



October 8, 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes from NGCUMM Executive Committee Meeting (October 2024) – **Please Note: The links to the video and audio recordings were malfunctioning at the time these minutes were compiled. Thus, the Secretary relied upon handwritten notes taken at the time of the October meeting.**

1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this memorandum is to record the minutes from the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men Executive Committee’s meeting, which convened on October 08, 2024.

2. **WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, DEVOTION, AND OPENING PRAYER:**

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Georgia Conference United Methodist Men met for its Oct. 2024 meeting on October 08, 2024, via ZOOM. **President Ernest Perry called the meeting to order** at 7:10PM. He then turned the floor over to Tom Morton for him to lead the devotion and prayer. Tom brought us to the LORD and His “Good Book” to discuss “Thanksgiving and Prayer” in Colossians 1:3-12. Brother Perry called for prayer. Chris K. stated his brother-in-law Charlie Craven passed away from stage 4 lung cancer. Ben G. stated that the Associate Pastor at Ackworth, Rev. Andy Witt also passed. Tom M. requested prayer for his sister-in-law in Tampa, FL (hurricane). Ernest P. mentioned that Graylin Williams’s wife, Deborah, died a week ago and that Graylin is part of the “Church’s Scouting Ministry” – he established the charter at Ben Hill. Warren H. suggested we pray for the conference, local churches and homes. Brother Perry led us in prayer.

3. **ROLL CALL:** The next order of business was the Roll Call of attendees. The following individuals were in attendance:

ERNEST PERRY

CHRIS KARABINOS

BEN GREEN

HOWARD EVANS

TOM MORTON

WARREN HEAD

JOHN HOLLEY

JAMES E. WASHINGTON III

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4. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA: At this time, **President Ernest** asked for consideration for the approval of the proposed agenda for the meeting. Tom M. moved that the agenda be approved. James W. III seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for the adoption of the agenda.

5. REVIEW OF THE OCTOBER 08, 2024 MEETING MINUTES: Next, **President Ernest** displayed the minutes from the 08 October 2024 meeting for the benefit of the Body. Ernest thanked Brother Washington efforts. James W. III provided the minutes to Ernest P. who in turn distributed the minutes to the Committee Members via email. Tom M. moved that the minutes be approved. John H. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for the approval of the minutes.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SPECIAL GUEST/S OR VISITORS: **President Ernest** asked for special guest or visitors. None Present

7. TREASURER’S REPORT: **President Ernest** called upon **John Holley** who then shared the financial report. The information reported is as of 08 October 2024. Current balances are reflected below:

(1) Regular Share	Current Balance: \$2,188.44
(2) Checking Account	Current Balance: \$2,244.06
(3) Money Market Savings	Current Balance: \$5,202.80
TOTAL	Current Balance: \$14,293.56

Please note that there was some confusion as to whether these were the appropriate figures to be reported. John H. was to distribute the actual report sometime following today’s meeting.

8. PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

a. Charter Member Update: Brother Perry discussed wanting to detail who’s paid dues. He noted that Bethel has paid dues. He spoke with Ike M. about revising a letter and sending out dues invoices. Ernest P. read a draft copy of the letter highlighting the language regarding support, membership, and use of dues. Ike M. added button to the website enabling the capacity to pay online. Last year 18 of 69 paid.

b. Invite from Women’s State Conference: The meeting was held last Saturday. Ernest P. asked if anyone attended. It was noted that Jessica Godfrey is the current President of the United Women in Faith.

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c. Invite from Wesley Chapel UMM Men's Day Event: Some of their men had made an expression of interest in joining the Executive Board. Brother Perry hoped that we would soon follow up regarding their interest. Additionally, he thanked Warren H. for attending Wesley Chapel's Men's Day. Warren H. cited the many positive aspects of the service.

d. UMM SEJ 2024 Fall Presidents Meeting: Ernest P. will attend the meeting which will be hosted at the Duke University Divinity School November 7th-9th. Brother Perry is scheduled to lead the devotional. He also recounted some of the agenda items.

e. Website Upgrade: Ike M. made some changes to the website. One of them being the addition of the payment button. Ike M. also mentioned that he did what Ben G. requested.

f. Additional Discussion: There was some additional discussion regarding making a 1st Quarter push to get charters financial. Tom M. noted that people are saying that they want further clarity as to exactly what they get for their dues.

9. OLD BUSINESS: None

Note: At this point Brother Perry remarked that we had neglected to pray for Odell H. He's battling cancer and as such Ernest P. led a prayer upon behalf of Brother Odell.

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & MINISTRY REPORTS:

a. Vice President Conference Affairs: Not present

b. Vice President Activities & Retreats: Not present

c. Scouting Coordinator: Chris K. noted that there is recruitment of new members. He specifically mentioned a husband-and-wife team. The wife will chair the next Bishop's "Scout Lunch." Brother Perry inquired about needs for the Atlanta/College Park initiative. Brother Karabinos confirmed such. Ernest P. stated that he's active shaking the bushes in support of scouting.

d. Director of Disaster Response: Brother Green stated that a lot was going on including flooding in South Georgia which is particularly bad in some areas. He mentioned four day trips to feed people in need. He cited that whereas the damage wasn't terrible there was a lack of electricity. Augusta was petitioning for help. Chris K. referenced Scott Parrish and mentioned the link to Espiritus. There was discussion of other ways to donate and UMCOR websites.

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Warren H. said that Rev. Matt Murphy is involved in UMCOR. Ernest P. mentioned the difficulties with our website.

e. Hunger Advocate: No report – but Warren H. expressed concern about Howard E.'s reimbursement regarding Hunger Advocacy. Ernest P. explained there existed a protocol issue. It was then suggested that someone make a motion. Warren H. made a motion for Howard's reimbursement of \$715 for truck rental and fuel. Tom M. seconded the motion. The floor opened for questions with none noted and thus, the motion was approved. Brother Perry will send the paperwork to John H. but cautioned about not following financial protocols.

f. Prison Ministry: Not present

g. Director of Communications: Not present

h. Prayer Advocate/Spiritual Development: No report per se, but Ernest P. mentioned the list.

i. Director of Missions: Warren H. had the opportunity to go out to Trinity. He's been talking to Bonnie Selneck. They took a truckload of men's clothes 20 suits, 25 shirts, 15 pairs of socks, 15 packages of underwear, 5-10 pieces of Winter clothing from Ariel Bowen. He mentioned that other churches are tapped out right now. He cited how nice the clothing closet at Trinity is.

j. Vice President Membership, Organization, Chartering:

Vacant

k. Leadership Development Chairman:

Vacant

l. Treasurer:

John Holley

m. Secretary:

James E. Washington III

n. Director of Evangelism: Not present

o. Hispanic Liaison

Vacant

11. DISTRICT PRESIDENT REPORTS: No report

12. New Business: None

13. Our next NGC UMM Meeting November 12th

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14. Announcements, Questions or Concerns For the good of the order: None

15. CLOSING REMARKS: None

16. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: At this point, at 8:30pm, President Ernest entertained a motion for adjournment. Tom M. moved that the meeting be adjourned. John H. seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote for adjournment.

17. CLOSING PRAYER & SENDING FORTH: With all minds and hearts clear, President Ernest closed the meeting with prayer.

James E. Washington III

Secretary

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