

WNCC LAY ORGANIZATION ELECTION/MEETING
Mount Zion AMEC, Huffine Mill Road, Greensboro, NC
March 11, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Penny Oliver 10:00 a.m., at which time she extended greetings to everyone.

Devotion by Sister Jessie Cardwell - (everyone was asked to stand).

Song: "I Will Trust in the Lord"

Prayer: Bro. Woodrow Winchester

Scripture read by: Sis. Jessie Cardwell, (*Proverbs 3:1-10*)

The Lay Organization received a warm welcome both from the Pastor of Mt. Zion, Rev. Henry Davis and the local lay president, Brother Woodrow Winchester; *they made sure we were well fed for breakfast.*

Sister Oliver turned over the proceedings of the Election to Sister Starr Battle, 3rd Vice President of the Connectional, who conducted the Biennial Delegate Election. The first order of business was to elect a secretary for the proceedings. Penny Oliver nominated Diane Foy; Bro. Wilbert Hooker moved to second on the one said name by. Question? Penny Oliver – is she able to serve as secretary if she plans to run as a delegate? Sister Battle replied, "yes, she can." So moved; **Secretary** is Diane Foy.

Tellers that were nominated and seconded on the two (2) said names were: Lamont Upperman and Joy Grandy.

Clerks only two (2) nominated and seconded were: Jackie Hemby and Azzie Conley.

Marshall (1): Only one (1) nominated and seconded was Byron Barbre.

****** Six Delegates will be elected with one being a Young Adult Delegate and one District Delegate, in good standing. The President, Director of Lay Activities and Young Adult Representative are delegates, by virtue of their office.

Sister Niki Allen of the Credential Committee, read names of those persons eligible to vote, (that attended three (3) meetings and that are in good financial standing), as of February 17, 2017, then move to the opposite side of the church.

(First Round) * Nomination of (6) Delegates *

Adam Johnston is our *Young Adult Representative* and will be included in the voting process, regardless of absence.

We have eleven nominees and Sister Allen of Credentials, has verified their being eligible. **Twenty one (21) votes are needed to be a delegate.**

The eleven (11) nominees: #of Votes

Barbara Smith	-	24
Betty Duell	-	20
Kenneth Woods	-	17
Sonia Barbre	-	27
Bobbie Hague	-	19
Adam Johnston	-	29
Byron Barbre	-	21
Woodrow Winchester	-	22
Kathleen Lightfoot	-	11
Shirley Hamilton	-	11
Diane Foy	-	24

(Nine (9) Ballots were ruled invalid)

Our six (6) Delegates for the Biennial

**Adam Johnston
Sonia Barbre
Barbara Smith
Diane Foy
Woodrow Winchester
Byron Barbre**

Round One: Election of Alternates for Biennial

Vote on (5) -21 votes to be elected

Kenneth Woods - 32	Bobbi Hague - 32
Betty Duell - 31	
Kathleen Lightfoot - 30	
Constance Pearson - 26	
Shante' Smith - 25	

A Round Two Election run-off was held in the tie for **first Alternate** between Woods and Hague. There were 38 persons that voted; needed 20 votes to be elected.

**#1 Alternate – Kenneth Woods (25 votes)
#2 Alternate – Bobbi Hague (13 votes)**

Sister Battle proceeded to accept nominations for **District Delegate**. Sister **Azzie Conley** was nominated by Jackie Kanipe; it was moved by Sister Emma Devine and seconded by Brother Wilbert Hooker to close on the one (1) said name. It was put to a vote and was so moved by the Lay Body. Sister Devine added that the Secretary (Diane Foy) should be empowered, to cast the last vote, in keeping with the by-laws, for the record, per Sister Battle. After being put to a vote, it was so moved by the Lay Body. The Vote was cast. A Closing prayer for this election delivered by Sister Starr Battle.

Summary of Biennial Delegates 2017

(Our six (6) Voted Delegates for the Biennial)

Adam Johnston
Sonia Barbre
Barbara Smith
Diane Foy
Woodrow Winchester
Byron Barbre

Penny Oliver, President
Jackie Kanipe, Director of Lay Activities
Mary Royster Harris, Young Adult Representative

Alternates

1. Kenneth Woods
2. Bobbi Hague
3. Betty Duell
4. Kathleen Lightfoot
5. Constance Pearson

District Delegate

Azzie Conley

President Oliver thanked Sister Battle for her participation in this election. The Lay Body's attention was directed to their packets that were distributed for further business to be discussed.

Reports:

2017 - Jack & Jill – Sister Mary Harris, YAR & Committee

Please resort to the handout in your packet, for further information, including the theme for this year's Jack & Jill's festivities entitled,

“Empowering Our Young: Turning Passion Into Action!”

