

MINUTES
COVENANT REGION C. P. WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL MEETING
Marion First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
October 15, 2016

The Covenant Region CPWM met Saturday, October 15, 2016 with the Marion First Church.

President Sonja Dixon welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked the Marion First Church for hosting the meeting, and read the theme scripture from Hebrews 13:13.

Worship Service:

Hymn: *"I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go"*

Special Music: Melinda Walker played a medley of songs.

Devotion: Rev. DeeAnn Thompson read various scriptures regarding the word "Go" and called attention to the first two letters of the word "Gospel." She gave statistics on Christians that never witness or win a soul to Christ. Also mentioned was the fact that we are to go and teach of the Savior, and the Great Commission still stands today.

Communion: Rev. Thompson presided over the Holy Communion and was assisted by Elder Elaine Overton (Highland).

Hymn: *"Go Tell It On The Mountain"*

Recess: A break was taken for the Executive Committee to make committee assignments.

Credentials Report: The Credentials report was presented by Pat Moore from the Marion First Church. There were a total of 26 in attendance representing 12 churches.

The report was accepted as read and filed as Appendix "A".

Adoption of Program: Motion made, seconded and passed to adopt program subject to any necessary changes.

Recognition of Ministers, Visitors and First Time Attendees: Ministers present were Rev. John Shoulta, Rev. Jesse Thornton, Rev. DeeAnn Thompson, and Licentiate Nick Ashley. First time attendee was Veronica Francis, Hopkinsville Church.

Constituting Prayer: The Constituting Prayer was prayed by Faye Phelps, Fredonia Church.

Convention Report:

President Sonja Dixon spoke about the wonder of Convention and how the group, the music, worship and the friends made her feel. She also mentioned how important it is that we go outside of the sanctuary to be witnesses of God's love.

President Elect Margaret Ramage told of her experience in helping load boxes and using carts to take them to cars and vans.

Treasurer Brenda Shoulta (Convention Secretary) described one of the worship services when a little girl slipped out of the aisle, went to the altar area, and showed her joy of the worship.

Offering and Prayer: Elaine Overton, Highland Church, presented information on the offering and prayed over the offering, which totaled \$240.00.

Lunch Blessing: Licentiate Nick Ashley gave the blessing for lunch.

Lunch: A delicious lunch was served by the ladies of Marion First Church.

Program: Rev. Jesse Thornton gave an update on the Marion, IL Probe. Each month they have a different “give away” to let people in the community learn where they are. They are using this as an evangelism tool. They have about 15 regular attendees.

Memberships: Nancy Herran, Sugar Grove Church gave information concerning the different memberships.

Business Session:

Nominating Committee Report: Report was presented by Faye Phelps.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the slate of officers presented.

Report was filed as Appendix “B”.

Executive Committee Report: Report was presented by secretary, Sidney Milton. Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the report as given.

Report filed as Appendix “C”.

Treasurers Report: Report was presented by treasurer, Brenda Shoulta.

There being no questions about the report, a motion was made, seconded and passed to accept.

Report filed as Appendix “D”.

Invitation for Spring Meeting: The spring meeting will be at the Oak Grove Union Church, April 8, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

Closing Announcements: by President Elect Margaret Ramage

Reading of Minutes: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to allow the officers to read and approve the minutes.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn to meet at the Oak Grove Union Church, April 8, 2017.

Benediction: Rev. John Shoulta closed the meeting with prayer.