

Meeting was called to order @ 10 am by President Penny Oliver, 7150 Nature Road, Liberty, NC 27298.

I. Devotion:

Devotion led by Sis. Myrtle Mayo in the absence of Chaplain Sis. Rose Taylor, 980 Hopewell Road, Morganton, NC 28645.

Devotional service opened with Laymen's Song (#582) verses: 1 and 4 song in unison with the membership, Prayer (an opportunity was given for names to be called voluntarily by membership for prayer) and closing with the Lay Litany in unison.

II. Greetings:

President Oliver acknowledged and introduced Bro. Wilbert Hooker, Jr. local Lay President. Bro. Wilbert Hooker, Jr. welcomed the membership. Reverend Harry J. Simpson, Pastor was not in attendance due to a meeting.

III. Opening Remarks:

IV. Adoption of Agenda:

V. Roll Call: Roll call was given by volunteer Recording Secretary, Sis. Karla Brooks in the absence of Sis. Diane Foy, 1903 Kylemore Drive, Greensboro, NC 27406. Executive Officers absent: Sis. Diane Foy, Sis. Bertha McLendon, Sis. Barbara Smith, Sis. Rose Taylor, Sis. Sonia Barbre, Bro. John Smith, Sis. Jacqueline Kanipe, Sis. Mary Harris, Sis. Renee White (all Excused); Ex-Officio Officers absent: Bro. James Hill and Bro. Dwight Patterson (all Excused).

VI. Minutes and Minutes Approval: Minutes from August 9, 2014 Springdale AME Church, Burlington. Minutes were dispersed with the agenda as 'Information Only'. Motion properly seconded and approved; carried by majority vote with noted corrections:

- Mid-Year Convention is to be noted as Mid-Year Convocation per the Bishop.
- Amendment to add Election for SED Lay Convention delegates

VII. Correspondence: Sis. Barbara Smith, 2060 Cranberry Court, Lenior, NC 28645.

VIII. Director of Lay Activities: Sis. Jacqueline Kanipe, 207 Branch Street, Morganton, NC 28655.

IX. Business Reports:

A. Membership/Credentials Sis. Janie Wilson, 2711 Pheiffer Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603.

B. Treasurer Bro. Woodrow Winchester, 912 Fairgreen Road, Greensboro, NC 27410; Financial Secretary Sis. Mozell Weston, 12 Spring Chapel Court, Greensboro, NC 27455,

Officers and Presidents were provided copies of the treasurer's report by Bro. Woodrow Winchester. Balance was verified of Reconciliation statement as of September 31, 2014 ending balance of \$39,313.58.

Membership concerns and observations:

- Sis. Starr Battle stated that more details needs to be given in reporting for auditing
 - Bro. Winchester confirmed that Sis. Weston maintains all documentation for such instances
- Bro. Robert McAdams asked if a budget for the WNCC in place
 - Bro. Winchester stated that it is in the process of being established.

The treasurer's report was accepted. It was approved by motion and properly seconded; carried by majority vote the financial report be received as 'Information Only'.

C. First Vice President Bro. Wilbert Hooker, Jr., 6524 Lincolnville Road, Raleigh, NC 27607.

- a. Bro. Hooker stated that a budget was in progress for presentation to WNCC Lay Organization.
- b. If any amendments to previous line items need to be made to contact him before finalization.

D. Second Vice President Sis. Betty Parker, 5522 Bentgrass Run Drive, Charlotte, NC 28269

E. Third Vice President Sis. Theresa Watson, 6003 Meadow Run Court, Chapel Hill, NC 27516

- a. Sis. Mary Locklear 'Thanked' the membership for a successful Lay Memorial Prayer Breakfast.

F. Coordinators

Western District: Sis. Renee White, 29 Max Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Eastern District: Sis. Bettie Duell, 2713 Pheiffer Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603.

- Sis. Bettie Duell is working to increase memberships at churches throughout the district.

