

VIRGINIA DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY
REGIONAL CABINET MEETING @ REGIONAL OFFICE
SATURDAY, MAY 18TH, 2024 10:00 AM

ATTENDING: Margretha Kellam, Kay Ainsworth, Belinda Lineberry, Doris Daugherty, Verl Ann Murphy, Flo Parcell, Wanda Redd, Deborah Clark, Bill Spangler-Dunning. Joy Flowers, Pat Mays, Elizabeth Vincell, Theresa Peterson, Donna Webster, and Marney Brickhouse

The meeting was called to order by president Margretha Kellam. She read a beautiful devotion and then engaged us with a spiritually moving prayer.

The agenda and minutes which had been previously sent to all were presented. Joy Flowers asked that the Lynchburg College reference in the minutes be changed to the University of Lynchburg as it is now known. No other corrections were made. Kay motioned the minutes be approved and Doris seconded.

Margretha reminded all that if anyone had old copies of the Just Woman magazine to please bring or send them to the regional office as some circles would welcome them for lesson possibilities.

Treasurer, Kay Ainsworth, who has been continually frustrated by the lack of financial information given to us regarding expenditures in our region, informed the group of a recent zoom meeting with Bill and the cabinet officers. Bill was able to give us excellent

accounting information and the tools to reach it. Kay expressed her gratitude to him and to Sue in the regional office who will help with any questions and assured the cabinet members that we will finally have accurate records of our giving and where it is being used. Bill agreed and arranged for Virginia Disciples Women Ministry to have a credit for smaller expenditures and Cabinet needs could be handled locally without having to be handled at Indianapolis. Wanda gave an excellent explanation of the travel pool fund and how it is being used. Kay motioned to accept this report and Pat seconded. Updated treasurers report is attached

Our web site is up and running and Flo Parcell did a great job of writing a brief report on our cabinet meeting. All are encouraged to contribute to our website to help communicate updated information about DWM. Take a picture of a service project then write a brief report and send it in to our local website and to IDWM for the DW Connect.

The global spring project is Week of Compassion and the local project is Craig Springs. Kathy Witt prepared an excellent brochure and it is available on the website or call the regional office.

The new updated 2024 Remittance Forms are available and cabinet members were asked to encourage all DW groups to use them and get them in as soon as possible.

W2W 2023: There was no representative from Virginia and the destination for 2025 has not been announced. In the future W2W will be every other year and Woman-Action-Web on the alternate years.

The initiative for gender- based violence is asking all to wear black on the designated day to encourage support. Check the website for dates.

Woman-Action-Web 2024: Wanda gave a terrific overview of her trip to Mexico as part of this program. She related the impact of seeing the wall, talking with a woman from Guatemala who told her story of fear, terror, frustration, trying to find freedom in the USA, and learning about the First Christian Church of Tuscan who house refugees She encouraged all of us, if we are able, to take a similar trip when offered. Woman-action-web is an excellent possibility to work with other states and perhaps help those living herein the US who are in unfortunate circumstances not covered under natural catastrophes.

Donna showed us the website that has been prepared for the 2024 DWM Retreat which will be held October 11 thru 13 at the Smith Mountain Lake Retreat. “Sowing the Seeds of Faith” is the theme and an exciting and spiritually uplifting weekend awaits us. The Registration forms will be available soon. Registration will be available on-line, also. Kudos to Donna for an easy to read and very informative site.

Donna then told us about the planning for SPA day 2025, Although still in the planning stage the theme will be “Power of Grace” The discussion among the cabinet helped put ideas forth and it was suggested that there be four churches to welcome those in their areas enjoy the program which included Olive Branch, Richmond, Lynchburg, and a church in district eleven More information will be available at our next meeting.

Margretha reminded everyone about Seminary Scholarships which are available to help interested seminary students pursue their goals. The deadline for registration is August 15, 2024.

At Regional Assembly DWM will have two tables with information regarding the opportunities and projects that we are working on and involved with and the DWM 2024 Retreat information. All are encouraged to attend.

National Convocation is in Greensboro NC this year in July. Wanda gave an informative update on that assembly and encouraged all to attend.

The question was asked if there will ever be a Quadrennial Assembly again. Wanda's answer was a resounding No. Too expensive and unsettled debt make it impossible. But the alternative is encouraging the SERF groups across the US to have a similar meetings in their areas.

A delightful lunch was served compliments of the wonderful chefs from the even districts. Can't help but mention that Doris always amazes us with her tasty and innovative dishes.

Margretha thanked our guests Wanda and Bill for coming and their excellent participation. Our next meeting will be September 14th at the regional office in Lynchburg at 10:00AM and the odd districts will be responsible for lunch.

Bill closed the meeting with a beautiful prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marney Brickhouse, Secretary

DWM FINANCIAL REORT

5/18/2024

	12-21-2023	3-31-2024
BLESSING BOX	-----	\$1860.00
SPRING PROJECT	\$6167.00	\$6167.00
a. LOCAL		
b. GLOBAL		
W2W	\$2794.00	\$2794.00
SCHOLARSHIP	\$5330.00	\$5330.00
CABINET SUPPORT	\$ 686.00	\$ 739.00
RETREAT		
a. REGISTRATION		
b. OFFERINGS, ETC		