



Virginia Disciples Women's Ministry

The Virginia Region of DWM cabinet met at the DOC Regional office in Lynchburg on February 10, 2024. The meeting was called to order by President Margretha Kellam, from Mt. Olive East CC in Martinsville. Margretha opened with a devotion and prayer. There were 13 women in attendance. The minutes from the September 9, 2023 meeting were approved as presented. Kay Ainsworth gave her updated treasurer's report. Maryanne Farley was welcomed to the Cabinet. She is a member of Virginia Beach Christian Church.

Rev. Donna Webster is working to update and maintain the VDWM website. This website is easier for people to navigate than going to the region website. Deborah Clark and Flo Parcell will work together to communicate the DWM happenings and information.

Kathy Witt did the brochure for our Spring Projects 2024. Our Global project is Week of Compassion and our Local is Craig Springs. All Disciples Women are encouraged to support our Spring Projects.

There **will not be a W2WW trip in 2024**. This year there will be a Women-Action-Web Trip which will be to a southern state and Mexico, April 28-May 3, 2024. This trip is to learn about underprivileged women and what we can do for them. The deadline for registration has passed.

Deborah Clark, president of the Disciples Women's Leadership Council gave a report from the meeting held January 18-21st in Indianapolis. The theme was Diverse and United, Disciples Women joined by the spirit.

Our 2024 Virginia Disciples Women's Retreat will be held October 11, 12, & 13 at the 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake! The theme is Sowing Seeds of Faith. Hosea 10:12 I said, "Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love." (Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!). This year's retreat promises to be even more exciting!

The Seminary Scholarship was discussed. This is available to any woman in Virginia who attends seminary that meets the criteria. The form is on the regional and DWM websites and is due by August 15, 2024.

A date was discussed for a SPA (Study, Prayer, and Action) Day across the region. It was agreed that we did not have enough time to adequately plan this for 2024 and should plan a SPA Day for Districts in 2025. This is typically when the new Just Women study is presented.

Regional Assembly is scheduled for a one-day event, June 1, 2024 at the University of Lynchburg. The National Convocation will be held in Greensboro, NC on July 11-14, 2024. Everyone is encouraged to attend and support at the convocation, especially since it is so close to Virginia.

Our next Virginia Disciples Ministry meeting will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at the Regional Office in Lynchburg. Disciples Women are invited to attend. The meeting starts at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Flo Parcell, District IV Representative