

**Western North Carolina Lay Organization Meeting
Poplar A.M.E. Church, Greensboro, NC
Saturday, March 9, 2019 – 10:00 AM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Western North Carolina Lay Organization was held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Poplar Grove A.M.E. Church in Greensboro, NC. President Penny Oliver called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM

DEVOTION:

Sis. Jessie Caldwell, Chaplain, led the body in Devotion.

The Body sang Hymn #364-My Hope Is Built; Prayer was led by Bro. Jerry Hayes, Scripture Hebrews 13:1-8 was read by Bro. Dale Wragg

WELCOME:

President Oliver called for the Pastor, Rev. Radcliff and the Local President, Bro. Jerry Hayes to welcome the Body.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Present:

Sis. Penny Oliver-President
Bro. Adam Johnston-2nd Vice President
Sis. Barbara Myers-3rd vice President
Sis. Joy Grandy-Asst. Recording Secretary
Sis. Barbara R. Smith-Corresponding Secretary
Bro. Woodrow Winchester-Treasurer
Sis. Mozell Weston-Financial Secretary
Sis. Bobbi L. Hague-Parliamentarian
Sis. Jessie Cardwell- Chaplain
Sis. Melissa Roberts-Historiographer
Sis. Jacqueline C. Kanipe-Dir. of Lay Activities
Sis. Mary Harris-Young Adult Representative
Sis. Bettie Duell-Eastern District Coordinator
Sis. Sonia Barbre-Western district Coordinator
Sis. Shontea Smith-Credential/Membership Chair

Excused Absentees:

Sis. Betty Parker-1st Vice President
Sis. Diane Foy-Recording Secretary
Sis. Angela Elam-Dir. of Public Relations

Ex-Officio Officers:

Sis. Mary Dasher-McAdams- Excused
Sis. Starr Battle -Excused
Bro. Dwight Patterson-Excused
Sis. Gertrude Upperman-Present

(President Oliver asked the Officers to stand for members attending for the first time)

President Oliver recognized the presence of Bro. Kenneth Woods-SEDLO Chaplain.

MINUTES

President Oliver asked if there were any corrections to the minutes, which were attached and distributed earlier. There being no corrections President Oliver stated that the minutes were

approved. President Oliver stated that the minutes are in your packet and they are emailed to the members. Please give your email address to Sis. Shontea Smith.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Social Action –Sis. Barbara Myers-3rd Vice President

Sis. Myers asked that the members Google information on the 9th Congressional District Election. The Primary will be held May 14th, September 10th will either be the Run-Off or General Election. If a run-off is needed the General Election will be November 5th. **The 9th Congressional District consists of the following counties: Union, Anson, Richmond, Scotland, Robeson, southeastern Mecklenburg, parts of Cumberland and Bladen.**

Lay Express- Sis. Angela Elam-Director of Public Relations

President Oliver stated that Sis. Elam sent her Report and it will be forwarded to the Secretary. President Oliver asked that we get information in to Sis. Elam by the 25 or 26th of the month. This month's Newsletter spotlighted Poplar Grove and Turner's Chapel will be spotlighted next month.

Treasurer Report-Bro. Woodrow Winchester

Bro. Winchester stated that the WNCCLO is current with all assessments to the SEDLO except Membership. After today we will have an accurate Membership count and we will send our Membership dues to the SEDLO. Bro. Winchester read the Financial Report and President Oliver verified balance with the Bank Statement. President Oliver noted that the Bank Statement will be filed as information.

OLD BUSINESS

President Oliver stated that inside the packet is a draft of the Annual Conference Schedule which may be subject to change

