

Cumberland District FWB Women's Ministries

102nd Annual Meeting

MINUTES

August 26, 2023

Our CDWAC President, Megan Morgan opened our meeting. Charlotte Flowers from the host church welcomed us to Cane Ridge FWB Church. We were then led in prayer by President Megan Morgan. Diane Willey, accompanied by Sara Poston, led us in singing the hymns Burdens are Lifted at Calvary and Day by Day.

President Megan Morgan led us in a special prayer time for Carol Reid and her husband Garnett Reid who is battling cancer.

President Megan Morgan introduced our speakers Josh and Bethany Simmons (serving with The Hanna Project in Southern Spain).

The Simmons shared about their ministry in Southern Spain with Diaz 42, a ministry mainly with refugees and Muslims. They shared their desire to share hope and to share the God of hope. Diaz 42 is a food distribution center where they give out food weekly to meet the physical needs of those in their community. They also have a women's co-op where they sew and do crafts, which the women then sell for an income for their family. They told about the importance of building relationships so that they could build a bridge to God. Hospitality is used as a tool in their ministry, whether it be having someone in their home, meeting someone for coffee, sharing a holiday meal with a family – all of these build a bridge to them sharing the Gospel. They shared the "plea" from friends in their community to "please come back" and asked us as a group to pray for them and support them financially, if we're able, so that they can return to their ministry. They noted that prayer support is essential and financial support is needed.

The Simmons challenged us to build a bridge in our own area - Nashville - where there are 40,000 Muslims and more Kurds than anywhere else in the States.

After our session with the Simmons, President Megan Morgan appointed committees for our business session, made a few announcements and we then dismissed for a delicious brunch provided by the ladies of Cane Ridge FWB Church.

After brunch, President Megan Morgan introduced Faith Miller, a mission's intern to Southern Spain who will be serving in the ministry of Diaz 42 for approximately 10 weeks. We were then led in singing the hymn He's Been So Good to Me. Faith Miller then spoke and shared her testimony and her desire to be fully committed to God and go where He leads. Faith stated she was a little over halfway funded and will be leaving for Spain on September 5th. She asked that we partner with her in prayer and finances, as we are able.

President Megan Morgan opened our Business Session by asking for a motion. The motion was given, and seconded and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports were received:

Secretary's Committee: Pam Buck, Connie Miracle. (Report attached) Motion to accept, 2nd and approved.

Plan of Work Committee: Brenda Nicholson, Alyssa Harvey Sandra Kilgore (Report attached), Motion to accept, 2nd and approved

Registration Committee: Diane Willey, Sara Poston (Report attached) Motion to accept, 2nd and approved

Resolutions Committee: Judy Lytle Wanda Stidham Whitney Lute (Report attached) Motion to accept, 2nd and approved

Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee: Ann Hyde Peggy Tackett Rejyna Beck (Report attached) Motion to accept, 2nd approved

Nominating Committee – Janice Wilkerson, Alyssa Harvey, Jessica Edwards (Report attached) Motion to accept, 2nd and approved. After the vote, Marjorie Workman prayed for the newly elected officers as they serve and minister for the next two years.

President Megan Morgan then went over the revised Constitution and pointed out the changes made. Motion to accept, 2nd and approved (revised Constitution is attached)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TENNESSEE WAC STATE REPORT – Pam Buck announced the September TWAC State Retreat, the state project goal, and November sessions at the TNFWB State meeting in November.

WNAC – President Megan Morgan mentioned some highlights from Ruth McDonald's session at our Spring conference.

President Megan Morgan then encouraged and requested our ladies to participate in the Welch College girls event in October by signing up for refreshments, donations, goody bags, etc. The event will be October 3 at Welch College.

An offering was taken which is to be split 80% to the Simmons and 20% to Faith Miller (per Resolutions Committee).

Respectfully Submitted: Pam Buck, CDWAC Secretary

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Annual District Secretary Report

Twelve local WAC groups reported to CDWAC for the 2022-2023 year. We will send report to the Tennessee Women Active for Christ showing 158 women attending women's ministry groups in our local CDWAC churches.

Respectfully Submitted: Pam Buck, Secretary.

Finance Committee:

We the finance committee have checked the Treasurer's records and find the entries reported to be in accordance with the District Constitution and Bylaws.

