

WNCC-LAY ORGANIZATION VIRTUAL MEETING

March 12, 2022 – 10:00 am

President Penny Oliver, *Presiding*

The meeting was called to order promptly, by our President with opening remarks.

Devotion/Prayer **Sister Sandra Vincent, *Clapp's Chapel, Whitsett***

The scripture lesson for today came from *Matthew 9:36-37 KJV*, using the subject-

“The Harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.”

All of us are blessed with gifts and we do not have to be ministers/pastors in order to share our gifts. We can be part of the solution or be part of the problem; the choice is ours. We need to be obedient to the Word, per Sister Vincent. Very encouraging and inspiring remarks for us to ponder on. The **Lay Litany** was led by Sister Vincent and Lay Body responding.

Welcome **Sister Joy Grande, *WNCC-LO Assistant Secretary***

A very heartfelt, inspirational welcome, was extended per protocol, to each member of the 2nd District our Servant Leaders, Officers, Pastors/Ministers, Lay Members and Friends. With grateful hearts, everyone was received for their presence.

Roll Call **Sister Diane Foy, *WNCC-LO Secretary***

Present

Penny Oliver, President
Betty Parker, First Vice President
Adam Johnston, Second Vice President
Barbara Myers, Third Vice President
Diane Foy, Recording Secretary
Joy Grandy, Assistant Recording Secretary
Barbara Smith, Corresponding Secretary
Woodrow Winchester, Treasurer
Mozell Weston, Financial Secretary
Jacqueline Kanipe, Director of Lay Activities
Portia Holman, Director of Public Relations
Mary Royster-Harris, Young Adult Representative
Bettie Duell, Eastern District Coordinator
Sonia Barbre, Western District Coordinator
Shontea Smith, Credentials/Membership Chair

Kenneth Woods, *SEDLO Chaplain*
Gertrude Upperman, *Ex-officio Officer*
Starr Battle

Excused

Jessie Cardwell, Chaplain
Bobbi Hague, Parliamentarian
Dwight Patterson, Ex-Officio

Moments of Expression for President Emeritus James Hill and Mary Dasher McAdams

President Oliver stated that, “*President’s Hill and McAdams are officers that God called home within the last six months; they were strong witnesses for the Lord- they worked, they worked.*” She had asked their President, Paul Williams to speak on their behalf but because of an emergency, he appointed **Sister Emily Marshall, 1st Vice President**, to speak in his absence.

Sister Marshall stated that “the two past presidents were “giants” and she learned a lot! Admittedly, being very young at the time of Mr. Hill’s administration, there were many things she did not understand and was not paying attention. However, she learned a lot under Mrs. McAdams, because she was older at the time. For example, how to dress and the importance of attending Lay Meetings. She asked the Lay Body to pause for 30 seconds of silent prayer; afterwards, a short prayer was led by Sister Marshall in closing.

President Oliver reminded the Lay Body that in the past we also grieved the deaths of Brothers Ward Miller and Wilbur Hooker. She asked that we all please remember these people in our prayers, they were lights when we truly needed guidance.

Minutes - (in the packet)

The Minutes may also be found on the website. Are there any updates/changes? With none presented the minutes were accepted as information, with the necessary corrections.

Officer’s Reports-

3rd VP – Social Action Sister Barbara Myers

Remember that March is “Women’s History” month and is also “Lent Season.” Sister Myers encouraged the Lay Body to review our AME Church Women Trail Blazers, as we read up on those that paved the way for us. Let us not forget the 40 Days of Lent, also.

Sister Myers encouraged us to check with our local government on deadline dates as it pertains to our areas. Some of dates she gave us to remember are:

- April 22- Deadline to Vote
- May 10 - Apply for Absentee Voting
- May 17 - Deadline for Absentee by 5 pm
- May 17 – Primary
- July 5 – Run Off
- Nov. 8 – Ends our Election

Sister Myers ended her report with a short prayer.

