

SOUTH CONFERENCE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
AUGUST 8TH, 2020
CONFERENCE BRANCH MEETING
VIA ZOOM/CONFERENCE CALL

Prior to the meeting being called to order there was an inspirational video played by Sis. Tamika Moore Allen. At 10:00 am the meeting opened with Sis. Altamease J. Mitchell going over the ZOOM Etiquette Rules. Our devotion service started with our worship leader. Sis. Viola Watson from St. Paul AME, Stuart, Florida. The opening prayer was given by Sis. Dorothy Blake and the scripture was read by Dr. Tracy Jackson which was Psalm 121 verses 1-8. Both ladies are members of St. Paul AME, Miami, Florida.

We were then brought encouraging words from Sis. Viola Watson after which she turned the meeting over to Sis. Ann McCurdy the SCWMS president. Sis. McCurdy thanked the WMS members for the inspirational devotion service.

Sis. McCurdy stated that all members should have received the agenda via email but if not state it in the chat box and it would be sent to them.

Sis. Dorothy Blake, St. Paul AMEC, Miami, Florida made the motion to accept the agenda as printed and it was 2nd by Sis. Pearlie Clark from St. Paul AMEC, Stuart, Florida. All members were asked to vote virtually by selecting yay or no and hitting the submit button. The results were 100% and the motion carried.

Sis. Melody Smith of St. Stephens AMEC, Miami Gardens, Florida recited the WMS Mission Statement.

The roll call was done by Sis. Iris Knowles the Recording Secretary from Mt. Zion AMEC, in Belle Glade, Florida. Sis. McCurdy shared with us that those persons that were excused had informed her that they would not be present.

The motion was made by Sis. Patricia Ivy from Mt. Hermon AMEC, Miami Gardens, Florida to accept the minutes as printed with any necessary corrections be given to the recording secretary. The motion was 2nd by Sis. Ceola Wilcox from St. Stephens AMEC, Miami Gardens, Fl

Greetings were brought to us by Sis. Virginia S. Harvin, the South District Consultant and a member of Greater Bethel AMEC, Miami, Fl. She stated that she and Presiding Elder Jessie Harvin are grateful for all of the work that the South Conference is doing and how well they serve for the Kingdom of God and for their service in the meeting today.

We were then brought greetings from Dr. Tracy Jackson, the host advisor on behalf of Rev. Dr. Robert Jackson, III, the pastor of St. Paul AME, Miami, Florida. Dr. Jackson welcomed us and she stated that she prayed that we have a productive and fruitful meeting. We were then brought greetings from Sis. Dorothy Blake, the WMS president of the Ann Shennett WMS at St. Paul AME, Miami, Florida. She piggy backed on what Dr. Jackson shared with us and she is also looking forward to seeing us at the WMS Annual Day.

The YD Report was given by Sis. Teri Williams, the Conference YPD from Grt. Mt. Zion AMEC, Dania Beach, Florida. Sis. Williams thanked the WMS for their love and support throughout this conference year. During this pandemic Sis. Williams stated that the YPD'ers have become more creative and innovative. Sis. Williams is asking that the WMS support the YPD by registering for YPD Annual Day which will be held September 12th, 2020. She also gave the correct email address for the adults to send their registration for YPD Day to SCYD2020@gmail.com and all local YPD Directors send their registration forms to their Local Area Director. She thanked Sis. McCurdy for her encouragement and wisdom.

Ms. Alexis Roberson, the South Conference YPD President from Grt. Mt. Zion AMEC, Dania Beach, Florida thanked the WMS for their guidance, love and support. She is excited about what the YPD have done, what they are doing and what they look forward to what is to come. Even through these times they have continued to do what is needed of them. Sis. McCurdy encouraged the WMS to support the YD Day. Registration is \$20.00.

Dr. Calvin Clay, the South Conference PME Director from Martin Memorial AMEC in Richmond Heights, Florida, presented the persons that would bring forth the PME lesson for today's meeting who are YAMS from St. Stephens

AMEC, Miami Gardens, Florida. Dr. Clay also shared with us that there are still PME books available for sale.

Sis. Tamika Allen Moore asked everyone to get the following items and we had 60 seconds to get the items together: Plastic Bag, Plastic Hanger, Plastic Water Bottle, Plastic (cosmetic jewelry), Plastic Tupperware and your Cell Phone.

Sis. Cleola Wilcox, the local PME Director at St. Stephens AMEC led us in prayer and stated that the topic of the lesson for the month of August was Plastic Bans-Environment Versus the Economy.

First Lady Maria Brown of St. Stephens AMEC, Miami Gardens, Florida asked the members several questions and they are:

1st question- What is the significance of plastic in our everyday lives? They are reusable.