1. We have examined the Treasurer's Report, which shows a balance of 2499.81 as of 8-15-23, 2023.
2. We recommend that we give an gift of \$500 ~~\$150~~ each to Elizabeth Hodges in recognition of her many years of service to WNAC. *to our quakers, Josh and Bethany and Faith.*

Respectfully

Submitted: _____

Diggy Jacks Reyna Beck

CUMBERLAND DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST
Financial Report for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

Beginning Balance August 15, 2022: **\$1,463.47**

CDWAC Income:

CDWAC Offerings	1,007.00	
Local CDWAC Reports	4,760.25	
Interest Earned	<u>0.09</u>	
Total Income		<u>5,767.34</u>

Total Funds Available **7,230.81**

CDWAC Disbursements:

WNAC	2,703.25	
TWAC	1,150.00	
Welch-Lunch Spring Retreat	672.75	
Speaker-Sarah Bracey	150.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>55.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>4,731.00</u>

Balance on Hand August 15, 2023 **\$2,499.81**

Local WAC Cash Gifts Paid Directly to Ministries:

WNAC	\$932.75	
FWB International Missions	6,668.75	
NAM/State Project/Culwells	150.00	
North American Ministries	2,132.50	
Cumberland Camp	503.50	
Welch College	947.50	
Family Ministries	2,700.00	
Truth and Peace	100.00	
Master's Men	200.00	
Operation Christmas Child	1,586.60	
Local Church Projects	4,087.70	
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Gifts Paid Directly		20,109.30

Non-Cash Gifts Given Directly: 723.76

Total Gifts Given Directly to Ministries: \$20,833.06

Registration Committee

We, your Registration Committee, wish to submit the following report:

Women's Groups/Churches Represented: 9

Attendees: 36

Missionaries: 5

Total Present: 41

Respectfully Submitted: Maureen Wiley Sarah Porton

Cane Ridge

Bethlehem

Cornerstone

Oaklawn

New Hope

Good Springs

Hendersonville

Cifers

Richland

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CHURCH

Ann Hyde	Bethlehem
Judy Marsh	Richland
Diane Willey	Richland
Megan Morgan	Oaklawn
Tom Buck	New Hope
Allysa Harvey	Bethlehem
Dasha Harvey	Bethlehem
Wanda Slidham	New Hope
Sandra Kelsey	New Hope
Charlotte Flowers	Cane Ridge
MARJORIE Workman	Cane Ridge
Judy Lytle	Cofers Chapel
Madeline Mahler	Cane Ridge
Sabrina Mahler	Cane Ridge
Lily Mahler	Cane Ridge
Beggy Jackito	Bethlehem
Jewell Thompson	Bethlehem
Wanda Rumpfelt	Cane Ridge

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CHURCH

Christy Britton

Old Fwb

Norma McAlister

Cane Ridge

Rita Hampton

Old Fwb

Sara Boston

Corner Stone

Cathy Dewe

Corner Stone

Connie Miracle

Corner Stone

Lanna Swann

New Hope

Betty Winters

Good Springs

Ruth Feltz

Good Springs

Nellie Cunningham

Cane Ridge

Brenda Nickerson

Good Springs

Faith Miller

missionary

Regyna Beck

Hendersonville Fwb

Whitney Lute

Good Springs

Bethany Simmons (Josh, Georgia)
(Gayson)

Missionary

Missy Goucher

Cofers chapel

Olivia DeHaven

Richland Chh

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CHURCH

Mary Attie

Carice Wilkerson

Betty Witten

~~Josh Simmons~~

~~Anthony Simmons~~

~~Grayson Simmons~~

~~Georgia Simmons~~

Cane Ridge

Hendersonville FWS

Richland Free Will Baptist

~~Calvary / IM~~

~~Calvary / IM~~

Resolutions Committee:

We, your Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the following for your consideration:

1. Be it resolved that the 103rd Annual Convention be held at Cornerstone FWB Church on August 24, 2024.
2. Be it resolved that we give the CDWAC Officers liberty to make plans for the 2024 Spring meeting.
3. Be it resolved that the Cane Ridge Free Will Baptist Ladies be given a rising vote of thanks for hosting our 102nd Annual Meeting.

4. Be it resolved that the offering received today be
given to Josh and Bethany Simmons
80%
+ Faith Miller 20% (to other accounts)

5.

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Lytle Whitney Lutz
Wanda Stedham

Plan of Work Committee:

We, the Plan of Work Committee, suggest the following projects for the 2023 - 2024 year:

September: Choose a Missionary

October: Cumberland Youth Camp

November: Missions North America

December: Pursell Foreign Student Scholarship

January: Miley International Student Scholarship

February: Welch College Fund

March: Mary Wisheart Scholarship Fund

April: The Provision Closet

May: WNAC Emphasis Offering

June: Tennessee State Project

July: Welch College Girls Event

August: World Missions Offering

Respectfully Submitted:

Brenda Nicholson

Allegra Harvey

Sandra Kilgore

Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee recommends the following officers for the 2023-2025 term:

President - Megan Morgan

Vice President - Diane Willey

Secretary - Pam Buck

Treasurer - Whitney Lute

Field Worker - Judy Lytle

Members at Large - Fredia Poff, Brenda Nicholson, Rejyna Beck

Janice Wilkerson as Chairman of the Nominating Committee asked if there were any nominations from the floor.

