**Virginia Disciples Women’s Ministry**

**Regional Cabinet Meeting, Regional Office**

 **Saturday, February 10, 2024; 10:00 am**

ATTENDING: Margretha Kellam, Marney Brickhouse, Maryanne Farley, Kay Ainsworth, Belinda Lineberry, Doris Daugherty, Pat Mays, Cathy Law, Flo Parcell, Resa Payne, Joy Flowers, Madelyn Logan, and Rev. Donna Webster. Deborah Clark joined us by phone for part of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Margretha Kellam with a thoughtful devotion “The grass may be greener on the other side but it still has to be mowed” and followed with a beautiful prayer.

The agenda and minutes were presented for review, changes, additions, and discussion. As all were in order a motion to approve was made by Kay and second by Belinda,

The financial report was given by treasurer Kay Ainsworth and approved. Then an interesting discussion regarding regional funds going to Indiana, no really accurate accounting from Indiana regarding blessing boxes contributions and distributions, and the need for a regional checking account to monitor funds coming in regionally. Rev. Donna Webster motioned to organize a meeting of the Presidents in the SERF regions to discuss the DWF funds especially Blessing Boxes, Travel Pool expenses, and general accounting. And if nothing is accomplished there then present a Resolution at the 2025 General Assembly regarding this problem. Kay seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

Madelyn Logan did an article advertising the availability of study material from pass issues of the Just Women magazine. She asked that the article be uploaded to the website and advertised in the Virginia Christian. The Regional Office has a stack of Just Women study books. If Disciples Women’s group need study material, they can contact the Regional Office.

Kathy Witt did the brochure for our Spring Projects 2024, Global-Week of Compassion, Local-Craig Springs. Margretha passed out the brochure to Cabinet members.

The 2024 Remittance form was made available and distributed.

Short discussion followed regarding district representatives on the cabinet needed and both Margretha and Donna are actively seeking representatives and encouraged the group to be looking and making suggestions.

W2WW 2023 representatives are being asked to give a seminar or talk regarding experiences. There will not be a W2W in 2024. This year there is Woman-Action-Web trip which is April 28-May 3, 2024. The deadline for registration has passed.

Deborah Clark president of the DWLC gave us some information about the meeting in January 2024 held in Indianapolis. Their theme was Diverse and United, Disciples Women joined by the spirit. Per Deborah, the spirit was there. It was really encouraging to see so many new faces.

Marney Brickhouse gave a brief report of the 2023 Fall Retreat and gave the evaluation forms to Resa and Donna who are coordinating 2024 fall retreat She thanked everyone who helped make the retreat so special and noted that of the forty- three ladies who attended thirty-seven filled out an evaluation form and all the new attendees stated they enjoyed it and cannot wait for 2024 Fall Retreat.

The Seminary Scholarship 2024 Fund will be made available. The deadline to apply is August 15th.

We then enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by the lovely ladies from the odd districts. Many thanks to all who make this so special.

SPA Day 2024 was discussed and due to the lack of time to plan it with all able to participate we will not have one at this year. Suggestions for the next (SPA) Self, Prayer and Action, day, April 5th, 2025, included having several small gatherings from each region and then a Zoom hook up so we could interact about the theme. This would be a one day easy to travel to, perhaps pot lunch, more relaxed setting, and enabling more ladies to attend. Keeping the price around twenty dollars would also benefit many budgets.

Resa and Donna and their exciting committee person, Kimmy LLoyd put together a wonderful power point presentation for the upcoming 2024 Fall Retreat Friday, October 11th thru Sunday October 13th at W E Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake. The theme “Sowing Seeds of Faith,” Scripture verse Hosea 10:12. I said, Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Total cost including meals, lodging, and program $200.00 per person. Their enthusiasm was contagious and so spiritually uplifting.

Other reminders included Regional Assembly June 1st in Lynchburg University, National Convocation in Greensboro NC July 11-14th.

A discussion regarding the DW Regional Website included complaints that it was hard to navigate or not up and running Donna noted those issues and will hopefully get them resolved so all may use it conveniently.

There was discussion regarding the next meeting whether to be in-person or zoom. It was decided to meet in-person May 18th at the Regional Office at 10:00 am and the even districts will be responsible for lunch

Margretha then thanked everyone for their participation and closed with prayer and blessing for safe travels home to all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marney Brickhouse, Secretary