

WNCC LAY ORGANIZATION MEETING
Springdale AME Church
Saturday – August 6, 2016 – 10:00 AM

The WNCC Lay Organization meeting was called to order at 10:00 am, President Penny Oliver, presiding. The devotion was lead by our Chaplain, Sister Jessie Cardwell

Opening song: “On the Battlefield” - Scripture: Psalms 1:1-2

Welcome: Reverend Goode, Host Pastor, Springdale AMEC and
Sister Penny Oliver, *Member/Host Lay President of Springdale.*

President Oliver read the report submitted by the 2nd Vice President, and newly appointed member of SED Board of Trustees for the Kittrell-Allen-Adams Scholarship Committee, **Betty Parker** (report attached). Sister Emma Devine, *a member of the RED Board* explained the \$500,000 was money that was paid the AME Church for property sold to pay-off indebtedness. Money is in an irrevocable Trustee Account and cannot be spent. Sister Devine explained some of the details of the report. Also, Sister Jessie Cardwell *serves on the Red Board*. The report will be placed on website.

Wilbert Hooker, 1st Vice President, chairperson of the Outreach Ministry *Helping Hand* gave the following report:

The Outreach Ministry committee has received a *Helping Hand* application from St. Stephens, AMEC, Mt. Gilead, along with supporting documentation (attached). The church is in need of a roof and they are asking for \$500 to assist in this project. The Board recommends granting \$1,000 to the church. The motion was made by John Smith to accept the recommendation from the Board; various persons seconded the motion and vote carried by all but one majority and one abstained.

Adam Johnston, 3rd Vice President, was the Youth Delegate to the General Conference in Philadelphia, PA. This report covered his experience in attending the conference. The report included his visit to the historical sites, his understanding of the 200th year and his getting in the RAYAC meetings. The report from Adam will be submitted and placed on the website, as well as, it was recommended that we send it to the *Christian Recorder*.

Mary Harris, Young Adult Representative report: Charged the Lay Body to encourage the Youth of the Laity, (Youth 18 – 35), start attending meetings, join in the work for kingdom building and to offer encouragement.

Jack-n-Jill update: Date is April 15, 2017. Her ideas were a “Baby Contest/Pageant” and “Battle of the Choirs”. The big idea Sister Harris had was to – Demonstrate the Lord Jesus Outside of the Walls – big “Youth Explosion and Jack-n-Jill Hour of Power.”

Betty Duell, Eastern District Coordinator, encouraged all to support “Jack-n-Jill” throughout the conference year. **Reminder:** Prayer Breakfast, Lay Institute and 2nd Episcopal District- she stressed that all of these events are learning events. Sister Duell requested an update of officer changes at the churches. There are 65 churches, per President Oliver; we have 19 churches at this time not committed. She encouraged all us to work together to encourage churches to be a part of the lay ministry.

Sonia Barbre, Historiographer. Thanked the photographers for the photos from Lay Night and gave thanks to Sister Melissa for displaying the pictures. Per President Oliver, Sister Clara Neal, the SED Historiographer, announced via Planning meeting, there is a search for a place to *house all of the AME History* – information may be sent to Sister Neal.

President Oliver read correspondence from churches that was sent to the Lay Organization.

Bobbie Hague, Public Relations Director, is requesting information from everyone to create the newsletter. Her plea is to get information to her in order to do the best newsletter, as well as, send articles to *We Speak & Christian Recorder* publications. Bobbi will get addresses of all pastors of our AME churches to send newsletters to them. Her request and desire is to do better and have Presidents of Lay will make a diligent effort to send every church, with or without a Lay Organization, to get a Newsletter. **Bobbi Hague's address:** so-b-it1@hotmail.com

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Lay Website: wncclay.org

Kenneth Woods, Social Action Chair, gave an update of the social news and all the court action that affects the citizens of NC. Brother Woods repeated Voter ID Laws are back to the 2012 Law. The dates; **October 27, 2016 – November 5, 2016/Early Voting-Go to Ballot – Redia** website for candidate information.

The **RED report** was given by Ms. Emma Devine and Jessie Cardwell, who served on the Board for the SED. Also, the Shelter, housed in Raleigh, NC will be renovated and the name changed to **“Empowerment Center”**. Our new Bishop is interested in the “Kittrell Land,” as to what can be done in the SED.

Woodrow Winchester, our Lay Treasurer, will give a detailed report at the next meeting. The current bank balance at Mechanics & Farmers Bank is: **\$ 29,326.80 + \$ 160.00, (refunded to Treasury from Lay President Oliver)**. Mr. Winchester placed on the floor that persons who are serving on the SED Committees, that these persons need to be compensated for travel – no budgeted item, and we need to consider. President Oliver stated that all Conference Offices have a budget. Flo Avery made a recommendation that this change be made to a committee of the Finance/Budget/Executive Board. Brother John Smith made the motion, and was seconded by Sister Jessie Cardwell – Majority agreed; so moved. The approval of the \$25.00 already sent with a majority.

