

**St. Louis Area Ministers Association (SLAMA)**

**Pastor Tommy Smith, Chairperson**

**Pastor Michael Merritt Sr., Vice Chairperson**

**Pastor Ferrell Roddy, Treasurer**

**Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2020**

**Location: VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING**

**Attendees:**

Mea Epps David Winslow Donna Roddy Tommy Smith Harlem Burrow Michael Merritt

Vernon Tharpe Dorian Hall Brian Mack Miki Merritt Douglas Parham

1. **Prayer:** The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Tommy. Opening prayer by Vernon.
2. **Minutes:** Minutes read by Michael, correction (Mike 37 wedding anniversary), accepted by David, second by Donna

**3. Reports:**

**MAYCOG:** None

**Picnic:** None

**Outreach:** Vernon request prayer for Charles Wilkins. He sends the daily Bread of Life.

**Hospitality:** Hospitality decided not to send out Christmas gifts due to pandemic. Committee decided to reevaluate doing something in January or February. Hospitality provided monies to Pastor Nelson and Pastor Prude during sickness.

**Financial:** David will meet with the Treasure by the end of year to discuss transition.

**Education:** None

4. **Old Business:** SLAMA waiting on EIN number and Article of Incorporation to complete 501(3c). Richmond Height – Church of God is SLAMA 501(3c) home office.

Chairman called a meeting with Vice-Chairman and David to discuss Unity Service logistics. Unity Service Pre-Recorded January 16, 10:00 a.m. at Kinlock Church of God. Unity Service will broadcast January 31, 3:30 p.m. on ZOOM and Facebook.

5. **New Business:** Chairman discuss with Officer to award Pastor Ferrell Roddy for the 28 years serving SLAMA as the Treasure (Retirement). Members agreed to a gift of \$500.00.

SLAMA Officers election is January 23, 2021. Election committee members are Mea and Harlem.

6. **Education:** None

7. **Announcements:** Market Avenue – COG Drive-Up Toy Drive and Luncheon, Dec 22, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Chairman requested official request for the amount of funding from SLAMA.

Richmond Heights – COG Christmas Eve Communion 6:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

8. **Offering:** None

**Prayer Request:** Pastor Burrows: Sister Cookie is hospitalized. Cookie sister passed last week.

Pastor Parham: Dennis Williams is hospitalized. Dennis is a Minister candidate in MO. Dennis and spouse have COVID.

Chairman: Minister Ronald Bell Family, Vernon and Wife

Pastor Winslow: Venita Mother, Venita and Family

Pastor Miki prayed for the request.

9. **Adjournment:** Chairman - 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by Chairman Tommy Smith