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Covenant Region C.P. Women's Ministry Fall Meeting
Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church
October 20, 2012

The Covenant Region C.P. Women's Ministry met Saturday, October 20, 2012, at 10:00am with the Fredonia Church. Elaine York from Oakland presented the prelude, "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us".

Welcome: President Sidney Milton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Worship Service: The worship service began with the scripture I Cor. 9:22b-23 being read by President Sidney Milton followed by the singing of the hymn "I Love To Tell The Story". Wendy Lyle then presented the special music, "Blessings". Dusty Luthy Shull from the New Hope Church, Sports writer for The Paducah Sun and member of the Communications Ministry Team, presented the devotional using the denomination's theme this year, "Meeting People Where They Are". She shared how she, as a sports writer, has to go where people are, even into basketball locker rooms, to gain interviews and information. She then shared various scriptures where Jesus met people where they were, including Luke 19:1-10, where He met Zachaeus, Mark 2:1-12, where he met the paralytic who was let down through the roof for healing, and Acts 9:10-18, where Saul met The Lord. She told us sometimes we don't want to go meet people where they are because we are uncomfortable or apprehensive. But she assured us if we will just go when He asks us to, God will take care of the rest. We then participated in the Communion service led by Rev. John Shoulta.

Recess: President called a 15 minute recess.

Credential Report: The Credential Report was presented by Wendy Lyle, reporting 40 present, representing 16 churches.

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

Constituting Prayer: The Constituting Prayer was given by Marlene Wallace of the Highland Church.

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

Recognition of Visitors and Ministers: One Minister was present, Rev. John Shoulta. We were pleased to have two first-time attendees.

Membership Presentations: In the absence of Vicki Cain, who was ill and could not attend, President Sidney Milton gave a brief explanation of the endowment award program. She then presented Past President, Paula Bell with a Patron Membership on behalf of the Regional CPWM for her service as President. Wendy Lyle, President of Fredonia CPWM presented a Perpetual membership to Fredonia CPWM Past President Melanie Martin and a Golden Patron Membership to Sharlon Wiggington for her 50 plus years of service as clerk to the Fredonia Session on behalf of the Fredonia CPWM. Other ladies announced memberships that had been presented to their women since last year.

Offering and Prayer: Brenda Shoulta, Mt. Carmel Church, presented information on our Project for the coming year, PAS Goes Global. Offering was received, and Brenda then prayed a blessing on the offering.

Business Session:

Executive Committee Report: Report was presented by Secretary Elaine York. Motion was

made and seconded to accept the report and approve the Recommendations. Time for questions and discussion was given. A standing vote taken. The report was unopposed.

Report filed as Appendix "B".

Treasurers Report: Report was presented by Treasurer Donna Robertson. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the report. Copy is included in minutes.

Nominating Report: Report given by Nominating Chairperson Joyce Cannon to nominate the officers for 2013-2014. The report was accepted and seconded. No other nominations were made from the floor. Those nominated were elected.

Report was filed as Appendix "C".

Convention Report: President Elect Lora Rogers Kerner gave the Convention report. She shared lots of interesting points from Convention and encouraged us to take this year's theme with us and GO-DO-BE the Cumberland Presbyterian Women we are and Meet People Where They Are.

Retreat Report: Charlotte Guarneros, Flat Lick Church gave the report on the 2012 Fall Retreat held at Ky Dam Village State Park, hosted by The Covenant Region.

Lunch Break and Blessing: The blessing for the meal was offered by President Sidney Milton.

Afternoon Program: The remainder of the program was presented in the Fredonia Activities Building. The program, "How Can We Meet People Where They Are?" was presented by President Sidney Milton. She divided the group into four groups and gave each group a printed scenario of a church situation. We were then challenged as a group to brainstorm and come up with ways we could grow our church spiritually and/or numerically. We were told money was no object and age was not allowed to be used as an excuse. After a period of time, the group came back together to share some of their ideas. We came away with a new excitement of how to help grow our own churches. President Elect Lora Rogers Kerner continued the theme with a handout outlining another challenge for each CPWM represented. Our homework is to 'raise funds for a service project for our community.' We cannot take the money from our treasury but we must raise the money. Then with those funds we are challenged to fund a community project. A real challenge for us.

Correspondence and Resolutions: Lora announced that 19 cards had been addressed and would be mailed. She thanked Fredonia Church for doing a wonderful job of hosting the meeting and for the delicious meal.

Invitation for Spring Meeting: Saturday, April 20, 2013, at Highland Church.

Reading of Minutes: Motion made, seconded and passed that the minutes be read, corrected and approved by the Executive Committee.

Closing Announcements: Several announcements were made concerning upcoming events at local churches.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded and passed.

Adjournment:

Benediction: The benediction was given by President Sidney Milton.