



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, February 11, 2020 at 9:00 – 10:00 pm EST

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

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. In an Arts State of Mind in collaboration with the Wartburg & the Clay Arts Center.
  1. Link Priscilla attended the February In an Arts State of Mind session and reported that when she and other Links arrived, they learned the session was cancelled because patients are under medical quarantine.
  2. It was suggested that a key contact from the Links check in during the week prior to each session to confirm whether session will still take place; determine some sort of contact chain or mechanism to notify Links before they arrive at the Wartburg.
2. Arts Facet 2020-21 Budget
  1. Facet discussed implications of reduction of budget to \$3,000 on next year's programming.
3. Philadelphia college tour
  1. Link Ginger shared information circulated by Link Terry confirming the 4/7 or /7-8 dates of the proposed Philadelphia college tour that were shared with school/students/parents.
  2. Link Ginger shared information from the African American Museum in Philadelphia. They tentatively are available on April 7 to accommodate a one-hour guided tour (self-guided option also available). Cost is \$9/student and \$11/chaperone – one free adult admission provided for every 10 students. Self-guided tours are \$2 less. The museum also can provide workshops in conjunction with tours if desired. The museum contact provided detailed information to Link Ginger via email and a contact link once we are ready to reserve the date.
  3. Link Ginger also confirmed that two exhibitions will be up at the museum on the proposed date(s) of our visit, one of which relates to youth participation in the civil rights movement.
4. Young Masters Competition (EA)/Young Master Writers Competition (National)
  1. Link Ginger updated that she has continued to experience difficulty obtaining feedback/potential entrants from our school contacts regarding students to enter into the competition(s). Link Ginger confirmed that she will reach out to Link MaryFrances, who is on leave, and personal contacts at New Rochelle High School, in addition to continuing follow-ups at Executive Committee and with facet chairs. Others agreed to continue to reach out to their contacts with ITS, STY, etc as well. Link Ginger confirmed she will also reach out to Dance Theatre of Harlem regarding potential young

dancers to enter into the expanded contest, which now covers theater, dance and music in addition to writing.

2. Link Ginger updated that she recently received information from National regarding a Young Master Writers Competition, which appears to be different from the Eastern Area competition we have participated in in the past. Link Ginger agreed to follow up with national to clarify and determine if we can submit writer entrants – if we have any – to both competitions.

5. National Poster Arts Competition

1. Link Ginger updated that she has continued to experience difficulty obtaining feedback/potential entrants from our school contacts regarding students to enter into the competition(s). Facet members agreed to do same outreach to generate student entrants as with Young Masters Competition.

6. CTA: Classics Through the Ages (National)

1. Link Ginger updated the Facet that she has continued to follow up to progress program partnership and is awaiting confirmation that the two identified students will be continuing in the pre-professional program, as well as other information and proposed partnership ideas being generated by Dance Theatre of Harlem. She will follow up again following the facet meeting for an update.
2. It was suggested that, as Link Ginger has extra tickets to the April friendship event at the Dance Theatre of Harlem company performance, if we move forward with the sponsorship of the two dancers, we could enable them to attend the event. In response to questions regarding whether the young dancers have an opportunity to see the company perform, Link Ginger relayed her past experience as a parent of a student in the pre-professional program, the young students often perform and are utilized as ushers and greeters at company events, but she will confirm whether these students will have an opportunity to attend the performance.

7. Broadway theater event

1. To date reasonable tickets are still available for a potential May student outing to see To Kill A Mockingbird on Broadway. However, we still have not received feedback or expressions of interest from other facets, and it will depend on availability of funds.

**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 10:00pm; Next meeting will be March 10, 2020, 9:00pm.

**Submitted by: Ginger McKnight-Chavers**      **Date: February 17, 2020**