

St. Petersburg Metropolitan Section
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
December 16, 2023
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Call to Order by President Ethel Robinson at 9:20 AM

Invocation led by Georgia Thomas

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

November General Minutes Approval – The motion to approve the agenda with additions as presented was made by Sandra Patterson and 2nd by Catherine Lewis

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

November 1 – 30, 2023 – omitted, but will be available on the section website

Operating Account:

MLK Breakfast Account:

Scholarship Account:

Announcements/Information: President, Ethel Robinson

- a. President Ethel Robinson gave her thank you to Rene Flower for finding the location at Maximo Presbyterian Church for this month’s meeting and section pictures.
 - b. President Robinson encouraged every member to log into the section website for important information on the section.
 - c. Color Purple Movie – the section had a fantastic time watching The Color Purple Musical. Our very own member Taneka Dixon won one of the raffles.
 - d. Ericka Dunlap Event – Please contact President Robinson if you’re interested in attending this event on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Mahaffey Theatre.
 - e. Delta Sigma Theta presented the “Purple Rising” to President Robinson.
 - f. Collard Green Festival – Apostle Ada Davis will Chair this event, scheduled for Saturday, February 17, 2024. If you’re interested in serving on this committee, please contact Apostle Ada Davis.
 - g. Valerie McGarrah – shared a special moment of the loss of her sister. During this time of loss, NCNW made her feel very special and loved because the section reached out to her during this time. Reach out to someone because you may never know what someone may be going through, especially to our African American sisters.
 - h. Special Prayer – the section took a moment of silence for prayer led by Lucy O. Williams.
 - i. Tea – DeShay Collier and Gabrielle Lambert, Co-Chairs. The event will take place on Sunday, February 25, 2024 at Westminster. More information will follow.
 - j. Day at the Capital – Attorney Tamara Felton-Howard; scheduled for Thursday, February 29, 2024, a charter bus will be provided, lunch, and a question/answer section with senators. The event is estimated at \$85.00 - \$100.00 per person for one day.
2. **Committee Reports/Social Media** – Thelma Bruce; Thank you to everyone (all the sisters of NCNW) who sent cards, text messages, or stopped by for a visit during her stay at the Westminster.
- a. Collard Green Festival – Apostle Ada Davis, Chair. Saturday, February 17, 2024
 - b. Tea – DeShay Collier & Gabrielle Lambert Co-Chairs, Sunday, February 25, 2024
 - c. ASALPH Event – Guest speaker (TBA), February 4, 2024
 - d. Human Trafficking – February 2, 2024, at 6:00 PM, Pat McGhee, Chair, NCNW partnering with Delta Sigma Theta will present this event.

3. **Sergeant at Arms** – Georgia Thomas, gave a thank you to everyone for a good meeting with no accidents or no one being out of order.
4. **Technologies** – Lynn Harrell Johnson; members can now pay their dues online beginning in January 2024. Members can send pictures from our section events to Lynn, which will be posted on the section website. Also, members can update their profile, interest, and business on the website as well. Lynn Harrell Johnson gave an appreciation love to Patrice Moore. Zoom is recurring, but the meeting location and time will no longer be emailed. An email will go out if the time location is different.
5. **MLK Breakfast** – Please see Valerie Williams for tickets. President Robinson asked each member of our section to please purchase at least two tickets to breakfast. Rene Flower, Chair, reports the committees are doing a great job completing their tasks. Set up for the breakfast will be Sunday, January 14, 2024, at 8:00 PM at the Coliseum. We have 88 tables to set up. The program will start on time to allow the parade participants to make it to the lineup. The book signing for Eddie Glaude will be announced. The MC for the program will be Erica Riggins. The attire for our section members is black with your stole. For the breakdown after the breakfast, we have a committee, but we are asking every member to pitch in and help. Rene gave a thank you to everyone serving on the committee.
6. **Black Pearls** – Black Pearls – Cynthia Jenkins, Youth Director; The Black Pearls are working on a video with Valerie Williams and they will participate in the MLK Breakfast. The following members sponsored a Black Pearl who was not able to get a stole (\$35.00): Annie Killen, Valerie McGarrah, Marcea McFarland, and Beverly Mitchell-Brown.
7. **Dues/Assessments/Membership Updates** – DeShay Collier; in the last two weeks 4 members joined our section. 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.
8. **Benevolence/Birthdays** – Bridgett Talbert; Happy Birthday to our December members. Please keep the Kicklighter family in your prayers for the passing of Samuel Kicklighter.
9. **New/Old Business** – President Robinson received a thank you card from Ms. D. Walker for her Thanksgiving basket. Jacqueline Wilson also gave thanks to the section for their support of the Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway. Winter Wonderland is rescheduled for April (Easter)

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 AM

Closing Prayer:

Beverly Mitchell-Brown, Recording Secretary

Ethel Robinson, President