

St. Petersburg Metropolitan Section  
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.  
November 18, 2023  
General Membership Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order** by President Ethel Robinson at 10:03 AM

**Invocation** led by Apostle Clarice Pennington

**Mission Statement** read aloud by President Ethel Robinson

**“To lead, develop, and advocate for women of African descent as they support their families and communities.”**

**Welcome New Members & Guests** – DeShay Collier

**October General Minutes Approval** – The motion to approve the agenda with additions as presented was made by Catherine Lewis and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn Hobbs

**Financial Report** – Valerie Williams, Treasurer & Dr. Kim Hickman, Financial Secretary

**October 1 – 31, 2023**

**Operating Account:** October 2023 beginning balance of \$49,778.63 with an ending balance of \$75,562.78. **MLK Breakfast Account:** October 2023 beginning balance of \$49,623.12 with an ending balance of \$29,683.88.

**Scholarship Account:** October 2023 beginning balance of \$33,255.80 with an ending balance of \$3,756.08.

**Announcements/Information: President, Ethel Robinson**

- a. Color Purple, The Musical is scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2023. The movie begins at 4:00 PM. There will be a raffle sponsored by NCNW with 2 gift cards and the Delta with 3 gift cards.
  - b. Picture Day – Is scheduled at our next general membership meeting, Saturday, December 16, 2023, at 8:00 AM, at the council house until further notice. The attire is black, NCNW stole, and Pearls.
  - c. Ralph Young Scholarship – Dr. Sharon Brown and Rose Mack, chairpersons. Mentors, please sure you are reaching out to your college mentees.
  - d. National will begin to charge a late fee after January for late dues. The SPMS section will start a late fee charge for dues. Date TBA.
  - e. Politics (Elections) – as an organization, we cannot represent, support, etc., a candidate. You must support as an individual.
2. **Committee Reports/Social Media** – Thelma Bruce;
- a. Good Health WINS (Women’s Immunization Networks) – Vaccinations (Shingles & Flu) will be available at the council house on Saturday, November 4, 2023, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Invite members, family, and friends to get their shots.
  - b. Thanksgiving GiveAway – is part of the Good Health WINS Project
  - c. Monthly schedule:
    - i. December – Winter Wonderland for Tots; Pat McGhee, Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at the Frank Cubby Hall from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Age group 5 – 12 years old. Bring a toy to cover your entrance fee or pay a cash donation. Looking for a location for rehearsals (local). Volunteers are welcome. Label your unwrapped gift boy or girl along with the age

group on the tag as well. You may contact Pat McGhee for more information.

- ii. January – MLK Breakfast; Rene Flower, Chair, and Lynn Harrell Johnson, Co-Chair
  - iii. February
    - 1. Black History Month – need a chairperson.
    - 2. Tea – DeShay Collier and Gabrielle Lambert, chairpersons
  - d. Social Justice Committee – Chair, Jacqueline Hubbard, Valerie Williams, Sharion Thurman-Reeves, Catherine Lewis, Carolyn Wilson, Tamara Felton-Howard, June Kicklighter Peterman, Christine Smith, Thelma Bruce, Lavonda S., Pauline Robinson, C. Clark, and Shirley Jones. The committee discussed at their meeting, what social justice means to NCNW, the homeless, hungry, education, voter's rights; and getting people to vote (educate, register, go to vote). Each member or two was assigned a section to reach out to our community. Everyone will report on their assigned area.
  - e. Mentors – a Zoom meeting is scheduled for December.
- 3. **Black Pearls** – Black Pearls – Cynthia Jenkins, Youth Director; Thank you to the members of NCNW SPMS who supported the girls with candy for the Oktoberfest. On November 9, 2023, the girls will attend Eckerd College to hear the president of Benedict College, Roslyn Carter Artis. They also attend a workshop with Tawana Monroe “How to become an effective leader”. The girls will deliver personal hygiene products to the residents at West Minister. Please continue to support the Black Pearls.
  - 4. **Dues/Assessments/Membership Updates** – DeShay Collier; National dues are \$50.00, Local dues are \$55.00, and we have two Assessments, one in October for \$50.00 and the other is due in March for \$50.00. The SPMS section now has 24 Legacy Life and 25 Life members. If you are interested in becoming a Legacy Life member the cost is \$1,000 or a life member, it's \$500.00. Contact DeShay Collier for further details.
  - 5. **Benevolence/Birthdays** – Bridgett Talbert; Happy Birthday to our November members. A card was mailed out to Valerie McGarrah for the passing of her sister, and a resolution was sent to Georgia. A card and resolution were given to Lawson Funeral Home for Dr. LaDonna Butler's father-in-law. His service will be at Bethel Community Church, on November 25, 2023, at 11:00 AM. The NCNW attire is black with a stole.
  - 6. **New/Old Business** –
    - a. Website – visit and register the section new website
    - b. Certificate of Compliance was fulfilled. We received the certificate from Florida State Coalition.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:24 AM

Closing Prayer: Shirley Thornton

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Beverly Mitchell-Brown, Recording Secretary

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Ethel Robinson, President