

United Women in Faith UNYC Annual Meeting Minutes

Theme: THE BOLD and THE BRAVE

DATE	OCTOBER 19, 2024
TIME	10:00 AM
WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS	Carmen Vianese, president, welcomed in-person and viewer attendees. Carmen introduced Rev. Richelle Goff to welcome attendees. Carmen acknowledged the presence of 2 Deaconesses at this gathering, Susan Silhan and Connie Glover.
Opening Worship	Opening worship lead by Carmen Vianese

ATTENDANCE – IN PERSON

Tracy Jackson-Adams, Carmen, Vianese, Susan Silhan, Cynthia VanAllen, Betsy Ryan, Peggy Bermudez, Ellen Klock, Kim Snyder, Carol Richardson, Vicki Willis, Karen Ferguson, Pat Klingman, Lori Lorraine, Marthelyn Sweet, Sheila Rader, Karen Rood, Cathy Jeffers, Alice Learn, Dawn Zopp, Susan Arney, Laurie Perry, Carolyn Wrinn, Ruth Hazen, Jan Rothfuss, Joni Lincoln, Melanie Keith, Joanne Bater, Joan Mullings, Lorraine Rieck, Carol Christensen, Jennie Guy, Rev. Richelle Goff, Sue Striegle, Jane Tucker, Beth Merkle, Amanda Gasse, Conne Glover, Mary Anjo, Sharon Miner, Amanda Smith-Lucier Sr, Sharon Clairmont, Alice Trost, Judy Bermudez, Julie Woodruff, June Blakey, Linda Harris, Sharon Wheeler, Diane Roe, Beth Wollever, Marilyn Smith, Marie Smith

Facebook/YouTube viewers: Nancy Rutenber, Sally Grubb, Mary Jane Griffith, Linda Kelly, Illah Sisson-Walser, Beverly Crawford, Valerie Clark

CALL TO ORDER/BUSINESS MEETING

Carmen called the meeting to order.

Recording Secretary, Tracy Jackson-Adams has been voted in for this Annual Meeting.

Roll Call:

Adirondak: 0	Albany: 6	Binghamton: 0	Cornerstone: 0
Crossroads: 3	Finger Lakes: 7	Genesee Valley: 22	Mountain View: 5
Mohawk: 0	Niagara Frontier: 6	Northern Flow: 0	Oneonta: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tracy highlighted the minute from the 2023 Annual Meeting. The full version is available on the UNY UWF website. The minutes were approved and accepted.

REPORTS

Cindy VanAllen presented the **treasurer's report**. (Full report on the UNY UWF website)

Question: Vicki Wills - Albany: the set aside monies - why can't we use those funds towards our pledge? Cindy explained they are invested funds that we don't tap into as they are maturing, CD's, separate funds. Penalties if we remove prior to maturity.

The treasurer presented the budget for 2025. (Budget was included in the program booklet)

Question: Melanie Keith - Albany: noticed that in the 2023 and 2024 transfer to savings account didn't move over to the 2025 budget. Cindy explained that we used those funds this year for NEJ, it came directly from the operating account so transfer was not needed. It will be reflected in 2025.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Mary Anjo - Finger Lakes and seconded by Sharon Clairmont, Albany. Motion accepted. The treasurer presented the pledge to Mission for 2025 at \$75,000.00. A motion was made by Amanda Smith Lucier Sr- Albany and seconded by Jan Rothfuss - Genesee Valley. Motion was accepted.

Updates from NEJ - Sheila Radar - April to June 2028 is the timeframe for the next NEJ gathering but no place or specific date available yet.

National Office - Carmen mentions that Valerie Clark, out-going Director, National Office, is not with us in person but is live streaming from GA.

Conference Projects - Chairperson, Tammy Nist unable to attend. Treasurer, Tracy Jackson Adams read the report from Tammy and highlighted some of the grant programs. (Attached to the program booklet and on the UNY UWF website)

Question: Where does that money come from? Interest from the initial investment. This is unique to us only - Came from the former Western New York Conference UMW. Given to be used only for the mission work in our local UNY.

Question: Who do you contact for the application* and when is the deadline. Tammy Nist, is the contact and the deadline for 2025 is around May 15th. The Application is also on the website and Tammy usually sends out an email early in the year advising it's about that time for grants to contacts, such as District Presidents that she already has with the application.

Tracy Jackson-Adams presented the Committee on Nominations report with the slate of officers as posted on the UNY UWF website (and in the program booklet). The slate for officers is as follows:

for President, Lori Lorraine - Genesee Valley; Secretary, Peggy Bermudez - Niagara Frontier; Treasurer, Karen Ferguson - Genesee Valley, Chairperson on Nominations, Ellen Klock - Niagara Frontier; Committee on Nominations member, Peggy Bermudez - Niagara

Frontier and 5 vacancies; Committees on Membership, Nurture and Outreach chair, Spiritual Growth chair, and Committee on Social Action chair are vacant. Webmaster is also vacant. There were no nominees from the floor. We also recognize our elected officers for 2025-2028 that will be serving the Northeastern Jurisdiction (NEJ), Sheila Rader as Secretary and for Program Advisory Group (PAG) Marthalyn Sweet. The list for Conference Projects Mission Team 2025 was presented: Chairperson - Tammy Nist-Binghamton, Treasurer, Tracy Jackson Adams - Genesee Valley, members: Lori Lorraine, Valerie Clark, Karen Ferguson, Ilah Sisson-Walser, Suzanne Schuler and Ellen Klock

Carmen stated that the slate of officers and continuing officers and members is before you. The slate was accepted by the body with a resounding "YEA".

Pinning of outgoing officers were made: Carmen Vianese, Tracy Jackson Adams and Cindy VanAllen. Valerie Clark's pin was given to Tracy Jackson Adams to be presented to her.

INSTALLATION AND BLESSING OF OFFICERS
president.

CARMEN VIANESE - outgoing conference

The business meeting has been adjourned.

Motion to end the business meeting was made by Sheila Rader - Niagara Frontier and 2nd by Pat Kiingman - Genesee Valley. So moved.

Sending Forth to lunch - Rev. Richelle Goff

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Announcement - Assembly 2026 will be held in Indianapolis, May 15th - 17th

Carmen Vianese - Biblical Women: Claiming Justice for Ourselves and Our Children
presented as an interactive session (questions posed for discussion in groups).

Text: Ephesians 6:10-17

Mission - donations of children's books from the attendees. They will be divided between the Fairport area and the Rochester area communities within the school systems - prayed over by Carmen

President's Report - embedded into the Closing Worship - Carmen Vianese

Meeting Adjourned

(Several women felt the call to serve and needed to be mentioned in the minutes. The incoming CON Ellen Klock will be in contact with them: Susan Silhan for Webmaster (will have a discussion with Valerie Clark on the position before deciding); Cindy Van Allen for Spiritual Growth Coordinator, Sharon Clairmont for Vice President, Social Action coordinator (Ellen Klock has her name) and Connie Glover as member of Nominations committee. May they all be blessed in answering the call!)

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording secretary,

Tracy Jackson-Adams