Sis. Jacqueline C. Kanipe-Director of Lay Activities

Sis. Jacqueline Kanipe gave the report as follows: the 2019 Annual Conference Lay Night will be May 2nd at 7:30PM. All Local Presidents, their Pastors and Program Participants are asked to line up at 7:00PM in order to march in so the program may begin promptly at 7:30PM. The colors are Navy Blue and White or Royal Blue and White and wear your Lay Stole. If you do not have a stole Sis Emma can get one for you, but do not wait too late to order from her. President Oliver stated that all WNCCLO stoles have to be ordered through Sis. Devine. Sis. Kanipe will speak with the SEDLO President Matthew Douglas about ordering the Lay Pins as we are out of them. The Program: Turner's Chapel Gospel Choir will sing, the Layman Hymn is the Call to Worship, invocation by Sis. Jessie Cardwell, Scripture by Sis. Barbara Myers, Litany Bro. Brandon Owens, Scholarship Awards by Sis. Sonia Barbre. (We will acknowledge Local Presidents at the program and we need all the correct information. Please get with your

coordinator to give information president and pastor.) Offering will be taken up by the WNCC Finance Committee, Bro. Woodrow Winchester and Sis. Mozell Weston. The Offering is \$50.00. Sis. Mary Harris will discuss the SLAP (Stop, Look, Assess, Proceed). Our Speaker is our very own Sis. Starr Battle-Connexional Lay 3rd Vice President. Sis. Battle will bring a Dance Ministry with her to perform. We will be honoring the 7 Living Past WNCCLO Presidents. Invitation will be given by Sis. Shontea Smith and we will close with the sing of the Lay Benediction.

Sis. Mary Harris-Young Adult Representative

Sis. Mary Harris discussed the Spring Fling (see flyer in the packet). She asked that everyone please share the flyer with members in the church ages 18-35. The age was extended to 45 which is on the flyer due to the lack of participation in this age group. The Spring Fling will April 13, 2019 at Turner's Chapel following the Lay Meeting. They plan to have a Dessert Bar and a Sundae Bar. Adults can bring their children but we will need ages and the number attending so we can accommodate them. We will need the full headcount of adults and children by March 25th. The scholarship Letter has been sent out and we are asking for \$300.00 from every church for our Scholarship fund. We gave 10 Scholarships last year and we want to more this year. You can give the money at the April Lay Meeting or mail it to Mr. Winchester. Sis Jessie Cardwell volunteered to help with the children. Former scholarship winners will be asked to help with the Spring Fling. A question was raised about the SLAP acronym being negative. Rev. Radcliff gave a suggestion for the acronym as Show love and Peace. The current acronym was explained as we need to **Stop**, **Look** at a situation, **Assess** the situation and then **Proceed** to action. We will continue with the current wording.

President Oliver noted that a copy of the application for the Kitrell-Allen-Adams Scholarship is in the packet. She also noted that our Facebook page is kept up by our 2nd Vice President Bro. Adam Johnston.

Bro-Adam Johnston-2nd Vice President and Bro. John Smith-Constitution and By-Law Committee

Updates: 2 copies were emailed to the members. One copy had the changes in red and the second copy had the changes incorporated in the body. Please look at them and email either Bro. Adam Johnston or Bro. John Smith with questions or concerns. We will discuss updates at our April Meeting. Please reference each section and item number that you have a question or concern about when you send your email (ex. Section 8 Item 1).

NEW BUSINESS

President Oliver discussed the seating of the Delegation from the Electoral College. She stated that the seating of the Delegation will occur on Wednesday at 3:00PM (according to current Annual Conference schedule), if there is any change she will send out an email. Questions were raised about the Electoral College and President Oliver referred members to the information in the packet about the Electoral College. The WNCC will elect 10 Delegates and 10 Alternates. This is not a WNCCLO only function but is open to all Laity in the WNCC. Each local church

elects an Electoral College Delegate to be seated at the WNCC Annual Conference. Any one of the local delegates can run to be an Electoral College Delegate or Alternate to the General Conference to be held in 2020.

Election of Delegates to the 36th Lay Biennial facilitated by Sis. Jacqueline C. Kanipe

President Oliver stated that we will elect 2 Delegates from the WNCCLO and 1 District Delegate. She informed the body that our Director of Lay Activities Sis. Jacqueline Kanipe would facilitate the election.

