**Chicago Conference WMS Officers Conference Call Meeting**

November 4, 2019 at 7pm | (408) 317-9253 code: 170698271

**MEETING NOTES**

*(This document captures conversations DURING the call AND actions taken after the call.)*

Called to Order at 7:02 pm (opening prayer: Kelly Shelton)

Mission Statement

Roll Call of Officers

2nd VP Maxine Tisdale (present)

3rd VP Patricia Nettles (present)

Recording Sec Mae Alice White (present)

Asst Rec Sec Stephanie Swilley (excused)

Corresponding Sec Gaylis Shakir (present)

Parliamentarian Ella Austin (absent)

Treasurer Jondelle Jenkins (absent)

YPD Director Kimberly Jackson (present)

Historiographer/Statistician Darlene Reynolds (present)

Member-At-Large Ninfa Robinson (present)

Worship Leader Sadie Brooks (absent)

PME Director Mia Speed (present)

Chicago Area Chair Awaiting response

North Area Chair Denise Baring (present)

South Area Chair Shanda Gammage (absent)

West Area Chair Savonya Rogers (present)

Appointments

1st VP Patricia Brooks (present) yes

NW Area Chair Mary Curtis *(excused)*

Conference Year Goals

No Poverty | Zero Hunger | Good Health & Well-Being | Quality Education | Gender Equality | Clean Water

***need to QUANTIFY our work***

Conference Projects *(1st VP will keep us informed and updated as these projects progress)*

**Shaping for Success** (our mentoring program)| *Gender Equality – Good Health & Well-Being – Quality Education*

Encouraging a program in each Area, at a minimum, to foster self-esteem among young people.

**Village of Pembroke** (addressing the needs of one of the most impoverished areas of the nation) | *No Poverty – Clean Water – Zero Hunger*

Meeting held with Pembroke leadership (Mayor, School District Superintendent, Fire Chief, etc.) on 11/4/19 at Operation PUSH headquarters. More information to follow.

**The Crown Act** [www.thecrownact.com](http://www.thecrownact.com) (**C**reating a **R**espectful and **O**pen **W**orld for **N**atural Hair) a movement to address unfair grooming policies that have a disparate impact on Black women, men and children) | *Gender Equality – Good Health & Well-Being*

Encourage members, family and friends to sign the on-line petition. Need to capture how many have signed. On the call, we were asked to check for a deadline – there is no deadline noted on the website, but we can consider a target of December 31st to have 1,000 e-signatures.

Conference Year - New Plans

>Conference E-mail address (Corr Sec)

*We are establishing a ccwms email address to send communications. This will increase visibility of our messages and help to streamline the communication and transition processes.*

PME Order Goal (PME and 2nd VP)

*An e-mail will go out this week with PME information and we will also direct people to the PME website to answer questions. The Conference has ordered 175 books. We would like to have MORE subscriptions for Chicago Conference, but we will need to let our PME leadership know ASAP if we need more. Orders should be submitted immediately.*

>Writing Workshop (PME, 2nd VP, YPD Dir)

*We will hold a writing institute for WMS and YPD this Conference Year.*

>Sisterly Events (3rd VP and M-A-L)

*The YPD Retreat (Nov 1-3) was a huge success and fostered true sisterhood. We hope to have a retreat and other events to bond us as sisters in missions.*

>Conference Leadership Monthly Calls

*The decision was made to hold our monthly calls on the* ***1st Thursday of each month at 7pm***

>Complete List of Torchlighters (Area Chairs)

*If we can capture the year each Torchlighter was installed, maybe we can celebrate 5, 10, 15, 20 years Anniversaries at Annual Conventions. We will update the Local report to request the list of Torchlighters’ names from each Local society. As TLs are installed once yearly, maybe we can ask for that list to be submitted with the 1st report of the Conference Year.*

**>VOTE ACTION:** 2019 Scholarship – Grad Student

The District did not give a Grad Student Scholarship or Book Stipend in 2019. A miscommunication caused the 4th District Scholarship Committee to solicit applications and hold interviews with Graduate students, but no monies were given to Grad students. There was one applicant from the Chicago Conference and the District Committee recommended a $500 Book Stipend – but the recommendation was not accepted by the District Leadership. Sister Tisdale moved that we provide the $500 book stipend to the student. This motion was seconded by Sister Jackson. We were reminded by Sister Tisdale that because this vote involved the disbursement of funds, a roll call vote was necessary. The results are:

1st VP Patricia Brooks - yes

2nd VP Maxine Tisdale - yes

3rd VP Patricia Nettles - yes

Recording Sec Mae Alice White - yes

Corresponding Sec Gaylis Shakir - yes

YPD Director Kimberly Jackson - yes

Historiographer/Statistician Darlene Reynolds - yes

Member-At-Large Ninfa Robinson - yes

PME Director Mia Speed - yes

North Area Chair Denise Baring - yes

West Area Chair Savonya Rogers -yes

The motion carried. A voucher will be submitted to the Treasurer to have the funds prepared for David Wilson of Grant Memorial.

>2020 Scholarships – Other (Treas and Parl)

Discussion regarding the Conference hosting a scholarship in 2020 - A Conference level scholarship might yield less competition than the District or Connectional scholarships. We can consider having scholarships for high school graduates and book awards to current college students and grad students – focus on YPD – doing this will promote education (one of our goals for the year). This will be referred to the Finance Committee to determine the budget and the structure.

>2023 Quad Fundraising: maybe a Sheroes program and/or a Kids Contest…. Other Ideas

Leadership was asked to think of fundraising ideas and plans

Dates/Events

Conference Executive Board Meeting – December 7, 2019 (Commission Meetings and Establish Committees) NOTE: waiting to hear from St. James (Shonda Gammage) or Bethel Robbins (Ninfa Robinson). We need to announce the Executive Board Meeting ASAP… THIS WEEK!

Connectional Executive Board Meeting – Jan 29-Feb 2 – Houston, TX

NOTE: need walk-a-thon participants | need authors for the Authors Pavilion | Sankofa Jubilee will honor members who were active in 1944 (75th Year Anniversary of the Merger). We believe the Conference MIGHT have one member, Sister Juanita Johnson Abel. We will contact her to confirm and submit her information is applicable. Sisters Shelton, Tisdale and Brooks plan to attend the Executive Board meeting.

Open Discussion

* Spring Exec Board - Saturday, June 6, 2020 – Sister Tisdale volunteered to host at Payne Waterloo, IA
* Kudos to Kim Jackson for the **AWESOME** YPD Retreat!

Announcements

* CC YPD will have 1st Exec Board meeting in February and Norma B. Jones
* CC YPD wants to do a Mock Exec Board with just the officers in January
* CC YPD Operation Christmas Child in December
* Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF is going on now – collect during offering instead of door-to-door – checks payable to CC YPD
* Payne Waterloo – 3rd Sunday in November (Nov 17th) 4pm – Thanksgiving Service for Missionaries
* Payne Waterloo collecting paper goods and filling backpacks for Veterans (caps, gloves, lotion, etc.)

Adjournment: 8:36pm (closing prayer: Maxine Tisdale)