

WNCC LAY ORGANIZATION OFFICERS

ROLL CALL – MARCH 13, 2021

P - President - Penny Oliver

P - 1st VP Betty Parker

P- 2nd VP – Adam Johnston

P - 3rd VP – Barbara Myers

P - Recording Secretary - Diane Foy

P - Asst. Recording Secretary – Joy Grandy

P - Corresponding Secretary- Barbara Smith

P –Treasurer -Woodrow Winchester

EX-Financial Secretary – Mozell Weston

EX-Chaplain – Jessie Cardwell

P - Parliamentarian – Bobbi Hague

P - Director of Lay Activities – Jacqueline Kanipe

P- Director of Public Relations – Portia Holman

P -Young Adult Representative – Mary Royster-Harris

P - Eastern District Coordinator – Betty Duell

P -Western District Coordinator – Sonia Barbre

P - Credentials/Membership Chair – Shontea Smith

P - District Chaplain----- Kenneth Woods

EX-OFFICIO OFFICERS:

Connectional

P - Gertrude Upperman

P - Starr Battle, 2nd VP

EX- Mary Dasher-McAdams

EX- Dwight Patterson

EX- James Hill

EX: Excused

A: Absent

P: Present

NOTE: At this point in the meeting, President Penny Oliver began presiding over proceedings of the Lay Meeting. She thanked Bro. Adam Johnston, *2nd Vice President*, for presiding over the business of the lay again, and for introducing his wife to the Lay Body.

Treasurer's Report

Bro. Woodrow Winchester, Treasurer

Brother Winchester referred to the treasurer's report that was included in our packets after registration for this meeting. He announced the balance and explained that we have not had a lot of activity in the account during this period. Many thanks to all of our lay members because most of our money is coming through Pay Pal. The total amount paid for Lay Registration was \$600. President Oliver confirmed the balance on the bank statement and the balance Bro. Winchester gave, are the same. Since there were no questions from the Lay Body, the report was accepted as information.

Membership Update

Sister Shontea Smith. Credentials/Membership Chair

For today's meeting, we have 55 registered with 51 attendees. Membership is under construction; we have approximately 25 church membership that have been submitted already.

President Oliver has received several phone calls regarding not having received their packet after having paid their registration. Several members shared the difficulties that they have experienced with registration on line. A few members sent their registration and membership to Bro. Winchester but, this information was not shared with President Oliver nor Sister Shontea consequently a packet was not forwarded. You **must complete a Jot Form** on line, in order to assure receiving a packet.

President Oliver thanked the Lay Body for working with the registration committee as they work through the problems on line and please let them know of any problems that you may be having during this process. Thank you, again!

OLD BUSINESS:

Written Reports from SEDLO Convention

Sister Azzie Yvette Conley, District Delegate

This convention was held January 22-23, 2021. Sister Conley delivered an excellent, thorough overview of the SEDLO Convention, in the time allotted her. She detailed a very profound, exciting experience and more information is captured in her **attached** report, entitled; *"New Beginnings: Revived, Restored & Retooled."*

Our two other delegates that were unavailable for today's meeting were, Sister Betty Duell and Sister Tasha Duell (report included in packet).

Social Action/COVID-19 Sister Barbara Myers, 3rd Vice President

Sister Myers began her discussion by sharing a question, *"Why have we had so many African Americans that have not been vaccinated?"* For whatever reason, some are basing their opinions on past negative experiences for the African American population. Sister Myers strongly encouraged everyone to read and research for yourself; make your own decision. African Americans were involved in the trials.

- Think about it for yourself
- Talk to your family
- Talk to your Primary Care Provider.

There is a video out entitled, *"Take Your Spot to Get Your Shot"* - very informational. There are three (3) types of Vaccines: Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson, but you are unable to request which one you want. As a general rule, you have to take the one available. As of February 19, 2021, a Consumer Alert became available where there are SCAMS going around telling people if they pay a certain price, they are able to get their vaccine sooner...False! If you are high risk talk to your doctor. Remember the - (3) W's
Wear your Mask Wait ----- 6 feet Wash your hands

Respectfully submitted,

Diane T. Foy, Recording Secretary
Attachment

2ND Saturday Movies and Conversation (See Page 17 in your packet)

WOMEN'S MONTH-there will be a movie every Saturday this month. A conversation is held after every movie. You will need to register through Eventbrite. You must register for each event individually. President Oliver noted that Sister Pauline Irving has attended all the 2nd Saturday movies.

