

MINUTES
COVENANT REGION C.P. WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL MEETING
OAK GROVE UNION CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
October 21, 2017

The Covenant Region CPWM met Saturday, October 21, 2017 with the Oak Grove Union Church.

President Sonja Dixon welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Oak Grove Union Church for hosting the meeting.

Worship Service:

Hymn: *"Make me a Blessing"*

Reading: *"People in your Neighborhood"* - These were words written for 2017 Convention reflecting our 2017-2018 theme and authorized for use by Pam Phillips-Burk.

Special Music: Peggy Cartwright sang the song, *"What a Lovely Name"*.

Devotion: Rev. Dee Ann Thompson read the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37.

She

called attention to the expert in the law being a theologian of the day and offered possible reasons the priest and the temple worker passed on by. She emphasized that everyone in need is our neighbor.

Communion: Rev. Thompson presided over the Holy Communion and was assisted by Margaret Ramage (Hopkinsville) and Pat Kelley (Flat Lick).

Recess

Credentials Report: The Credentials Report was presented by Debra Heady from the Oak Grove Union Church. There were a total of 25 present representing 8 churches.

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

Adoption of Program: Motion was 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 and Rev. Dee Ann Thompson. Visitor attending was Peggy Cartwright, our pianist and soloist.

Constituting Prayer: The Constituting Prayer was prayed by Sidney Milton, Highland Church.

CONVENTION REPORT: Treasurer Brenda Shoulta reported that there were 68 in attendance at Convention. She described it as a fun meeting with many opportunities to get to know the delegates. The keynote speaker was Rev. Lisa Anderson who introduced us to some of her "neighbors" in Colonial Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee. Brenda reported that as usual, CP women outdid themselves with school supplies and backpacks for the students served by Beth-el.

Retreat Report: Norma Hunt of the Piney Fork Church gave a report from the recent retreat in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Offering and Prayer: Norma Hunt, Piney Fork Church, presented information on the offering and prayed

over the offering, which totaled \$160.00.

Lunch Blessing: Rev. John Shoulta gave the blessing for lunch.

Lunch: A delicious lunch was served by the ladies of Oak Grove Union Church.

Memberships: President Sonja Dixon asked for anyone who had given a membership this year to come forward for the presentation. There was no response.

Program: Elaine Overton of Highland Church introduced the “Connecting with our Neighbor” Bible Studies. They are a Women’s Ministry resource designed to help us develop our 2017-2018 theme which is based on the story of the Good Samaritan. Today, Elaine Overton represented our “Addicted Neighbor, Sidney Milton, also of Highland Church, represented our “Neighbor Caring for an Aging or Terminally Ill Parent”, and Audrey Stapp of the Flat Lick Church represented our “Unchurched Neighbor”. We were all encouraged to keep these neighbors in our prayers and to remember Jesus’ words to the expert in the law to “go and do likewise”.

Business Session:

Nominating Committee Report: President Sonja Dixon reported that the Nominating Committee has not met to make nominations to fill the open positions of President Elect and Treasurer. Sidney Milton made a motion to set aside that Standing Rule of four year term limits for officers, and to re-elect Brenda Shoulta as Treasurer. Motion was seconded and passed. President Sonja Dixon asked everyone to be in prayer that we will find someone willing to serve as President Elect. It will be necessary to elect and install officers at the Spring Meeting.

Executive Committee Report: Report was presented by Secretary Elaine Overton. Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the report as amended. The words “spring meeting” were replaced with “fall meeting”.

Report filed as Appendix “B”.

Treasurers Report: A verbal report was given by treasurer, Brenda Shoulta . There were no questions about the report, and the written report will be sent to the secretary for submission with the minutes.

Report filed as Appendix “C”

Invitation to Spring Meeting: The spring meeting will be held at the Oakland Church, April 14, 2018.

Closing Announcements: by President Margaret Ramage. Sidney Milton reminded us that all reports and Covenant Region information can be found on the website – covenantcpwm.com.

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

Motion to Adjourn: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn to meet at the Oakland Church, April 14, 2018.

Benediction: President Sonja Dixon closed the meeting with prayer.