered lunch

**Treasurer's Report:** Lola gave the current balance as \$579.36. For the 2011 retreat, \$160 has been pre-paid. Fifteen persons have paid their 2010-2011 dues: Miller-Pretz, Arledge-Benko, Becker, Houk, Turnbull, Banyay, Morris, Swails, Malits, Call, Henderson, Lyon, Sykes, Lawson, and Kummer. **IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THIS LIST**, dues are being accepted now - \$10 payable to IAWM Pgh and sent to Lola Turnbull at 211 Franklin Street, PO Box 302, Clintonville PA 16372. Please also pay the dues required by the international IAWM group. See the brochure on the website for specifics.

**2010 Assembly in Canada:** July 19-22 at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls Ontario, Canada. THEME: Greening our Faith. SPEAKER: The Rev. Jennifer Janzen-Ball, Those who attended from our area included Jean Henderson, Pat Arledge-Benko, Rosie Kummer, Betty Sykes, Christiane and Don Dutton, and Beverly Banyay. A short report was presented by the attendees.

Based on the recent survey of members, 6 priorities will be the focus of work over the next year(s): building regional IAWM groups; revamping and expanding the web site; reaching out to women seminarians; making IAWM more visible; expanding the Woman's Pulpit; and applying for grants to undergird our plans.

Proposed (and tentative) sites for future assemblies include:

2011 – Minneapolis MN, USA

2012 – Regional gatherings around the world

2013 – Seoul Korea in conjunction with the WCC meeting

### **Summer activities:**

- 1) Picnic at Christiane Dutton's home will be held on Aug 29 at 4:30 p.m. – 1323 Termon Avenue, Brighton Heights off Rt 65 – [cddutton@gmail.com](mailto:cddutton@gmail.com) – phone 412-734-2868. Bring a salad or side dish or dessert and your own place setting. She will provide the rest. Bring a comfy chair if you can. RSVP to Christiane IF you are planning to attend. Those who have said they are coming for sure include: Henderson, Kummer, Arledge-Benko, Dutton, Malits, Lawson (2).
- 2) Three Rivers Sightseeing Cruise – On July 28, five enjoyed the cruise and luncheon at Houlihan's: Henderson, Malits, Miller-Pretz, and Barlow with baby Pippa! [What a dear heart!!!]

**T-Shirts for Sale:** Pat Arledge-Benko brought back from our Canada assembly several IAWM T-shirts; they can be seen on our website: [www.womenministers.org](http://www.womenministers.org). They are \$10 each and come in black, green, blue and gray. They run small. She will have them at the picnic. Call her at 412-931-1699 for more information.

**By-laws:** Linda Lawson reported work is continuing on updating them.

**2011 Retreat:** January 27-28 at Crestfield. Watch for registration data soon. Cost will be \$90 for a double room and \$115 for a single.

Cards were signed and sent to several persons: Pat Cleary who has moved to Johnstown; Renee Mikell who sadly just missed the boat for the cruise; Peggy Howland who has been hospitalized in NY with a blood clot in her lung; Helen Zigmund in a nursing home in Maine; and Lisa Ubbelohde who is in transition in Wisconsin after her congregation left the ELCA and she remained. Please remember all these IAWM sisters in your prayers.

We enjoyed a delicious luncheon brought by all members of the Board. Thanks to Linda M-P for her wonderful hospitality!!

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Henderson, secretary