



WESTCHESTER COUNTY (NY) CHAPTER  
OF  
THE LINKS, INCORPORATED  
COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

**COMMITTEE/FACET NAME:** Arts Facet

**MEETING DATE AND TIME/ATTENDEES:**

Meeting was held via teleconference on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 (rescheduled from December 10) at 9:00 – 9:45 pm EST

Attendees: Link Ginger McKnight-Chavers, Link Priscilla Dixon, Link Marilyn Price, Link Michelle Weston, Link Louise Quick-Spann

Arts Facet Meeting Dates (as needed & subject to reschedule): September 10, 2019; October 8, 2019; November 12, 2019; December 10, 2019; January 14, 2020; February 11, 2020; March 10, 2020; April 14, 2020.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

1. Arts Facet Budget

1. Arts Facet members discussed the Arts Facet budget for the next program year. After experiencing a cut from \$7,000 to \$4,000 this year, the facet agreed that any additional cuts will make it difficult to re-launch our Classics Through the Arts program with our proposed new partner, Dance Theatre of Harlem (regarding which we anticipate at least \$1,000 annual commitment), meet our continuing obligations of at least \$1217 to In an Arts State of Mind, and continue to sponsor arts exhibition outings, Broadway outings and sponsorship/coordination of the cultural component of the college tour. The facet will communicate these constraints when budget discussions commence in early 2020. As most of the facet's expenditures occur in the second half of each program year, this may lead to an impression that we do not utilize the funds we have been allocated.

2. CTA: Classics Through the Ages (National)

1. Link Ginger updated the Facet regarding her successful meeting with the Executive Director of Dance Theatre of Harlem, Anna Glass, the head of the Dance Theatre of Harlem School, Robert Garland, the head of development as well as other senior DTH representatives on November 21. DTH is very excited to partner with us in this program initiative, and we discussed ways in which to implement the program, including organization of demonstration/workshop/performance programs similar to the prior program we sponsored for DTH at New Rochelle High School, and the sponsorship of two young dancers, each age 12, that we would sponsor under the mentorship objectives of the program. They identified two promising young dancers in the pre-professional ballet program at DTH School whom they would like to continue in the program through high school graduation, but who are unable to meet the financial and other obligations of the program. They believe they can raise scholarship funds for the girls' school tuition but the girls are unable to keep up with the pointe shoe/equipment/costume and other significant expenditures faced by dance students, which they very conservatively estimate to be at least \$500/student each year.

2. The Facet is interested in moving toward an MOU with DTH as our Classics Through the Ages partner and is interested in sponsoring the two dancers at \$500 each, and follow/support/provide performance/workshop/mentor/mentee and other opportunities for them through their next six years in the DTH program in the manner set forth in the program guidelines.

3. Link Ginger indicated that she will submit the Chapter Participation Form notifying National regarding our continued participation in CTY and the change in our partner organization by the due date of December 31
3. Young Masters/Young Master Writers Competition
  1. Link Ginger confirmed that she submitted our notification of intent to participate in the expanded Young Masters competition by December 15. Each chapter can submit up to four entries in writing, dance, music and/or theatre, and the competition submission deadline is March 31.
4. National Poster Arts Competition
  1. Link Ginger confirmed that she received the competition guidelines for the 2020 National Poster Arts Competition. The facet agreed that we desire to participate in the competition and Link Ginger confirmed that she will submit our chapter participation form by the December 31 deadline.
5. Spring activities
  1. Depending upon budget after taking into account college tour, Facet discussed exploring tickets to "To Kill a Mockingbird" as a Broadway theater event for students during 2020.
  2. Facet members will look into opportunities to sponsor an arts exhibition outing at the Neuberger, MoMA or other venue during 2020 and confer at our January conference call.

**ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: No**

**MOTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER:** (Please fill out the Motion form and provide a copy to the Recording Secretary) None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm; Next meeting will be January 14, 2020, 9:00pm.

**Submitted by: Ginger McKnight-Chavers**

**Date: December 18, 2019**