Conference Meeting Locations

September 10, 2016 - Macedonia AME, Milton, NC – (*Prayer Breakfast*)

October 8, 2016 - Conference Meeting, Rock Creek AMEC

October 22, 2016 - Clergy & Lay Institute @ Bethel AMEC, Greensboro, NC

January 21, 2017 - Conference Lay Meeting

March 11, 2017 - Conference Lay Meeting

April 15, 2017 - Jack -n- Jill

President Oliver wanted a clear understanding of the Lay Body, regarding as to whether or not to have meetings at one Centralized location versus rotating around to the various churches. The Lay Body voted and the results were:

22 members voted For Centralized Meeting Place

18 members voted Against Rotating Meetings

The majority voted to Centralize Meetings in the Greensboro/High Point/Winston Salem vicinity, known as the “*Triad Area*”. We will move forward with the dates and places as outlined. President Oliver wants to confirm with the churches hosting the meetings and then place the schedule on the website.

Jackie Kanipe, Lay Activities Director, gave us an update on the Prayer Breakfast, which is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2016 at Macedonia AMEC, Milton, NC. All tickets were sent to the churches in the WNCC. Sister Kanipe verified and corrected addresses of churches where tickets were/were not received. The names of memorials need to be submitted by August 27, 2016. The doors will open by 9:00 AM; service will begin at 10:00 AM.

Sister Kanipe also reported on the Clergy & Lay Institute to be held at Bethel, Greensboro on October 22, 2016. She requested questions and suggestions from the Lay members to help make this event successful. The Clergy is asking to serve on a panel discussion; questions to be sent in and placed in a category, prior to the Institute. Discussion within the membership and a brief concern about the Laity showing an involvement which includes identifying topics, that the Laity feels the reasons we should have workshops.

Sonia Barbre, Scholarship Committee reported two youths received scholarship for the Davis McKinney.

Membership Update by Bobbi Hague, 63 persons registered today. Jackie Kanipe delivered the Lay Teaching moment. Per President Oliver, anyone interested in delivering Teaching Moments, please contact Sister Kanipe. President Oliver invited members to share their “Praise Reports”- several gave thanks to the Lord!

The Officers Roll was conducted by *Diane Foy, Recording Secretary*. All Officers were present, except **the following were excused**: Betty Parker, Barbara Smith, Renee White, Niki Allen, Gertrude Upperman and Starr Battle.

The WNCC Lay meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm with prayer by Brother Winchester and blessing of the meal. The Lay Body joined in to sing the “Lay Benediction,” led by Sister Diane Foy.

Recorded by: Mozell Weston, Acting Secretary

Attachments

Date: August 6, 2016

To: Western North Carolina Conference Lay Organization

From: Betty Parker, 2nd Vice-President

The newly elected Board of Trustees for the Kittrell-Allen-Adams Scholarship Fund met July 25, 2016 to discuss the duties of the Board of Trustees and its Charter.

The Charter for KAAS FUND has not been reviewed or discussed since 1991. The group has located various versions of the charter and we are trying to determine if any of the last Board of Trustees is still living.

The last research shows KAAS was dissolved in December 1991 and became active again in December, 1991 in name only. The scholarship fund has over \$500,000.00 in two CDs in M&F Bank. The funds were from the sale of property and buildings on the Kittrell College campus and other fundraising activities. The scholarship had been funded from the interest generated from the CDs.

Currently, we have no scholarship monies to give to our students for this year. The Board of Trustees has sought legal counsel to determine how the fund from the CDs can become available for scholarships. The Board is searching through various sources to determine best investments for our money.

Since Kittrell closed grant monies given to the school had to be repaid. We still have over 200 acres of land at Kittrell, but currently, we have no school. The property and buildings that were sold are occupied and used by Job Corps.

A list of concerns was given to the Bishop and hopefully all concerns will be addressed promptly.

Humbly submitted,

Betty Parker

St Stephen AME Church
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April 25, 2016

Dear Western NC Conference Lay,

When I started at St. Stephen they had \$24.00 in the bank. All monies that they had previous at St Stephen was taken by the group that left the church to start a church.

They were in the process of getting their insurance renewed. I asked them to go with Church Mutual because we could get complete coverage to include Sexual harassment coverage. When church Mutual Representative came to evaluate the church building he pointed out rotting wood around the underpinning of the roof that had to be replaced. They insured us on the basis that the "boxing" would be completed by March 23, 2016. We had it done at the cost of \$3800.00 to comply with their request. Also, When the supervisor of Church mutual looked at the roof of the church, there were several areas of the roof that had holes and we were told they would not insure us if the roof was not replaced.

By the grace of God, they renewed us with our deductible being \$10,000.00 (which is the cost of a new roof).

Because of the roof damage, there are leaks in the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and hallway, which will have to be repaired once the roof is completed.

The church is in the process of trying to raise the monies to replace the roof, which will cost \$10,000.00 We have 13 MEMBERS, WITH ABOUT 7-9 supporting the church. 6 are on disability and the others work, with 3 of them supporting the church.

We have asked the members to pay into the building fund and the "52 "weeks challenge. Currently we have raised \$1435.35.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Oliver W. Banks