Membership

Sister Shontea Smith

Your membership should be completed with the Jot Form. Everyone should have received the link, if you have with ten (10) names or more you can attach the list to the Jot form. Payments in the form of checks, should be mailed to Brother Woodrow Winchester. If you did not receive the link, please contact Sister Shontea Smith at www.wncclo.org for it to be sent to you. Questions arose concerning receipt of form status, Sister Smith says she regrets not saying at the end of the email, “*information received,*” or something letting you know that the transmission was successful; You may check with her at any time.

Corresponding Secretary

Sister Barbara Smith

A “*thank you*” card was received from Sister Emma Devine & Family.

Treasurer’s Report

Brother Woodrow Winchester & Sister Mozell Weston

The report may be found in the packet, after the Lay Litany. The bank balance as of February 7, 2022, was the same amount on statement, received by President Oliver.

The Receipts amount mainly covers membership fees received.

Brother Winchester further reported that today a check will be written to Penny Oliver for her Trip to the CLO Executive Board meeting in New Orleans

Under **Use of Funds – Presidents** \$ 200.00
(Donation \$100 / as voted on for each Bereaved Presidents Family)

President Oliver encouraged Lay Members to ask questions and not take any reports at “face value” regardless of their origin; report accepted as information only.

OLD BUSINESS:

Election of Delegates to 2022

SEDLO Convention - Sister Shontea Smith gave the report in absentia of Sisters Flo Avery and Bobbi Hague. Letters of Intent have been received, verified, approved/certified for the following persons.

Penny Oliver, Springdale	Brandon Owens, Shiloh
Jacquelyn Kanipe, Gaston Chapel	John Smith, Saint Joseph, Durham
Betty Duell, St. John, Raleigh	Tasha Duell, St. John, Raleigh, <i>Young Adult</i>
Azzie Conley, Saint Joseph, Durham, <i>District Delegate</i>	

Brother Woodrow Winchester addressed Chairperson Shontea Smith with the question, “*has it been decided, as to whether or not the Convention would be virtual or onsite?*” Sister Smith answered that she did not know at this time. With no further questions, Brother Winchester moved to accept the above-mentioned slate of names as delegates for the SEDLO Convention; seconded by Brother Brandon Owens. So moved and the motion carried. Sister Oliver asked Chairperson Smith to read the List of Delegates again, adding that we do not have a definite date yet, it may be September/October and we do not know where it will be held. She thanked the committee for their work in making this task possible.

2022-24 Office Nominating Committee

Sister Gertrude Upperman, Chairperson

Sister Upperman, upon being on called by President Oliver, gave the following report.

President	No Letter of Intent
1 st Vice President	Letter of Intent Received
2 nd Vice President	Letter of Intent Received
3 rd Vice President	Letter of Intent Received
Treasurer	Letter of Intent Received
Financial Secretary	Letter of Intent Received
Recording Secretary	Letter of Intent Received
Asst. Recording Secretary	Letter of Intent Received
Corresponding Secretary	No Letter of Intent
Chaplain	Letter of Intent Received
Historiographer	No Letter of Intent
Parliamentarian	No Letter of Intent
Director Lay Activities	Letter of Intent Received
Young Adult Rep.	No Letter of Intent
Director Public Relations	Letter of Intent Received
Eastern Dist. Coordinator	Letter of Intent Received
Western Dist. Coordinator	Letter of Intent Received

Sister Upperman was directed by our president, **not** to read the names of the persons that applied for the various positions. The committee will still be looking for candidates, but you can still submit a letter of intent. The **deadline is March 31, 2022 for the Letter of Intent.**

Annual Conference Lay Program

Sister Jacqueline Kanipe, DOLA

The Annual Conference will be held May 18th-21st (Hybrid or Virtual) but, it is not yet known what day/time of the day the Lay Program will be presented. The Annual Conference Lay Program has been working conscientiously making plans for this event. Sister Mary Royster-Harris will be our Narrator and give a brief purpose statement on our theme, *“Living a Global Witness Ministry That Transforms, Transcends and Liberates.”* The scripture reference is *Luke4:18-19. (Information was in the Newsletter).* Special participants for this program include;

