# WNCC LAY ORGANIZATION MEETING

**SPRINGDALE AME CHURCH, BURLINGTON, NC**

**APRIL 14, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Penny Oliver at 10:00 a.m.

Sister Jessie Cardwell led devotion; the opening song, page #243, “*Down At the Cross.”* We were led inPrayer by Sister Myrtle Mayo, afterwards, the 23rd Psalms was read by Sister Caldwell and each verse was explained.

**Welcome:** Reverend Robert Goode, Pastor Springdale and Penny Oliver, Local Lay President.

The Agenda Packet was distributed upon payment of the $5.00 registration fee and the meeting proceeded accordingly. Several **important announcements** were listed on the front page of the Agenda. (See attachment)

**Elections:** Brother Dwight, District Lay President, was presented to the Body to conduct the WNCCLO Election of Officers. He called Brother Kenneth Woods and the Nomination Committee to present the slate of officers. Brother Dale Wragg read the Nomination Committee’ report and we received a motion by Brother John Smith, to accept the report as read, with the exception of Sister Renee White’s request to President Oliver and the Nomination Committee to have her name removed from the ballot, (**See attachment #1**); seconded by Brother Adolphus Kelly and Sister Myrtle Mayo; Unreadiness by Brother McAdams. (After being recognized by President Patterson, Brother McAdams asked for his own understanding, “are the officers under the obligation to abide by the By-Laws, Discipline and Roberts Rule of Order?”) President Patterson replied, yes.

After much discussion Sister Emma Devine moved that since there were no contested offices that the Recording Secretary, verbally cast the unanimous vote for the names on the ballot. It was seconded by Sister Starr Battle. The motion carried and Diane Foy, Recording Secretary of the WNCCLO verbally cast the unanimous vote for the slate of officers for 2018-2020. (**See attachment #2- listing of Officer’s).**

Upon the promptness of Sister Star Battle, the vacant positions for **First Vice President, Parliamentarian** and the **Young Adult Representative** will be addressed by the end of the month.

**Election Delegates to 17th SEDLO Convention**

President Oliver presented Brother John Smith to conduct this part of the election. In order to determine the persons who are eligible to vote and in good standing, our Credentials/Membership Chair, Niki Allen, called the names of the churches and the number of paid registrants eligible to vote, which totaled **54.** Our instructions were to vote on **6 persons**. In addition to our President; Director of Lay Activities and Young Adult Representative (open position/elect a youth), automatically will attend.

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Brother Smith opened the floor for nominations of delegates to the Biennial they were;

1. Barbara Smith 6. Emma Devine
2. Betty Parker 7. Jessie Cardwell
3. Kenneth Woods 8. Adam Johnston
4. Betty Duell 9. Diane Foy
5. Melissa Roberts 10.Leavie Davis

11. Theresa Watson

It was moved by Betty Duell that the nominations be closed on the eleven (11) said names; seconded by various persons. Brother Smith read the expenses cited for each delegate, totaling $450.00 /each delegate attending. Two Tellers and two clerks volunteered, that were involved in the voting process. Each nominee was asked to stand as their name was called for recognition by the Lay Body. Further instructions were given by Brother Smith that you could vote for no more than six (6) persons, more than that your ballot would be considered null/void. (**54 voting = 27 +1 = 28)**

Sister Starr Battle moved that ***the six (6) highest vote getter’s***, represent us from the conference; many seconded this motion.

Brother Dwight Patterson moved we determine our **Alternates** the same way, the next highest vote getter; seconded by Sonia Barbre; majority has it and had one to oppose, so moved.

While waiting for the final count of the Delegates, President Oliver entertained a motion on the number of Disciplines we should order, taking under consideration some of the churches have been supplied by the Elder. Sister Devine moved that two (2) boxes should be ordered and was seconded by various persons; cost $30.00/each. The vote was unanimous and carried. Payment should be made to Director of Lay Activities, Sister Jackie Kanipe and she makes deposit to treasury.

