

MINUTES
Covenant Region of C.P. Women's Ministry Spring Meeting
Mt. Carmel Cumberland Presbyterian Church
April 16, 2016

The Covenant Region of C.P. Women's Ministry met on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. with the Mt. Carmel Church in White Plains, KY.

Welcome: President Lora Kerner welcomed everyone and thanked the Mt. Carmel ladies for hosting this meeting, and read the theme scripture, Acts 8:5-6, and followed with prayer.

Due to the illness of her husband, Secretary Martha Darnall was unable to complete her term, and Secretary-Elect Sidney Milton agreed to act in that capacity for the day.

Worship Service: The worship service was opened with the hymn "*WhoSoEver Will.*" Rev. Teresa Shauf gave the devotion, speaking about our need to let God shower us with His blessings. The ladies were presented shower caps and, as they were listening to a recording of "*In the Presence of Jehovah*" placed them on their heads and then removed them as they felt the need to be completely open to receiving those blessings. The ladies then joined in singing "*Jesus Saves.*"

Credentials Report: Linda Crick, Mt. Carmel Church, gave the Credentials Report. There were 43 in attendance with 11 churches represented. The report was accepted and filed under Appendix "A".

Constituting Prayer: The constituting prayer was led by Darl Henley, Sugar Grove Church.

Adoption of Program: A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the program for the day, subject to any necessary changes.

Recess: There was a 15-minute break for the Executive Committee to make committee appointments.

Recognition of Visitors and Ministers and first time Attendees: Ladies from the Zion Fellowship were recognized and welcomed. Ministers present were Rev. Teresa Shauf, Rev Bud Russell, Rev. Dennis Weaver, and Rev. John Shoulta.

Committee Assignments:

Auditing: Paula Bell, Margaret Hank, and Mandy Nimmo, Margaret Hank

Nominating: Faye Phelps, Fredonia, Patty Warren, Lisman, and Lisa Martin, Piney Fork

Offering and Prayer: The offering for the Stott-Wallace Fund was explained by Patty Warren, Lisman Church, and Brenda Shoulta led in prayer over the offering.

Report from Young Women's Retreat: Abby Prevost, Candidate from Grace Presbytery and current Youth Director for Flat Lick, gave a report on the development and first retreat for Cumberland Presbyterian Young Women. She also shared that the next retreat is scheduled for September 2017.

Blessing: Blessing of the lunch meal was given by President Elect, Sonja Dixon.

Lunch

Meeting resumed at 12:20 p.m.

Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering: Margaret Ramage, Hopkinsville Church, presented the purpose of the Least Coin Offering. She then read one of the devotions used in one of their booklets. Lora Kerner followed the offering with a prayer.

Program: Sidney Milton, Highland Church, presented a program entitled "Confession Time" in which she confessed to wearing some masks in dealing with life situations.

Business Session:

Old Business:

Treasurer Brenda Shoulta announced the offering received for the Stott-Wallace Fund was \$321.00.

New Business:

Auditing Committee report was read by Paula Bell, accepted, approved, and filed as Appendix "B".

Executive Committee Report: The Executive Committee did not have a written report due to scheduling problems having a meeting. An oral report was given by President Lora Kerner concerning the program being planned through e-mails and phone calls.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was given by Brenda Shoulta, Treasurer. A question was asked concerning the date for Apportionments to be paid. After determining there is no date specified in the Standing Rules, a motion was made, seconded, and passed that a Committee be elected to study this issue and report back in the Fall. Names placed into nomination for this Committee were Brenda Shoulta and Margaret Ramage. There were no other nominations; nominations closed and they were elected by acclamation.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept Treasurer's report. The report was filed and marked Appendix "C".

Installation of Officers: Paula Bell, Margaret Hank Church led in the installation of the officers. The following officers were installed for the 2016-2017 year: President: Sonja Dixon, Flat Lick Church; President Elect: Margaret Ramage, Hopkinsville Church; Secretary: Sidney Milton, Highland Church; Treasurer: Brenda Shoulta, Mt. Carmel Church; Past President: Lora Kerner, Highland Church.

Invitation for Fall Meeting: Marion First Church, Marion, KY, will be hosting the Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Closing Announcements: President Elect Margaret Ramage shared the announcements given to her. A few from churches were shared by members.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn following the Memorial Service, seconded and passed to adjourn to meet October 15, 2016, at the Marion First Church.

Memorial Service: Elaine Overton, Highland Church, read a poem and a story of a dragonfly. She asked for names of those women from the local congregations who had died during the last year to be given. She then closed in prayer.