- Rev. Devon Paylor & Instrument of Praise, (Mini-Concert)
Beam Family *Praise Team, Opening Song*
- Lay Persons that have served 8-10 years of service
pictures will be displayed and gifts presented while
Brother Brandon Owens & Shiloh’s Choir *sings “God’s Grace.”*

A letter will be mailed asking all Lay Members to *individually* pay **\$25.00** and *each* Church pay **\$50.00**, to go toward the Annual Lay Conference program. These donations will go toward the Scholarship Fund.

Sister Jackie Kanipe asked for an updated listing of Committee Members, they are:

Mary Royster-Harris	Betty Parker
Sonya Barbre	Diane Foy
Kenneth Woods	Bettie Duell
Dorothy McCain	

Minutes from January 2022 GB Meeting - (Please check package) President Oliver

Our President encouraged all Lay Persons to please read the e-mail /minutes and pray. She was not able to attend the entire meeting and asked if anyone else was able to do so. Brother Kenneth Woods volunteered information that the General Board was trying to come up with a plan to accommodate the Pastors that are coming up for retirement, to help relieve some of the financial strain that would be upon them. President Oliver impressed upon the Lay Body to stay abreast on this matter and keep your church Body informed.

CLO Spring Executive Board (check pkg)-

NEW BUSINESS:

SEDLO Offices Letter of Intent

President Penny Oliver

The WNCC-LO Executive Board gave permission for President Oliver to sign the Letters of Intent for Brother Kenneth Woods and Sister Jackie Kanipe. Brother Woods is running for SEDLO Office of Chaplain and Sister Kanipe for Office of Assistant Secretary.

Please make note and make use of the link to the *Virtual Mid-Winter Meeting Session* <https://www.ame2.com/> Share it with your members!

AME Connectional Meeting Calendar 22-23 (in your package)

2022 High School/College Graduates

Sister Mary Royster-Harris

In your packet, is a flier detailing information needed by **April 20th, 2022 to Sister Harris**, of all High School and College Graduates for the May edition of the Lay Express. Info should include their name; picture; parent's name; lay president's name; and pastor's name.

CLO Legislation Committee –

Brother Mark Johnson is the Chairperson and President Oliver is a member of this committee. Information is included in the packet.

President Oliver thanked everyone for their participation these last eight years... *“it has been a journey!”*

Teaching Moments

Sister Jackie Kanipe

Study Guides are still available for 2019-2020; *“Laity Walking Humbly with God”* ten (10) are available for the reduced price of \$10. During the teaching moments Sister Kanipe reminded us to put God first and He will take care of the rest. Whatever gift you have, use it to the Glory of God! Give Him the Glory in whatever role you decide to take. She thanked everyone for the ten years that she has served, because she did not do this alone....it was all of Us together! Just a reminder that we now have a new theme and a new Litany that we need to start using as it relates to Lay business.

We received encouraging remarks from Sister Starr Battle as we forge ahead!

Uplifting prayer by Reverend Randolph Lynch.

Praise Reports:

Uplifting praise reports were given by the following Lay Members.

- Sister Penny Oliver for her father
- On behalf Sister Emma Devine & Family (Sister)
- Sister Sandra Vincent's Son
- Sister Mozell Weston (Surgery)
- Reverend Owen & Family
- Sister Diane Foy's Granddaughter
- Sister Shontea Smith & Family
- Brother Lamont Upperman
- Sister Gertrude Upperman

WE THANK GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS!

Closing Prayer **Brother Kenneth Woods**

Lay Benediction **Led by Sister Diane Foy & Lay Body**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane T. Foy, *Recording Secretary*