

WESTERN NC CONFERENCE LAY ORGANIZATION

2nd Episcopal District – Turners Chapel AMEC

High Point, NC – 10:00 AM

April 13, 2019

Sister Jessie Cardwell, Chaplain led us in devotion by singing, “*What a Mighty God We Serve.*” Prayer: Brother Lamont Upperman
Scripture: *Hebrews 11:1-3* – Our Scripture lesson poised the question, “*How Do You Work With People Who Come With All Kinds of Questions?*”

Sister Penny Oliver, President of WNCCLO, greeted everyone and asked Sister Andrea Eubanks-Caudle, 1st Vice President of Turners Chapel, in absentia of Valerie Murphy, President, for the **Welcome**.

Roll Call Diane Foy, Recording Secretary

Present

Penny Oliver, President
Betty Parker, First Vice President
Adam Johnston, 2nd, Vice President
Barbara Myers, 3rd Vice President
Diane Foy, Recording Secretary
Barbara Smith, Corresponding Secretary
Mozell Weston, Financial Secretary
Jessie Cardwell, Chaplain
Melissa Roberts, Historiographer
Bobbi Hague Parliamentarian
Jacqueline Kanipe, Director of Lay Activities
Angela Elam, Director of Public Relations
Bettie Duell, Eastern District Coordinator
Sonia Barbre, Western District Coordinator
Shontea Smith, Credentials/Membership
Dwight Patterson, Ex-officio
Gertrude Upperman, Ex-officio
Kenneth Woods, Chaplain, SEDLO ***(mistakenly omitted from Roll Call)***

Excused

Joy Grandy, Asst. Recording Secy
Woodrow Winchester, Treasurer
Mary Dasher-McAdams, Ex-officio
Starr Battle, Ex-officio

Minutes –March 9, 2019 @ Poplar Grove AME Church

President Oliver asked for review of minutes for approval/corrections. The following were reported; (4th page - middle section, *should read*; (“*Bro. Preston Thomas nominated Sis. Karen Dula*”) and on the last page, Near the top: “*Sis. Tasha Duell nominated Sis. Bettie Duell and (Bro. Adam Johnston) nominated Sis. Azzie Conley.*” With no further corrections, it was moved by Bro. Dwight Patterson and seconded by many, the Minutes be accepted with the stated corrections.

Officers Written Reports – President Oliver asked for all the officers’ reports and **Sister Angela Elam, Director of Public Relations** was the only one that had a written one prepared. (Handouts were distributed) which reflected the status since the last report, March 9, 2019 of the various publications in the

newsletter. Future upcoming inclusions were announced, as well as, the numerous inquiries and feed-back we have received, as a result of the WNCC strides. The March 2019 newsletter was emailed 210 people (increased by 8 since JAN 2019).

Treasurer's Report Sister Mozell Weston, Financial Secretary
(In absentia Bro. Woodrow Winchester)

President Oliver explained Bro. Winchester has an excused absence today because of his presence needed for obligations at his church today. Since this is our last meeting before the Annual Conference, she felt we needed a financial report which will be given by Sis. Mozell Weston.

Sis. Weston had the handouts distributed – dated April 10th 2019. The cash book balance and bank balances were confirmed, as printed. President Oliver stated that if there were any questions to please email Bro. Winchester or her.

Laity Teaching Moment Jackie Kanipe, DOLA & Electoral College Delegates
Topic: Lay Electoral College – Electing Delegates

The purpose of the Lay Electoral College is to elect delegates, at the Annual Conference, to attend the General Conference in Florida for the Laity only. The Pastors will select their delegates in a separate election; the laity is placed in a separate location for this election.

If you are voted in as a delegate/alternate and take medication, “*be mindful of your dosages so that you will be conscious enough to vote.*” In addition to serving as a delegate, you may be asked to serve on a committee which may entail some midnight meetings.

In the past, district funds for alternates are distributed after you have been on site for three (3) days.

Manage your time (lunch), etc., so that you can return to your seat on time.

Familiarize yourself with the Legislature, prior to coming- you will not have time during the voting process.

Be Mindful on Page #251 of the AMEC Discipline – Lay Electoral College

***Remember Certificate with Signature from Pastor & Presiding Elder,**
in order to attend the Electoral College.

Take your Bible and Discipline to the General Conference. The WNCC will Elect (9) Alternate's and (9) Delegates.

2019 Annual Conference Lay Night Jackie Kanipe & Committee

Lay Night will be held in Greensboro, NC at the Koury Convention Center on **Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 7:30 pm.** Lineup with Pastors and Lay Presidents/Representative will begin at 7:00 pm; Sis. Starr Battle, 3rd Vice President Connectional Conference, is our speaker for the evening.

We are to wear for our colors: Navy/Royal Blue & White with your Lay Stoles/Pin. The Turners Chapel AMEC Choir is in charge of the music. The request for offering is \$50.00/person; funds given are divided between the annual conference and the WNC Lay Organization.

36th Biennial CLO Jackie Kanipe, DOLA

The registration fee is \$300.00 for local delegates and \$275/\$300 (banquet ticket included) for observers. Registration fee should be sent to Bro. Woodrow Winchester and names to Sis. Kanipe know if you plan to attend.

2019 Prayer Breakfast Jackie Kanipe

This year the Prayer Breakfast will be held at Macedonia, \$8.00/plates. We received two quotes, one for future consideration (outside vendor with a cost of \$3,000). Tickets have been selling for \$15.00/each. 1st Vice President Betty Parker moved to raise the ticket cost from \$15 to \$20; seconded by Sister Sandra DeGeneste.

All in ***Favor*** stood – **32**

Opposed - 13

Prayer Breakfast Tickets are now **\$20.00/each**

The seating capacity is 250 persons. **Date: Saturday, September 14, 2019**
10:00 am

Constitution and By-Laws Updates Adam Johnston & Committee

Lay Presidents received a handout final draft copy (attached). Bro. Adam Johnston explained changes

- Changed reference to SEDLO to WNCCLLO where applicable
- Article IV – Membership Section 1 – Added - He/she pays required dues as set by his/her local lay organization and the WNCCLLO. In the event a person belongs to a church that does not have an organized lay organization, that person can become a member by paying the WNCCLLO dues directly to the membership chairperson.
- Article IV – Membership Section 2b – added pas conference lay presidents.
- Article V – Added Section 1n – District Coordinators*
- Article V – Section 2- Added District Coordinators
 - (3)
 1. Under the leadership of the Director of Lay Activities, distribute training materials and general operation of the local lay organization
 2. Be responsible for seeking out local churches without a lay organization
 3. Assist local churches with organizing its membership to elect officers.
 4. Coordinators must reside in the district that they represent.
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- Article V – Section 3- The annual review

- Article VI – Section 3 – All persons seeking an elected office must submit a “letter of Intent” with qualifications signed by the Local Lay President
- Article VI – Section 8 – Such forms shall be returned to the chair of the nominating committee by prospective church,
- Article IX – Section 1 – Added past presidents of the WNCCLO
- Article X – Section 4 – Added all delegates to the Connectional and SED Lay Convention must submit a letter of intent to the Nomination Committee

****** You may go to the wncclay.org website to print a copy of **Constitution and By-Laws**, for your records. ******

Next Meeting: August 10, 2019 at Mt. Sinai, Pittsboro, NC
Number in Attendance: **60**. With no further business, the Lay meeting adjourned with prayer, after which the Lay Benediction was led by Sis. Diane Foy.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane T. Foy
Recording Secretary