Nominating Committee consisted of: Janice Wilkerson, Alyssa Harvey and Jessica Edwards

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
CUMBERLAND DISTRICT WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

Believing a bond of union and fellowship among Free Will Baptist women of the Cumberland District will achieve greater success in all their efforts in the various groups represented, with the aim to involve every woman in the Cumberland District churches in some phase of women's group work, thus helping her to fulfill her place as given by Christ in the Great Commission, we adopt the following Constitution and By-Laws:

Article I

The name of this organization shall be the Cumberland District Women's Ministries; also known as Cumberland District Women Active for Christ.

Article II

The purpose of this convention shall be to bring the women of each local church together for the purpose of fellowship, sharing of information, transacting business pertaining to the promotion of ministry work in general, and encouraging one another in the work of the Lord.

Article III

The officers of this convention shall be a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, field worker, and three (3) members at large. These shall constitute the executive committee, five of whom shall be a quorum for transacting of business.

Article IV

This convention shall be composed of the executive committee and any woman that is a member in good standing of a Free Will Baptist church within the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist.

Article V

At least one annual session of the convention shall be held for the election of officers and transaction of business. Semi-annual or quarterly meetings may be held at the discretion of the convention.

Notification of meetings shall be communicated to local presidents no later than fifteen days before the date of the meeting.

BY-LAWS

Article I

Section 1. President – The president shall preside over all meetings and serve as chairman of the executive committee, appoint such committees as may be needed, call the executive committee together, when necessary, be an ex-officio member of all committees, see that reports are made promptly to the state, and perform all duties usually pertaining to such an office.

Section 2. Vice President – The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president, or by request, and otherwise assist her in the oversight of the general work. She will also be responsible for the preparation and distribution of the "*Chimes*" (CDWAC newsletter) on a quarterly basis or as needed.

Section 3. Secretary – The secretary shall keep accurate records of all proceedings of the convention and executive committee meetings and preserve all valuable papers and turn the same over to her successor in office. She shall also send a report to the state convention. The secretary shall also serve as a historian keeping a historical record, submitting historical information to the state secretary annually.

Section 4. Treasurer – The treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to this convention and shall pay same out only when authorized by the convention. She shall keep an accurate account and shall give a written report of all funds received and disbursed at each meeting of the convention. The treasurer shall also send an annual report to the state treasurer. She shall encourage support of missions through the WNAC gift plan, individual and special offerings.

Section 5. Field Worker – The field worker shall have charge of all field work pertaining to, or necessary to, the promotion of the work of the convention. She shall visit local women's groups, perhaps teach study courses, and help in the organizing of new women's groups.

Section 6. Members at Large – The members at large shall include three (3) women, who shall serve on the executive committee, help promote the work in general, and serve wherever needed.

Article II

The general officers shall be nominated by a nominating committee, and elected by acclamation unless there are other nominations. In the case of more than one nominee for any office, a vote will be taken on each. All elections shall be held at the closing business session of the annual convention.

The general officers shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors are installed.

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Article III

The general officers shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in performing their official duties subject to approval by the executive committee and presented in writing to the CDWAC treasurer. All field promotional work is subject to the district executive committee, who should approve work done by district officers in the interest of district work as well as expenses for same. Other appropriations may be decided upon by the convention.

Article IV

Section 1. Executive Committee – The executive committee shall hold meetings for the transaction of business and to prepare the program for the annual meeting of the convention. It shall maintain an oversight of the work at large having authority to call extra sessions of the committee when necessary and act for the convention concerning any matter, and to fill vacancies occurring between elections. A proxy may act for a member provided she has written authority from the member for whom she acts.

Section 2. Resolutions Committee – A resolutions committee of at least three (3) members shall be appointed by the president as needed. This committee will also include the petitions and requests committee and the appreciation committee.

Section 3. Plan of Giving Committee – A plan of giving committee shall be appointed by the president. This committee plans the recommended monthly plan of giving.

Section 4. Nominating Committee – The nominating committee shall be composed of convention members who are nominated from the floor and elected by the body at its annual meeting. This committee shall select the slate of officers for the convention and present it for adoption.

Section 5. Secretary Committee – The secretary shall be the chairman of the secretary committee, and other members may be appointed by the president. This committee examines the reports of the representing women's groups.

Section 6. Finance Committee – The treasurer shall be the chairman of the finance committee, and other members may be appointed by the president. This committee audits the financial records of the year and reports on same to the conventions.

Section 7. Registration Committee – Members of this committee may be appointed by the president as needed. This committee registers those in attendance as the convention may desire.

Article V

The Cumberland District Women's Ministries encourages all local groups to continue to financially support all women's ministries at district, state, and national level.

Article VI

The CDWAC shall submit a treasurer's report and secretary's report to the TWAC in accordance with the State Constitution and By-Laws. (The CDWAC shall receive a like report from each local women's group by July 31.)

Article VII

The Cumberland District Women's Ministries will recommend a plan of giving at the annual meeting.

Article VIII

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any regular annual convention meeting of the Cumberland District Women Ministries (a.k.a.-CDWAC).