SEDLO Update Bro. Adam Johnston

SEDLO Lay Retreat will be April 10, 2021 (Flyer in the packet). There will be 2-4 Sessions, Bro. Adam will get back with the body after the planning meeting with more details. The Theme is "Reimagining Our Ministry While Embracing Change." The scriptural reference is Isaiah 43:19. Sis. Jackie Kanipe stated that more information will be forthcoming as the Retreat is still in the planning stages.

Scholarship Committee Report: Sis. Sonia Barbre

Please adhere to the deadlines of each application. Each scholarship is located in your packet beginning on page 19. There are instruction and checklists for each scholarship. The scholarships and deadlines for submission are as follows:

Davis McKinney Scholarship due 6/15/2021

Dr. James C. Johnson Lay Scholarship due 6/30/2021

Kittrell-Allen-Adams Scholarship due 7/30/2021

Do not fax or email the applications, please mail them back. There are numbers to call if there are any questions. President Oliver asked that we take this information back and share with our congregations.

Updates from Mid-Winter Meeting: President Oliver

The Mid-Winter Meeting was held in February and 4 of our churches in the WNCC were chosen to be part of the Thriving Congregation. They were Elizabeth, Maxwell Chapel, Mt. Pisgah and Poplar Springs. This was part of the Mirroring Project. 90% of our churches in the WNCC participated in the Mirroring Project. The Lily Foundation will give financial support to these churches.

The Bishop met with the General Conference Delegation. As of now, the General Conference will be a hybrid conference, more information is forthcoming from the General Conference Commission. President Oliver stated that delegate, Sis. Jessie Cardwell, will not be able to attend so the 1st Alternate, Sis. Emma Devine will move into her spot and Sis. Sonia Barbre will be the 1st Alternate.

2nd Episcopal District CDC-\$50,000.00 has been allotted from the CDC. \$10,000.00 will be given to each conference to support churches in the reduction of their budgets. The building will be named The Valerie Faith Gary Bell Building.

Annual Conference Lay Program: Sis. Jackie Kanipe

The Committee is working on a virtual program for April 30, 2021. The program will begin at 12:45PM and last approximately 45 minutes. Several participants will be doing recordings for the program. President Oliver received word that we need to have everything recorded and to the Bishop's Office by March 22, 2021. The entertainment will be Bro. Robert Wilson (I AM AME), Sis. Harper will sing and Sis. Freeman will recite Still I Rise. We ask that recordings be sent in early. We will ask for our traditional \$50.00 offering through Pay Pal or Givelify. You can also mail your donation to Bro. Winchester. If your offering is sent to Mr. Winchester it will not go to the SEDLO. President Oliver encourage us give online if at all possible.

Information is in your packet on Election of Connectional Officers. Rev. Augustine is running for General Officer (Judicial Council). Sis. Starr Battle, the 2nd Vice President of the CLO is running for CLO President. Sis. Starr greeted to the body and gave her theme and platform. "Join and Believe in the Power of Us," no member should feel unheard or unseen in the church of Allen. Sis. Starr asked for the support of her home conference and asked that we visit her website at starrbattle.com. The election will be held on July 11, 2021. Sis. Mary Royster Harris made a motion that the WNCCLO give Sis. Starr a \$300.00 donation for her campaign and it was seconded by Bro. Adam Johnston. Sis. Azzie Conley asked why we could not give her \$500.00. Sis. Azzie asked that the motion be amended and Sis. Mary accepted the amendment to donate \$500.00. Sis. Azzie seconded and the motion carried with no opposers. The check will be mailed on Monday.

Teaching Moment: Sis. Jackie Kanipe

Remember that tomorrow the Bishop will ask for a donation for HBCU's. Please be mindful that the AME Church has always supported AME HBCU's. There are numerous AME HBCU's a few are as follows: Abington School of Religion, Allen University, AME University, Bonner-Campbell School of Religion, Morris Brown College, Paul Quinn College, Payne Theological Seminary and Wilberforce. We should be committed to educating our youth and supporting our HBCU's.

What Delegates need to be mindful of when preparing for the upcoming Conventions, General Conference and Connectional Lay Convention Biennial. We will elect Bishops at General Conference and at the Lay Biennial we will elect the CLO President and other vacant offices. Sis. Jackie will send information out at a later date on What to Expect for General Conference and The Lay Biennial. There is no information on cost of CLO Biennial Rooms. We may get information at the April CLO Executive Board Meeting

The Bishop did share with the General Conference Delegation what they will receive (monetary from the SED) for the Delegates and Alternates. Next Saturday there will be a meeting for Delegates, Alternates and Observers for Annual Conference. This will be a virtual orientation.

Closing Prayer Sis. Barbara Myers

Lay Benediction- Sung in Unison

Respectfully Submitted,

Joy P. Grandy, Assistant Recording Secretary