**RESULTS: Delegates**

1. Adam Johnston - 38
2. Kenneth Woods - 36
3. Betty Duell - 35
4. Betty Parker - 30
5. Barbara Smith - 28
6. Emma Devine - 28

**Alternates**

1. Jessie Cardwell - 26
2. Diane Foy - 21
3. Theresa Watson - 15
4. Melissa Roberts - 14
5. Leavie Davis - 13

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**Praise Reports –** President Oliver thanked everyone, again, for their participation and presence there today because a lot had been accomplished. She continued to thank everyone for their prayers as she left the country and returned safely and for her father who continues to be in the hospital but is doing much, much better….please keep him lifted in your prayers will have pacemaker surgery on Monday. Also, remember Rev. Reddon, Rev. Anita Thompson and Brother Dwight Patterson.

The meeting adjourned with prayer led by Sister Sonia Barbre and singing the Lay Benediction, led by Sister Diane Foy.

Respectfully submitted,

**Diane Foy**

Attachments

**ATTACHMENT #1**

**WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT—April 14, 2018**

**Host Church: Springdale A.M.E. Church**

**5554 South NC Highway 62**

**The Nominating Committee of the Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization met by way of conference call in September 2017, October 2017, November 2017, December 2017, 2 times in January 2018, February 2018, and March 2018.**

**The Nominating Committee did not receive a letter of intent for the office of First Vice President, Parliamentarian, and Young Adult Representative. We will accept no Nominations from the floor. (Article VI section 3).**

**We consulted the Credential Committee and local Lay Presidents and First Vice Presidents when the Candidate for office was the local Lay President.**

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**ATTACHMENT #1-(cont’d)**

**We followed the Constitution and by Laws of the Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization: Article VI – Nomination and Election Procedures, sections 1-7, Section 8. Duties of the Nominating Committee, Article IV - Membership and the directions of the Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization.**

**The Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization Nominating Committee has certified and found the following to be qualified to have their names placed on the ballot for:**

**President Penny Oliver**

**Second Vice President Betty Parker**

**Third Vice President Adam Johnston**

**Recording Secretary Diane Foy**

**Assistant Recording Secretary Joy Grandy**

**Corresponding Secretary Barbara Smith**

**Treasurer Woodrow Winchester**

**Financial Secretary Mozell Weston**

**Chaplain Jessie Womack Cardwell**

**Historiographer Melissa Roberts**

**Director of Lay Activities Jacqueline Kanipe**

**Director of Public Relations Angela Elam**

**Eastern District Coordinator Bettie Duell**

**Western District Coordinator Renee White**

**Western District Coordinator Sonia Barbre**

**Renee White a candidate for Western District Coordinator by way of email Dated: April 3, 2018, notified President Penny Oliver and the Nominating Committed and requested that her name be removed from the ballot.**

**Nominating Committee:**

**Bro. Kenneth Woods, Chair**

**Sis. Gertrude Upperman,**

**Sis. Connie Jefferson**

**Sis. Audrey McCain**

**Bro. Dale Wragg**

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**ATTACHMENT #2**

**WNCC LAY ORGANIZATION OFFICER’S**

**2018-2020**

**Penny Oliver, President**

**Betty Parker, Second President**

**Adam Johnston, Third Vice President**

**Diane Foy, Recording Secretary**

**Joy Grandy, Assistant Recording Secretary**

**Barbara Smith, Corresponding Secretary**

**Woodrow Winchester, Treasurer**

**Mozell Weston, Financial Secretary**

**Jessie Cardwell, Chaplain**

**Melissa Roberts, Historiographer**

**Jacqueline Kanipe, Director of Lay Activities**

**Angela Elam, Director of Public Relations**

**Bettie Duell, Eastern District Coordinator**

**Sonia Barbre, Western District Coordinator**