Sis. Kanipe called for the Credentials Report to be given by Sis. Shontea Smith. Sis Smith stated that we have 1,065 members eligible to vote based on dues being paid to the WNCCLO. Sis. Smith read the names of the eligible churches. One church was present but was not called, their money was sent to Sis. Nikki Allen who was the previous Credential/Membership Chair. An executive decision was made to allow the churches 4 members to vote, after President Oliver was unable to reach Sis. Allen. The boundaries were set for the election and the body was then seated by churches. The floor was opened for nominations for Clerks and Tellers. President Oliver nominated Sis. Joy Grandy to be a Clerk and Sis. Joan Suddreth volunteered to be a Clerk. Bro. John Smith made a motion that the nomination be closed on said names and Bro. Kenneth Woods seconded the motion. There was no opposition and the motion carried. Sis. Azzie Conley nominated Sis. Gerald Logan to be a Teller, Sis. Bettie Duell nominated Sis. Sonia Barbre and Sis. Mary Thomas nominated Sis. Karen Dula. Sis. Barbre declined the nomination. Sis. Jessie Cardwell made a motion that the nominations be closed on said names and Bro. Woodrow Winchester seconded the motion. There was no opposition and the motion carried. The floor was opened for nomination for Delegates to the Biennial Convention. The following persons were nominated to be Delegates: Bro. Kenneth Woods, Sis. Barbara Smith, Sis. Tasha Duell and Sis. Bettie Duell. Sis. Mary Harris made a motion that the nominations be closed on said name and Bro. John Smith seconded the motion. There was unreadiness as the question arose about Tasha Duell attending as the Young Adult Representative (YAR) in place of the WNCC Young Adult Representative. After discussion it was determined that Tasha Duell cannot go as the YAR because she does not hold that office in the WNCCLO. She will remain as a nominee and be voted on with the other nominees. After the unreadiness was settled, there was no opposition and the motion carried. Sis. Bobbi Hague-Parliamentarian conducted a count of the members seated within voting the boundaries. There are 64 members eligible to vote, therefore the winner must have at least 33 votes to win. Bro. Woodrow Winchester made a motion to throw out the rule of $\frac{1}{2}$ plus 1 votes needed to win and asked that we take the top two vote getters as the Delegates and Bro. John Smith seconded the motion. There was no opposition and the motion carried. In the election for the 2 WNCC Delegates, the results are as follows:

Bro. Kenneth Woods=42

Sis. Barbara Smith=41

Sis. Tasha Duell= 16

Sis. Bettie Duell=24

The Body elected Bro. Kenneth Woods and Sis. Barbara Smith to represent the WNCCLO as Delegates to the 36th Lay Biennial.

The next order of business was the election of the District Delegate to the 36th Lay Biennial. President Oliver made a motion to use the same Clerks and Tellers and that we throw out the rule of ½ plus 1 votes to win. Bro. Woodrow Winchester seconded the motion, there was no opposition and the motion carried. Sis. Bobbi Hague-Parliamentarian conducted a count of the members seated within voting the boundaries. There are 60 members eligible to vote, as 4 members left the meeting. The floor was opened for nominations. Sis. Tasha Duell nominated Sis. Bettie Duell and Sis. Gerald Logan nominated Sis. Azzie Conley. Sis. Mary Harris made a motion that the nomination be closed on said names and Sis. Jessie Cardwell seconded the motion. There was no opposition and the motion carried. In the election for the 1 District Delegate, the results are as follows:

Sis. Bettie Duell=28

Sis. Azzie Conley=32

The Body elected Sis. Azzie Conley to represent the WNCCLO as the District Delegate to the 36th Lay Biennial.

Laity Teaching Moment-Sis. Jacqueline Kanipe

Sis. Kanipe stated that we will use the election process as the Teaching Moment for today's meeting as there was much learned from a Parliamentary Procedure point of view.

Membership Update-Sis. Shontea Smith-Membership Coordinator

Today's attendance of paying members was 60 and \$300.00 was collected. There were 64 members in attendance however 4 members did not pay the \$5.00 asked at each meeting to support the cost of printing the materials.

There was one correction pointed out on today's agenda. The date should be the March 9th instead of the March 10th.

Closing Prayer was given by Bro. Woodrow Winchester and the Lay Benediction was sung by all.

The meeting was adjourned by President Oliver.

Respectfully Submitted

Joy P. Grandy

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WNCCLO Assistant Recording Secretary