G. Corresponding Secretary Sis. Barbara Smith, 2060 Cranberry Court, Lenoir, NC 28645.

H. Director, Lay Activities Sis. Jacqueline Kanipe, 207 Branch Street, Morganton, NC 28655.

I. Young Adult Representative Sis. Mary Harris, 3508 Panarama Drive, Greensboro, NC 27405

J. Director, Public Relations (*Vacant Position*)

K. SED Lay Convention

- The 15th Second District Lay Convention will be November 5-6, 2014. On-site Registration \$150/attendee
 - SED wants all Lay members to wear blue polo shirts purchased from district for picture
 - There is no set attire for the conference (membership concern)
 - The banquet is a formal gala @ \$50/attendee not already registered for the conference.
 - WNCC Lay Person of the Year is Sis. Myrtle Mayo.
 - Worship Service scheduled for 7.30 pm (Thursday)
- Bro. Hooker, Jr. stated:
 - a time has not been allocated for the election on Thursday (November 6) but a wristband will be required for each delegate to be eligible to vote
 - Clarice Gerald Hall will provide entertainment (Music and Vocal)
 - Vendor space available @ \$250 paid up front
 - Usher positions are filled for Lay Convention Services and Mid-Year Convocation.
- The Western North Carolina Conference under the esteemed leadership of Dr. Conrad K. Pridgen, Host Presiding Elder and Rev. J. Bernard Wilder, Associate Presiding Elder will host the 2014 Second Episcopal District Mid-Year Convocation Raleigh, North Carolina, November 6-8, 2014.
 - The Hilton-North Raleigh/Midtown is full but the hotel next door will be able to accommodate overflow.
 - Bro. Hooker, Jr. stated that is was waiting on the agenda for the Bishop.
- The headquarters for these events will be the Hilton-North Raleigh/Midtown. The Right Reverend William Phillips DeVeaux, Presiding Bishop of the Second Episcopal District will be the presiding officer.

L. Snapshots Reports from Local Presidents

M. Legislature for Biennial

N. Social Action Committee

- Bro. Kenneth Woods, Chairman disseminated information received from district meeting regarding: Early Voting, Ebola, Midterm Elections, NC Senate Race and Candidate Issues
- Bro. Woods distributed a list for 'Information Only' of products from candidate sponsors that are providing financial support to persuade votes
- Sis. Gertrude Upperman stated about the Early Voting issue On-campus Appalachian State Lawsuit and the needed support to be given to them by the membership and churches through petition.
 - A petition was to be e-mailed to all pastors from the Bishop for churches to participate
 - Sis. Bobbi Hague let the membership know that it could be downloaded via website: causes.com
 - Bro. Kenneth Woods recommended a 7-member committee to be established to cover all NC areas from Western, Triad and Raleigh-Durham.

K. President's Word

- President Oliver stated committee chairs and members are needed for the following committees

Budget	Jack and Jill	Social Action
Scholarship	Constitution and By-Laws	Delegate Sustentation
Legislation	Lay Night	Ways and Means

- Membership stated that a description of committee responsibilities will be beneficial to allow them to get a better understanding of what is expected and obligations to fulfill the commitment of positions.

X. Scholarships:

XI. Historiographer: Sis. Sonia Barbre, 2526 Griffith Meadows Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27103

- Report read by President Oliver regarding future newsletter and pictures to be placed on website

XII. WWW.WNCCLAY.ORG (Ongoing): Sis. Bobbi Hague, Webmaster

↪ Sis. Hague is not able to continue maintaining the website due to scheduling of other obligations and a webmaster is needed to fulfill this position ASAP.

↪ Please note that WNCC Lay Organization Meeting minutes are posted on the website.

XIII. Old Business:

A. Nominating Committee (Sis. Bobbi Hague)

1. Sis. Hague gave the ballot of verified candidates for the vacant positions:

<i>Recording Secretary</i>	<i>Assistant Recording Secretary</i>	<i>Young Adult Representative</i>
<i>Diane Foy</i>	<i>Bertha McLendon</i>	<i>Mary Harris</i>

2. Motion properly seconded and approved to accept the names submitted for acceptance.

3. The First Vice President, Bro. Hooker, Jr. cast the unanimous ballot vote for uncontested positions.

B. Conference Meeting and Locations

1. President Oliver allowed the membership to give opinion with open discussion regarding conference meeting locations whom provided the following options:

a) As-Is Option: Using different church locations for variety of hosting privilege
Or

b) Centralized Options: Locations in the Greensboro / Winston-Salem areas

2. The vote of 41 participants: **For: 25; Opposed: 13; Abstained: 3;** Motion properly seconded and approved. Carried by majority vote.

3. Membership wanted clarification that this option is to *start this conference year*.

C. James Johnson Scholarship

1. Sis. Betty Parker read the letter aloud to membership sent to Mrs. Johnson to let her know that a scholarship will be established in honor of Dr. James Johnson formerly WNCC Lay Scholarship.

2. There had been no WNCC Lay scholarship available in last two years in his name.

3. The motion properly seconded and approved to honorably rename WNCC Lay Organization Scholarship to the Dr. James C. Johnson WNCC Lay Organization Scholarship.

4. Unreadiness ensued for the amount of the funding; Motion (Sis. Bettie Duell) properly seconded (Hazelene Brooks) and approved; Carried by majority vote that the amount of \$3000 be established for scholarship.

5. The scholarship is to be implemented this new conference year.

XIV. New Business:

A. Gala Ticket/Hotel Accommodations for Lay Person of the Year

1. Sis. Myrtle Mayo is WNCC Lay Person of the Year, as such, it was recommended by SED President Valerie Bell that WNCC pay the expense of Gala ticket and one night stay at hotel for Sis. Myrtle Mayo. Motion (Bro. Wilbert Hooker) properly seconded (Bro. Kenneth Woods) and approved; Carried by majority vote.

