Virginia Disciples Women Regional Cabinet Meeting

Saturday February 11th, 2023 10:00 A M

President Margretha Kellam brought the meeting to order. She opened with a beautiful devotion and inspiring prayer.

Attending in person: Margretha Kellam, Belinda Lineberry, Doris Daugherty, Pat Mays, Resa Payne, Loretta Jones-Gafford, Joy Flowers, Kay Ainsworth, and Marney Brickhouse.

Attending via zoom: Deborah Clark

Minutes: Kay moved the minutes be approved with no corrections and Belinda second it. Approved by the board.

Rev Bill Spangler-Dunning asked for a moment to speak to the committee about something close to his heart and that he had dreamed about during the night Virginia Disciples have been given a large amount of grant money to use for new ministries and churches. He suggested “ Encouragement Grants” with church groups asking for a grant to do something for involvement in their church, community, or special circumstances. He truly believes that DWM would be a perfect group to expand this endeavor and asked us to talk it over and get back with him. Another program he mentioned was getting churches to designate one Sunday a month to Family Time (ie church service, picnic lunch, and then fun and meaningful activities to follow for the entire church family).

DWM financial report as of 12/20/22

Retreat $1292.00 W2W $2446.00 Spring Project $3992.00

Scholarship $4295.00 Cabinet Support $1417.00 Blessing Box $6398.00

Fall Retreat Evaluation: The report was handed out and Loretta highlighted some of the information. The overwhelming positive replies reinforced what was very apparent to all who attended that it was a great retreat both spiritually and socially. The discussion that followed among the board members was very positive and all congratulated Loretta and her committee for a job well done especially considering the many challenges they faced. It was with a heavy heart that Margretha then informed the committee that due to personal reasons Loretta had given her a letter of resignation from the board. Hopefully, all the positive and loving expressions from each board member will stay with Loretta. As she moves on, she has been assured that she is always welcome

Communication and Website: Deborah had no report Margretha recommended that another person be added to this position as it is an important avenue of communication and w need to expand our usage of it. Discussion followed and Rev Bill noted that his office would be glad to help and the website is being updated.

Spring projects: Pat moved that the Local Project be Craig Springs and the Global one be Week of Compassion. Belinda seconded it and the motion was carried by the committee.

Committee Cabinet Representatives: Margretha outlined the districts with no representation on the cabinet They are 2,3,,6,10, and 11. Discussion followed and suggestions given for women from those districts who might be interested in representing Margretha encouraged everyone to contact the women mentioned and perhaps others who would interested The cabinet decided and it was a consensus to have an in person meeting on Saturday May 20th at the Regional Office. Each cabinet member is asked to bring a guest to further this effort. An other issue which was discussed was the distance some cabinet members have to travel for meetings A suggestion was finding a special place such as “The Lodge of the Fisherman”and “Church of th Covenant” (Chryalis Retreat Center) for those who wanted to drive up the night before. Margretha said she would research this and get back with us.

Disciples Women’s Leadership Council(DWLC) Meeting: Deborah gave a report and indicated that she is the new president. Congratulations Deborah

Travel Pool: Passed for 2024

At 12:00 the meeting broke for lunch which was delicious and displayed beautifully in the lunch room Those who shared their culinary talents were most appreciated

Meeting resumed at 1:00

New business:

Annual DWM Fall Retreat:

Marney proposed that Olive Branch Church DWM would like to co-ordinate the 2023 retreat on October 6-8 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lynchburg, Virginia, Kay moved to accept the proposal and Belinda second it The motion was approved. Marney met with Jennifer the DOS for the hotel and was assured we would have 30 rooms reserved and that there are no ball games scheduled for that weekend. She also noted that silverware will accompany all meals (remember the plastic)

Theme will be This is the first day of the rest of your life

Guest Speaker: Rev Kelsey Creech

Workshops will include Chair exercises with Susan Rinehart, Bucket list for DWM, Sharing Special programs that work in your church, and TBA

Events: Talent for Missions, Silent Auction, and Prayer Sisters

Evening Fun: Friday: Game Night including Bible Trivia, Corn Hole, and Bingo Saturday night: “Let Me Entertain You”

The board welcomed the proposal and Kay asked for volunteers for baskets for the silent auction, registration helpers, and a volunteer church to be responsible for the Sunday Service

General Assembly Louisville, Ky: Several board members are planning to attend

Margretha reminded members that 2024-2025 cabinet officers need to be selected and she appointed Pat, Doris, and Resa on the nominating committee Kay moved and Marney second it. The proposal was approved.

Belinda asked if members would bring her the front of used cards from any holiday for her Prayer Sister Project

Margretha asked Kay as treasurer did she have something to add. Kay asked that we open a checking account for the Virginia DWM cabinet explaining that under the current system all bills go to the Virginia office and then are forwarded to the Indianapolis office for payment which takes sometimes two or three months to be paid. Discussion followed and it was decided to check with Rev Bill as how to proceed with this endeavor.

Margretha then closed the meeting with a prayer

Respectfully submitted, Marney Brickhouse, secretary

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