

**Virginia Disciples Women's Ministries
Regional Cabinet Meeting
Saturday September 14, 2024**

ATTENDING: Margretha Kellam, Kay Ainsworth, Belinda Lineberry, Bill Spangler-Dunning, Amanda Perry, Flo Parcell, Doris Daugherty, Kimi Lloyd, Theresa Peterson, Rev Donna Webster, Resa Payne, Joy Flowers, Maryanne Farley, Cathy Law, Madelyn Logan, Pat Mays, and Marney Brickhouse.

President Margretha Kellam called the meeting to order and welcomed all. Vice President Belinda Lineberry opened with a beautiful scripture passage and prayer.

The agenda for the day and minutes of the last meeting were approved with no corrections. Treasurer Kay Ainsworth handed out a copy of the current treasurer's report. No corrections were noted, and she stated that Bill's reports have been so helpful to her. We were able to give \$4000 to each of our Spring Projects "Local" Craig Springs and "Global" Week of Compassion.

Margretha introduced Amanda Perry who is the new cabinet representative for district 3 as Kim McNeil had to resign due to her husband's job taking him out of Virginia.

Flo Parcell is writing articles and sending them to Margretha for approval and then onto Donna Webster for inclusion on the website for disciples women. Everyone, is encouraged to send articles about their projects and church activities to the website "discipleswomensva.org"

Kimi Lloyd has been asked to serve on the cabinet and Resa Payne moved to approve her as a member at large. Pat Mays second and the board approved.

Madelyn Logan encouraged all who are interested in the New Study Material to order now.

A flyer was given to all regarding the 2025 Woman-to-Woman trip, 9/13-18, 2025 which will be a pilgrimage to Kenya. The application is open 9/16/2024.

The Spring Project for 2025 Global will be Kenya. No decision for the Local has been made yet but everyone was encouraged to make suggestions and discussion will follow later.

Seminary Scholarships for 2024 deadline was August 15th. Deborah Clark put in an application as she is applying to a program which will add credentials to her divinity degree that the Virginia Commission of Ministry is encouraging. A lengthy discussion of the criteria set up by the board for the scholarship program ensued. Flo moved that the verbiage be updated and Donna seconded it. All approved. Kay then moved that Deborah's application be approved for \$1500 and Marney seconded. The board approved.

Kimi, Donna and Resa gave an update on the 2024 Retreat at Smith Mountain Lake and are very excited that their original goal of 60 has turned into 80 applications. Their awesome enthusiasm is reflected in every aspect of the spiritual, delightful, and memorable Christian sisters retreat atmosphere.

A break for lunch was then taken. The food was plentiful, delicious, and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the odd district chefs were expressed by all.

Bill then gave us a short report of the recent Regional Assembly. Those on the board who attended agreed that it was excellent and thanked him for his participation with his beautiful devotion and words of wisdom. The National Convocation and the Piedmont District Convention was also held this year which was excellent with good attendance.

At the Piedmont Convention Deborah Clark was ordained. We have purchased a special bible for her but she was unable to attend the meeting today so it will be given to her later.

Donna discussed Spa Day 2025 and it was decided it will be April 5th 2025 and the theme will be **“The Power of Grace”**. Four churches throughout the region have volunteered to host the event to make attending by all easier. They include Lynchburg, Bon Air, Olive Branch, and Radford. They will have a program regarding the theme, serve lunch, and then invite all to attend. The cost to attend will be \$20. Cathy Law will check with Bon Air about hosting the First SPA Day 2025. Donna will host a Zoom meeting at 1:30 for each SPA Day.

Margretha appointed Joy, Belinda, and Marney as the nominating committee for the 2026 Cabinet Executive Board and asked all to consider if they would like to be asked.

SERF is planning to have their next gathering on March 13-15, 2026 at Christ Mount. The theme is **“You are Enough”** based on II Corinthians 9:8 At this time the estimated cost is \$150. The committee planners have asked Virginia to be the host and more information will follow.

Our next cabinet meeting will be February 18, 2025 and the even districts will be providing lunch.

Bill then closed the meeting with a quiet prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Marney Brickhouse, Secretary