When: April 8, 2017

St. James A.M.E. Church, Winston-Salem, NC

REGISTRATION begins at 9:00 am

Every church has been contacted and this promises to be a full day of fellowship and fun.....Food will be served!

2017 – Annual Conference Lay Service- Jackie Kanipe, DOA & Committee

The Lay Service will be held Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at noon immediately following the Missionary meeting, (copy of Daily Schedule in packet). Our program will consist of three male choirs ministering through music. They are:

Emmanuel Male Chorus
Lincolnvillle Male Chorus
Ethel Anderson Male Chorus
- (two have been confirmed) -

President Oliver will send out a notice regarding the offering amount of \$50. In the past, the offering has been split with the conference and the Lay, but under the present schedule, we are not sure; it is a conference matter. President Oliver stated that the Bishop asked all the Conference Lay President's *“to trust him and we will see, we'll get more than we ever got before.”* So we will see!

2017 –Prayer Breakfast- Sister Jackie Kanipe, DOA & Committee

Proposals were given out at the last meeting to be returned March 1, 2017 and we only received one bid, (Macedonia AMEC), where it was held last year.

Brother Kenneth Woods moved that we have our **Prayer Breakfast for 2017 at Macedonia AMEC, 2nd Saturday in September**; seconded by Aldophus Kelly; all were in favor, so moved.

Biennial Delegate Sustentation Report – August 7-11, 2017

The report was read by Wilbert Hooker as following:

1. REGISTRATION and CLEDC REQUIREMENTS WILL BE PAID IN ITS ENTIRETY BY THE WNCC.
2. DELEGATE STIPEND:

Room/Boarding: 4 nights @ \$175.00	\$ 700.00
Travel-\$450.00 (Airline Fare as high as \$500.00)	\$ 450.00
Food	\$ 200.00
Offering	\$ <u>50.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,400.00

The WNCC WILL supplement the stipend of the elected District Delegate to match the Conference Amount.

Question: Brother Lamont Upperman questioned the offering amount: Bro. Hooker replied this amount is a hypothetical amount designated.

There was a motion to accept this report by Lamont Upperman; seconded by numerous persons, the move so carried. The report was properly accepted and stands.

Brother Hooker explained that the he and the committee did not see a way our Budget could afford to send all of the Alternates to the Biennial. It is their recommendation that a Stipend is paid, for the first alternate, equivalent to what the Delegates are receiving. A motion was made by Jessie Cardwell; seconded by Adolphus Kelly. President Oliver asked all in favor show by standing; objections, same sign – the motion was approved. The First Alternate will receive a stipend equivalent to the delegates.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bro. Wilbert Hooker	Bro. Woodrow Winchester
Sis. Gertrude Upperman	Sis. Emma Devine
Sis. Mozell Weston	Sis. Carlene Timmons
Sis. Mary Royster	

Financial Report – Brother Woodrow Winchester

Reports were distributed as of March 9, 2017. He stressed the importance of supporting the Jack & Jill and the Prayer Breakfast. Those are our two major fundraisers that go toward scholarships and cover expenses Biennial Conferences, etc. Everyone must do their part! It is important that you get a report now because the next meeting is not until August, 2017.

With no questions concerning the financial report, Brother Dwight Patterson moved to accept the report as information; seconded by Sister Emma Devine; so moved.

Correspondence – Sister Barbara Smith

The Lay Organization received a card from *Niki Allen & Family* in the recent death of her mother, expressing their gratitude for the acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

Sister Barbara Smith expressed her appreciation in the kindness shown both to she and her family during the recent death of her mother and husband, and she asked that everyone continue to keep them in their prayers.

President Oliver extended warm remarks to the Lay Body on loving and caring for one another; life is too short for harboring harsh or ill feelings.

Sister Janie Wilson announced the death of Sister Shoffner’s Mother, as we have been in this meeting. She was a patient of Hospice for a mere few days.

President Oliver recognized all Local Lay Presidents that were present at today meeting. (Vital information will be shared with Presidents of area programs and announcements.)

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Sister Mozell Weston updated the Lay Body on the condition of Brother Dale Wragg, *Lay President, Bethel AMEC, Greensboro* and asked for continued prayers; President Oliver included Adam Johnston’s Mother.

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Many, Many Praise Reports were uplifted to God for His *goodness, grace and mercy!* All were joyful for God’s *Healing Power....* “*Nothing is too Hard For Our God!*” WNCC Lay Meeting was closed with a *powerful prayer*, delivered by Sister Betty Duell. Afterwards, we sung the “Lay Benediction” led by Diane Foy.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane T. Foy