B. Patron List

1. Patron Lists are \$10/person and is a fundraiser for the district to be placed in the souvenir booklet during SED Lay Convention.

2. Sis. Mozell Weston will be receiving funds for Patron List purchases.

C. Outreach Ministry

1. Bro. Winchester requested the WNCC Lay Organization to financially support Elizabeth AME Church, 8171 Old 421 Rd, Liberty, NC 27298 with a \$1000 donation to assist in repairing their faulty roof. It was established that the labor was free and the donation will pay for material needed for repairs.

2. Concerns from membership:

a) Bro. Hooker stated an Outreach Ministry needs to be established because it is not allocated in the budget.

(1) Bro. Winchester suggested making amendment for the body to approve.

b) Sis. Wilson stated if the conference selects Elizabeth as a church-in-need of assistance later; maybe we should wait and then proceed with request based on the outcome of their selection process.

3. Motion properly seconded and approved; Carried by majority vote.

4. Unreadiness was established by Sis. Starr Battle, Connectional Third Vice President, that the conference will be establishing a precedent that will be opening the door for further request.
 - a) A committee needs to be in place to establish criteria for future request.
5. Membership elected to go forth with donation of 41 participants: **For: 27; Against: 6; Abstained: 8**

D. Christmas Celebration

1. Sis. Parker and Sis. Hague presented the proposal to the membership of a Christmas Celebration at the George K's Skyroom, 2108 Cedar Ford Road, Greensboro, NC 27407 @ \$50/person.
2. \$500 Deposit is required to lock in date of December 19, 2014 with the expected attendance of 200+
3. Motion properly seconded and approved; Carried by majority vote.
4. Membership elected **not** to go forth with proposal of 41 participants: **For: 13; Against: 14; Abstained: 17**

E. Electoral College Workshop

1. A date yet to be established for January 2015.

F. Elect SED Delegate

1. The WNCC had to elect 7 delegates for the SED Lay Convention as noted by information read by President Oliver from SED President Bell; already established is President Penny Oliver, Director, Lay Activities Jackie Kanipe and Young Adult Representative Mary Harris.
2. Nomination were taken from the floor of the following:

Bobbi Hague	Bettie Duell	Gerald Logan	Shirley Hamilton
Lottie Campbell (20)	Melissa Roberts	Barbara Hooker (22)	

 Motion properly seconded and approved; Carried by majority vote to close process on said names.
3. Unreadiness ensued in regards had the registration for the 15th Second District Lay Convention been paid by individuals.
4. Voting Process
 - i. Tellers: Bro. Lamonte Upperman and Bro. James Campbell
 - ii. Clerks: Sis. Janie Wilson and Sis. Audrey McLain
 - iii. The membership of 39 was instructed to select five (5) delegates.
 - iv. The first ballot was rescinded due to candidate Sis. Barbara Hooker name missing as observed by Sis. Starr Battle.
 - v. The second ballot was rescinded due to miscount by tellers as observed by membership whom were taking counts as well.
 - vi. The third ballot resulted in the selection of

Bobbi Hague (33)	Bettie Duell (33)	Gerald Logan (32)	Shirley Hamilton (24)
Melissa Roberts (23)			
5. Sis. Battle suggested hotel accommodations be established for delegates for one day (Wednesday), \$25 for food and pay Registration fee of \$150 by WNCC
6. Bro. Winchester suggested travel fee of \$25 be established for delegates
 - i. Motions properly seconded and approved; Carried by majority vote;
 - ii. Membership elected to go forth with proposals of 39 participants: **For: 28; Against: 2; Abstained: 9**
7. Bro. Winchester stated the delegates' information needs to be sent to Sis. Kanipe.
 - i. Delegates need to be prepared to give report to membership at the next meeting regarding Lay Convention business.
8. Sis. Battle stated delegates need to be available for **ALL** business meeting during Lay Convention.

XV. Next Meeting: January 10, 2015 at Persimmon Grove AME Church, 404 *Dolley Madison Road, Greensboro, NC 27410*

XVI. Announcements:

- November 16 'Lay Witness Sunday Service' @ St. Stephen AME Church, 705 South Kirkman St. Liberty 27298--Bro. Wilbert Hooker, Jr., WNCC 1st Vice President, Speaker

XVII. Closing Remarks:

President Penny Oliver 'Thanked' the membership for their participation throughout the meeting and election.

XVIII. Adjournment:

↻ Membership adjourned with the reading of the Lay Benediction and lunch served by host church.

Submitted by,

Sis. Karla Brooks, Volunteer Recording Secretary
WNNC Lay Organization