2nd question- What are some greater alternatives to plastic? Insulated cups, a drinking glass, cloth bags and wire hangers instead of plastic hangers were some of the answers given.

3rd question- What are some of the benefits, if any? They are more sanitary, recyclable, saves money and convenient were answers given.

Sis. Melody Smith, of St. Stephens AMEC, Miami Gardens, Fl. Had a video played that enlightened us on how plastic harms the environment and they include the following: it's difficult to dispose of plastic, it harms wild life, and it is poisonous and a harmful pollutant.

Ways that plastic harms the economy include the following: it's bulky and expensive to package, difficult to brand, cost efficient for companies and a leading product in the economy.

Solutions involve greener alternatives, reducing plastic at a personal level, boil your own water and use glass containers. It was suggested that once the pandemic is over that the WMS members get together and participate in a Beach Clean up Day to help preserve our environment.

Dr. Clay thanked the presenters for an awesome presentation and for helping her fulfill her goal. She also stated that if any other YAMS at local churches wanted to do a PME lesson to call or email her and let her know.

The Treasurer's report was given by Sis. Nikkisha Allen from Mt. Olive Ft. Myers. Sis. Allen thanked everyone for their support and for working along with her and being patient. She thanked everyone for their help this conference year in spite of what is going on but we have and will get through it. The treasurer's report was given for informational purposes only. She also shared with us that because of the pandemic she has not been able to meet with Sis. Teri Williams to open an account for the YPD as of yet. As soon as they can get together it will be done also due to her work hours from 9-5 which is also an issue.

Sis. McCurdy thanked Sis. Allen for her hard work and her efficiency in this position. After which Sis. McCurdy shared that there were some concerns as it relates to holding checks. Sis. Allen stated that as soon as she receives the checks she tries to deposit them right away but sometimes that doesn't happen she is working on getting Remote Deposit, this where you can take a picture of the check and deposit it via your phone. She explained that even with this method the check does not clear right away. It takes about 2 to 3 days.

Reports were then given by the following:

Administration Report-Sis. Ann McCurdy. Sis. McCurdy shared with us that we should continue to check on each other during these times and STAY SAFE! She regularly sends out emails to let the members know who is asking for prayer whether it is due to an illness within their family or a death in the family and please know that Sis. Viola Watson is fervently praying.

The budget has been paid in full for the WMS & YPD. She also shared with us that the Annual Day agenda has been emailed to all.

Sis. Sanjena Clay informed us that WMS Annual Day will be held on Zoom Only and the program participants will be prerecorded.

Sis. McCurdy thanked Sis. Clay and Sis. Moore for their help in orchestrating WMS Annual Day. Sis. McCurdy is asking all WMS members to get on ZOOM for Annual Day; you will still be able to call in. She stated if you get on ZOOM you are able to see the members. If you are not sure on how to operate Zoom check with your grandchildren, nieces, nephews or any young people in your family to help you out.

The nominating report was given by Sis. Pearlie Clark. The names of the persons running for a conference officer for 2020-2021 are listed below.

President-Sis. Ann McCurdy

1st Vice-President- Sis. Wileane Fletcher

2nd Vice President-Sis. Bridgette Trawick

3rd Vice-President-Sis. Annisa Rich

Recording Secretary- Sis. Iris Knowles

Assistant Recording Secretary- Sis. Altamease J. Mitchell

Corresponding Secretary- Sis. Judith White

Treasurer-Sis. Nikkisha Allen

YPD Director-Sis. Teri Williams

Worship Leader- Sis. Viola Watson

PME Director- Dr. Calvin Clay

Historian/Statistician- Sis. Cherie Williams

Parliamentarian-Sis. Betty Wilson

Member at Large- Sis. Kalasian Hall

Sis. Wileane Fletcher the 1st Vice-President from Mt. Hermon AMEC, Miami Gardens gave her report on Commission on Christian Social Action; she stated that the certificates had been sent out for the essential workers and she has received the End of Year Mission Reports. She is thankful for the work of the WMS during the Pandemic

Tickets for the gala will go on sale the first month of 2021. The cost is \$75.00 and those persons that have purchased their tickets before the Pandemic, your tickets will be honored.

Sis. Bridgette Trawick, the 2nd Vice-President from St. Paul AMEC, West Palm Beach gave her report on Commission on Mission Education & Interpretation- We were informed that there were six (6) students that applied for the Handy Simmons Scholarship and the winner has been selected. The other applicants were sent a thank you note and wishing them well in their future endeavors.

The committee is now working on the Barbara Jackson Scholarship. Applications have been received and you will receive information as to who the winner is by Mid-Year 2021.

