

## **MINUTES**

### **COVENANT REGION C. P. WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL MEETING**

#### **Margaret Hank Cumberland Presbyterian Church**

October 17, 2015

The Covenant Region CPWM met Saturday, October 17, 2015 with the Margaret Hank Church.

Gathering music was played by Amy Fleming from the Margaret Hank Church. President Lora Rogers Kerner welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked the Margaret Hank Church for hosting the meeting, and read the theme scripture: Acts 8:5-6 followed by prayer.

**Worship Service:** The worship service began with the singing of the hymn, "O for a Thousand Tongues". The Reverend Terra Sisco brought a sermon from Jeremiah 1:4.-8. Reverend Sisco told us of her call while still a young person and how she has answered. Following her sermon, Reverend Sisco served communion. She was assisted by the Reverend Teresa Shauf of Zion C.P. Fellowship. The worship service was closed with the sing of the hymn, "Freely, Freely" followed by prayer. Rachel Jones of the Margaret Hank Church led the singing.

#### **Recess**

**Credentials Report:** The Credentials report was presented by Paula Bell from the Margaret Hank Church. There were 32 in attendance representing 13 churches. The report was accepted as read and filed under Appendix "A".

**Constituting Prayer:** The Constituting Prayer was prayed by Faye Walker of the Macedonia Church.

**Adoption of Program:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the program as presented.

**Recognition of Ministers, Visitors and First Time Attendees:** The following ministers were in attendance: the Reverend John Shoulta, the Reverend Chris Fleming, the Reverend Terra Sisco and the Reverend Teresa Shauf. Faye Walker from the Macedonia Church was attending Covenant Region CPWM for the first time. We were very glad to have her and hope she will become a regular attendee.

**Retreat Report:** As part of the report, the officers of Covenant Region presented a game show skit featuring CP history. The skit was also presented at the retreat. Thirty-nine women attended the retreat representing Covenant and North Central presbyteries.

**Lunch Blessing:** President-Elect Sonja Dixon gave the lunch blessing.

**Lunch:** A delicious bar-b-que lunch was served by the ladies of Margaret Hank Church.

**Program:** The Reverend Terra Sisco used the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew as the program scripture. She is leading the Marion Mission Probe in Marion, IL. She, with the support of Covenant Presbytery, is working toward the establishment of a CP church there. At the conclusion of her presentation those in attendance gathered with Terra in the alter and prayed for her ministry. Following Terra's presentation a motion was made, seconded and passed to give \$1600.00 to support the Marion Mission Probe. Eight hundred dollars will be for her expenses and eight hundred for the mission probe. The money given in support of the Marion Mission Probe is what would have been used to pay expenses for two delegates to the CPWM convention. Since the 2015 convention was held in Colombia no delegates were sent.

**Offering and Prayer:** An offering was taken in support of the Marion Mission Probe.

**Memberships:** Fredonia CPWM has presented five Golden Patron memberships this year and Margaret Hank CPWM has presented a Perpetual membership.

**Business:**

**Nominating Committee Report:** Report was presented by Paula Bell. Current secretary, Martha Darnall, declined the nomination for secretary. Sidney Milton was then nominated for secretary and accepted the nomination. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the slate of officers presented. Report filed as Appendix "B".

**Executive Committee Report:** Report was presented by secretary, Martha Darnall. Motion made, seconded and passed 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 Mt. Carmel Church, April 16, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

**Closing Announcements:** There will be a gathering on November 15, 2015 at Milburn Chapel CP Church to circle the church in prayer.

**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn to meet at the Mt. Carmel Church on April 16, 2016.

**Benediction:** President Lora Rogers Kerner closed the meeting with prayer.