

**Western North Carolina Conference
Lay Organization Meeting
March 10, 2018 - 10:00 am
St. James A. M. E. Church
Asheville, NC**

Prior to the meeting Sis. Jackie Kanipe congratulated President Penny Oliver on her being appointed by Bishop Davis to serve on the General Board of the Connectional A.M.E. Church. Sis. Kanipe presented a gift to Sis. Penny from the WNCC Lay Organization.

The meeting was called to order by President Penny Oliver.. Devotion was led by our Chaplain Sis. Jessie Cardwell which began with a song: "Blessed Assurance." Prayer was given by Bro. Kenneth Woods. A moment of silence was observed for Bro. Benjamin Thompson. Sis. Cardwell read the scripture (2 Chron. 6:28-33). She read excerpts from the Litany Devotion for March 9 followed by a song: "I Will Trust In the Lord."

Welcome was given by Sis. Renee' White, President of Lay Organization of St. James.

President Oliver asked if there were any additions to the Agenda. There being none Bro. Kenneth Woods made a motion that the Agenda be adopted as printed. Motion carried.

Roll Call of Officers was given by Sis. Barbara Smith, Corresponding Secretary. Those present were: Sisters Penny Oliver, Barbara Smith, Mozell Weston, Jessie Cardwell, Sonia Barbre, Jacqueline Kanipe, Renee White; Brothers Adam Johnston and Woodrow Winchester. Those not in attendance and excused were: Sisters Betty Parker, Diane Foy, Joy Grandy, Mary Roster, Bettie Duell, Gertrude Upperman, Mary Dasher-McAdams, Starr Battle; Brothers. John Smith and Dwight Patterson. Also not in attendance was Sis. Nikki Allen.

Officers Reports:

Historiographer: Sis. Sonia Barbre will be taking pictures today. She had a picture board on display. A tab will be added to the website for pictures.

Scholarships: Sis. Barbre reported that the Kittrell-Adams Scholarship is available, Davis-McKinney Scholarship is forthcoming, the James C. Johnson Scholarship Committee will be meeting soon. She asked that these forms be filled out and sent back on time and to check to make sure they are complete.

Public Relations: - Sis Shontea Smith presented the following report since our last meeting:

- Created five fliers, one flier was placed in Presiding Elder Wilder's Preretirement Souvenir Booklet
- February and March 2018 Newsletters were distributed via email
- Sixteen hidden figures were spotlighted
- One church history was spotlighted

She presented a list of churches that have not been spotlighted in the Lay Express. The May Lay express will be dedicated to Presiding Elder Wilder's retirement from 53 years of ministry and a mounted poster will be displayed at Annual Conference. The poster size will be 36" x 48" (gloss). The cost is \$129.99 plus tax. (No more than \$160.00.)

Brief comments from pastors and laity addressed to Presiding Elder Wilder will be included in May's "The Lay Express." An example of comments was: "Congratulations and may God continue to bless you." John Doe, Church Name, Church City. Please email or mail the comments to Angela Elam, 3127 Wake Forest Highway, Durham, NC 27703 by April 26, 2018.

Sis. Barbara Smith read correspondence from Presiding Elder Wilder thanking us for our support and for ad in Celebration Book.

Bro. Woodrow Winchester gave the Treasurer's Report. The report was accepted for information only.

Old Business:

2018 YAR Event – Bro. Adam Johnston

The event will be held April 21, 2018 at Turners Chapel A.M.E. Church, High Point, NC. Registration will begin at 9:00 am. Rev. Radcliff will be the speaker, his subject: "My Praise Is Real." Only one church has responded for participation in the Battle of Choirs. It was suggested that we email presidents for each church asking them to encourage their youth to bring their talent whatever it is. Mr. &

Miss Gospel Explosion will be crowned. The deadline for participants to register was extended to March 31st.

Amendment to WNCCLO Constitution/Bylaws – Moved to August Meeting
We voted to move YAR Program to 3rd Saturday in April.

Sis. Jackie Kanipe expressed appreciation for number of tickets sold for SEDLO Annual Breakfast (71). She thanked hostesses and everyone who did anything to help. She also thanked Shiloh A. M. E. Church for hosting Workshop and pastors and those who participated. She was taking orders for polo shirts (\$22.00) after the meeting.

Annual Conference Lay Witness Night – May 17, 2018, 7:30 pm – Saint Matthew A.M.E. Church will present a play “Bad Girls of the Bible.” Choir will provide music. Offering is \$50.00. Pastors are asked to march in with their presidents. Sis. Stephanie Moore, St. Paul, Raleigh lay president will preside. Special recognition will be given to Presiding Elder Wilder, Minister Wilbert Hooker and to officers who have served for eight years. Scholarship recipients will be acknowledged. Installation of officers will be done by the District President and Bishop. The attire is navy and white or royal blue and Lay stole. Sis. Emma Devine has scarves, price is \$25.00.

Nominating Committee Report: All offices are open, the deadline for submitting Letter of Intent is March 14, 2018. There will be no nominations from the floor. Letters have been received for the following positions: President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Chaplain, Historiographer, Eastern District Coordinator. The Committee has not received letters for Parliamentarian, Director of Lay Activities, Director of Public Relations, Young Adult Representative, Western District Coordinator.

WNCCLO Conference Budget – Bro. Woodrow Winchester presented a Draft Two Year Budget. We will look at again at August meeting.

Mirroring Ministry – President Oliver – This will give churches a chance to do a check up (look in the mirror). A PowerPoint presentation will be sent out to presidents outlining step by step what is to be done. Talk with pastor and share. There is no deadline as to when to start video. Let me know if the mirroring

project is not talked about in your church. Reports will be presented to church, Quarterly Conference, District Conference, and Annual Conference.

New Business:

Funding for Delegates to 2018 SEDLO Convention

We will elect six delegates to the 2018 SEDLO Convention, one is a YAR (18-35). The president, Director of Lay Activities and Young Adult Representative will also be going for a total of nine persons from the WNCCLO. Local church can send five delegates plus one YAR.

Registration	\$150.00 (Regular) paid automatically \$ 75.00 Youth
Lodging	\$150.00
Travel	\$ 75.00
Food	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Total	\$300.00

Total Stipend is \$450.00 per delegate.

The Committee report was accepted. Election of delegates and officers will be held on April 14, 2018 at Springdale, A.M.E. Church. The SEDLO Convention will be held September 27-29, 2018 in Newport News, VA. The Second District Registration Chair will send out information to Presidents next week.

SEDLO Pins are available for \$10.00 each.

2018 Lay Institute will be held Saturday, November 10, 2018. Mt. Zion Hillsborough has been asked to host.

Laity Teaching Moment: Sis. Jackie Kanipe

Pamphlets were distributed entitled “The Election Process.” Bro. John Smith, parliamentarian will conduct our election.

Membership Report: There were 36 in attendance today and \$180.00 was collected

Bro. Winchester presented a project he is working on “Purelight Technologies, Inc. (Light bulbs). The bulbs are \$20.00 each and the Lay Organization would get \$5.00 for every bulb sold. This project and other ideas will be presented at the next meeting. President Penny Oliver will work on getting a Ways & Means Committee.

We need suggestions for August meeting location.

Praise Reports:

Sis. Penny’s dad was at home, however is now back in the hospital, but doing well. She thanked everyone for prayers. Sis. Renee White asked that we keep Asheville in prayer in light of brutality inflicted on young Black man by police.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Sis. Jessie Cardwell and the singing of the Lay Benediction.

Barbara R. Smith
Corresponding Secretary