Sis. Trawick would like to put together a workshop that teaches the youth on how to fill out scholarship applications the correct way. Presidents & Directors please make sure your youth fill out these applications because there is money out there for them

The Big Mak Hours have been received. She was happy about the number of hours turned in. The church with the most hours was Martin Memorial AMEC and the gift card will be mailed to Dr. Calvin Clay.

Sis. Anissa Rich, 3rd Vice President gave her report on Commission on Membership & Recruitment- Sister Rich informed us that she had received all of the information for the Tanner-Turner Memorial. There is one obituary she received and she asked that church to get in touch with her. All new members and opening information is to be sent to her expeditiously.

The Member at Large report was given through a presentation by YAM. The young ladies that were part of the report were:
Sis. Chelsey Mills-Coleman, Sis. Janelle Sparrow and Dr. Jasmine Ambeau.

Sis. Mils Coleman collaborated on the question, what does it mean to be a WMS Member? She stated that growing up as an YPD'er she was excited to become a WMS member.

Sis. Sparrow collaborated on the question, what can we do to attract young women to be a part of the WMS? Sis. Sparrow shared with us that we need to be respectful to the young women, listen to them when they have ideas and not judge them.

Dr. Jasmine Ambeau talked about both questions. Where she state that young women want o be a part of the WMS and they are ready and willing to work but what she has found is that they are not explained as to what the WMS represent and what they are called to do. Mentoring the young ladies in your church on a one on one basis would help them greatly. She shared that the young women are willing to do but they do not know what to do because they have not been told exactly what the WMS stands for other than wearing blue and white.

We then played the “How AME Are You” game. Sis. Judith White, the Corresponding Secretary, from St. Paul AMEC, Marathon, Florida coordinated the game which was fun. The winners will be sent a gift card through the mail.

Although the answers to most of the questions were not know or remembered it was suggested that this be something that be done at Annual Conference on WMS Annual Day and it can be called “Fun Facts”. Sis. McCurdy thought this was a great idea.

The Area Chair Reports were given;

Sis. Mamie- Riley Birdie Fayson/Inell Gay –South District. Sis Riley stated that this has been one of the most difficult conference years due to the Pandemic. With churches being closed and many have experienced loss of members the South District has continued to trust and believe that God is going to bring us through. The south district will continue to do the work of the Lord. All budgets have been paid. All churches were given certificates to give to the essential. Sis. Riley thanked the Elder & Consultant for their unwavering support and that they are an asset to the South District.

Sis. Brenda Chaney Chapman/Baldwin/Walden Tucker Area- North District. Sis. Chaney thanked the WMS for their prayers for her husband who is still in the hospital and he may come home today. She shared with us that the North

District has become more creative during the Pandemic. She shared that the churches on the North District have all been working hard and diligent during the Pandemic. We were then showed a PowerPoint of the activities that have taken place on the North District.

Sis. Patricia Ivy/ Anderson Kelly/Morgan Stebbins Area- Central District. Sis. Ivey, from Mt. Hermon AMEC, Miami Gardens, Fl shared with us that this has been a very interesting year and they also have very creative.

The Share to Care Report was given by Sis. Judith White, the Corresponding Secretary from St. Paul AMEC, Marathon, Florida. She asked all persons on the call to let her know if their birthday was in the months of July, August and September and they were given a Happy Birthday shout out. Sis. White also asked for the information for Pearls, YAMS, and thanked the new Local Presidents and 1st Attendees at this meeting

Sis. McCurdy asked for all comments, questions and concerns for the good of the Order.

Sis. Grubbs gave kudos to Sis. McCurdy for doing such an awesome job.

Sis. Sanjena Clay shared with us that we will not have elections since no one running against anyone. She also shared with us that the schedule has been sent for WMS and we are working on a time schedule.

The registration for the June 6th, 2020 meeting was given by Sis. Nikkisha Allen and the registration for today's meeting, August 8th, 2020 should be postmarked by Monday, August 10th, 2020.

On today's meeting there were 137 participants on Zoom and the conference call in total.

Credentials for WMS Annual Day are to be postmarked by August 24th, 2020 52 persons have registered for WMS Annual Day thus far.

Sis. McCurdy is encouraging all churches to please register your Pastor and their Spouse for all conference branch meeting and for WMS Annual Day.

Reminders:

- Early voting started August 3rd, 2020 and ends August 18th, 2020! Ladies please go out and vote. If you are doing an absentee ballot please make sure that it is mailed back before the deadline. We Must Vote Like Our Lives Depend On It!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Send pictures of your mission projects so that they can be presented at WMS Annual Day. The deadline to submit all pictures is August 15th, 2020.

The closing prayer was given by Sis. Viola Watson and the WMS benediction which was prerecorded and sang beautifully by Sis. Jackie Washington.