

WNCC LAY ORGANIZATION

“Virtual Meeting”

Saturday 12, 2020 - 10:00 am

The Western NC Conference Lay Organization Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am, by **President Penny Oliver**.

Brother Leavie Davis, *Saint Joseph AMEC*, was recognized to lead the Lay Body in **Devotion**, in absentia of Sister Jessie Cardwell, our Chaplain; he Led us in Prayer. The message emphasized to the Lay Members was the importance of having a *strong faith*, in our church and in this organization, *especially during these times*, so that we may encourage one another.

Welcome: Sister Betty Parker, 1st Vice President

The Lay Body received a very uplifting welcome from Sister Parker as she tried to encourage everyone that could, to *reveal their faces since we have not seen each other since March*, with little success! Everyone appreciated her humorous side, as well as, her hearty welcome.

Roll Call of Officers: Sister Diane Foy, Secretary

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The Lay Packet was sent earlier via email. President Oliver asked for additions or corrections to the **Minutes**; there were none, the Minutes were received as information.

Officer's Reports

YAR – Sister Mary Royster Harris

Schools are still going on but looking very different right now whether virtual or at home. Please make sure that we, as an organization are still supportive of our Young Peoples Scholarship Fund and that each church is donating your **\$300** or whatever you can give. Please mail it in to: **Brother Woodrow Winchester**, if you have not already done so. We were unable to plan a young adult activity because of Covid-19, but upcoming plans are forthcoming.

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LAY ORGANIZATION OFFICERS - WNCC
ROLL CALL – SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

(P) – Present / (EX) – Excused / (A) - Absent

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

P - 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:

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P -Gertrude Upperman

P - Starr Battle, 3rd VP

EX- Mary Dasher-McAdams

P - Dwight Patterson

EX- James Hill

Officer's Reports – (continued)

**Eastern and Western District Coordinators (Update) –
Sisters Betty Duell & Sonia Barbre – No Report**

President Oliver directed the Lay Body's attention to the packet, showing the Eastern and Western District Churches and Lay Presidents, prepared by Sister Portia Holman. Our president asked that we submit all corrections to the respective coordinator for that particular district. We really thank Sister Holman for these charts and for any corrections, you might have.

President Oliver officially introduced Sister Portia Holman, our new appointed ***Director of Public Relations*** from Gaines Chapel. When asked to say a few words by President Oliver, she expressed that *“she was really excited to serve and that the Newsletter would be coming out every other month for the time being, the next one being November. The deadline to get your information to President Penny is October 28th. Thank you.”*

President Oliver stated that since some of the members were anxious to see Sister Holman's face, we can include it in the Newsletter, since she is without a camera on her computer for now.

Financial Update: Brother Woodrow Winchester

The Lay Body was asked to refer to the Financial Report, which was previously sent to them, in their packet. Brother Winchester gave an overview of the balance brought forward and the current balance. Afterwards, President Oliver asked if there were questions/comments so that they could be entertained at this time; there were none. This report was accepted as information.

OLD BUSINESS:

Social Action Committee: Sister Barbara Myers

As time grows closer to election dates, you should make sure your information is correct by going to *vote.gov*, the last date is October 15th. The three (3) ways to vote is to first register; Early voting, (October 15 – October 31, 2020); Absentee voting, (October 27th -last day) and Voting on day of Election, November 3rd.

Please emphasize curbside voting to your members and you do not have to have an appointment. Poll Workers are needed with pay for Early voting and on the day of election; go to the voting website to apply for both teenagers and adults.

Sister Azzie Conley added that the State Government Employees' State Board have approved Community Service Leave for those persons interested in working the polls. She will forward this information to Sister Myers.

Sister Bobbi Hague apprised the Lay Body of the *Census* deadline to have it filled out is now *October 30, 2020*. The state of NC is running behind and everyone needs to enter this data. She suggested a good approach is to have the Class Leaders of each church to check with their members to see if they are registered to vote first and enter the Census data if they have not already done so.

Scholarship Committee: Sister Sonia Barbre

The committee received twenty-two (22) applicants both for the *Davis-McKinney* and *James E. Johnson* scholarships. The names are in the packet of those persons awarded. The *Kittrell-Allen Scholarship* there were thirteen (13) applicants and awards will be made in the next couple weeks.

Sister Barbre indicated the common errors made on the applications are - not knowing their Conference and their Presiding Elder's Name. President Oliver added it would be great if the Lay Presidents, Director's of Lay Activities and Class Leaders would show these young people how to fill out this paperwork and make their chances easier to obtain a scholarship. All of this information is on the website.

Election of Officers/Letter of Intent for Delegates to SEDLO Convention: President Penny Oliver

Our President shared that, because of the current climate we have been unable to elect new officers. As a result, current officers have been asked to continue to assume their duties until conditions dictate otherwise. We only received only four (4) letters of intent for delegates to the SEDLO convention. A date has not been scheduled for the SEDLO Convention.

NEW BUSINESS

Lay Witness Sunday – October 11, 2020 Sister Jackie Kanipe, DOLA

Theme: "Laity Walking Humbly with God" – (Micah 6:8)

Sister Kanipe shared the theme with the Lay Body which we will observe through 2021, for Lay Witness Sunday.

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President Penny Oliver asked each Lay President to share when your service will take place and your speaker. This information should be sent to Sister

Barbara Myers, *3rd Vice President*, for publication. The two Lay Witness services were announced;

Johnson Chapel, Mebane/ Margie Alston, *President*
October 11 at 10:30 am; speaker: Kenneth Woods.

Saint James, Raleigh
October 13 at 10:00 in the Parking Lot; speaker: Howard Manning.

Other announcements will be forthcoming.

Conference Lay Meeting Registration Sisters Jackie Kanipe & Shontea Smith

January 2021 and March 2021 are our next meeting months and will continue with \$5.00 dues, and utilize the Lay Institute process.

Lay Teaching Moment Sister Jackie Kanipe, DOLA

Sister Kanipe *still* has Study Guides (\$25.00) and Devotionals (\$10.00) for anyone that is interested; please contact her. She still emphasizes to everyone the importance of *washing your hands* especially now because of the climate we are living in to kill germs. Hot, soapy water and lather for 20 seconds, (sing happy birthday – twice).

Today's Lay Teaching Moment topic is, "Church Growth." This is When we give God our very best? What does God require? **T**alent, **T**ithe, **T**ime.

Membership Update Shontea Smith

Registered 66 - on Zoom
Registered 35 - Local Church this year
Registered 1,045 - Adults

Praise Reports

We were blessed to receive *praise reports* from the following; Brother Woodrow Winchester; Sister Myrtle Mayo; Sister Penny Oliver and Sister Angela Elam.

Closing Prayer by Brother Kenneth Woods, District Chaplain. The Body repeated the Lay Benediction at 11:22 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane T. Foy