



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 Monday, November 12, 2018 at 9:00 – 10:00 pm EST

Attendees: Link Ginger McKnight-Chavers, Link MaryFrances Perkins, Link Priscilla Dixon, Link Terry Joyner, Link Lisa Stenson Desamours

Arts Facet Meeting Dates (as needed & subject to reschedule): September 11, 2018; October 15 (rescheduled from October 9), 2018; November 12, 2018 (rescheduled from November 13); December 11, 2018; January 8, 2019; February 12, 2019; March 12, 2019; April 9, 2019.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

1. In an Arts State of Mind in collaboration with the Wartburg & the Clay Arts Center.
  1. Recent In an Arts State of Mind session had 8 participants; 6 Links members attended.
  2. Link Terry will attend the Wartburg's volunteer recognition dinner on November 14, where the chapter will be recognized for the program.
  3. The next In an Arts State of Mind session will be held on December 8, following the caroling.
2. Java and Jazz, Surf Club, New Rochelle, May 19, 2019
  1. Link Michelle and Link Ginger have reached out to artists from last year re participation in Java and Jazz again in May. Joyce Williams and Tafa have expressed interest to date. Link Ginger will follow up with Link Michelle and Link Earlene (who agreed to contact Alonzo Adams as a replacement for Marion Howard) re other artists.
  2. Java and Jazz committee arranging for a walk-through of the Surf Club venue after Thanksgiving to confirm layout/space considerations for artists.
  3. Link Ginger confirmed the Java and Jazz committee's interest in including our National Poster Arts Competition winner, Maya Cole from New Rochelle High School, as a young artist at the event
3. Young Master Writers Competition (National)
  1. Arts Facet submitted three student essays into the Young Master Writers Competition. Our candidates are Michael Mitchell, Justin Marlow and Mbaba Sow of Woodlands High School. Link Ginger followed up again regarding the status of the competition, but received no response from the competition contacts.
  2. Link Terry informed Arts Facet that she learned this is an Eastern Area competition, and she will follow up with the region at the next chapter presidents call/meeting.
4. Regional Arts Webinars/Meetings
  1. Link Ginger agreed to share information with Link Terry regarding regional Arts Facet conference calls and webinars, and any materials/slides/powerpoint presentations she receives from the region, as the chapter presidents are not cc'd on this information.
5. CTA: Classics Through the Ages (National)
  1. Link MaryFrances recently contacted the director of the Mt Vernon Performing and Visual Arts Magnet School's String Orchestra's, who expressed a continuing interest in participation in CTA, though they still have not signed the MOU forwarded to them in early 2018.
  2. Link MaryFrances and Link Ginger will contact the school principal to determine if she still has the MOU and other materials forwarded to her earlier in the year, and to set up a meeting for the week after Thanksgiving.
  3. The facet agreed that if we are unable to get the MOU signed before our December meeting, particularly in light of our substantial contribution to the String Orchestra during the last program year, we will consider adopting another arts program in place of the string orchestra.

4. Arts facet members will think of potential alternatives in the meantime, and discussed opera groups such as Opera Noir or contacting Link Karen Hill about the group that performed at New Rochelle High School. Other alternatives included ACT-SO.
6. Student College Tour/Related Arts event/tour.
  1. The facet discussed interest in sponsoring the STY student tour of colleges and accompanying museum tour or other arts activity again during this program year. Awaiting further details from STY re time/locations contemplated for April 2019 during spring break – this year a one-day trip is being considered.
7. Brooklyn Museum, Souls of a Nation exhibition.
  1. Link MaryFrances will check the Woodlands calendar and discuss with Mr Vaccaro and Mr. Smith taking the LIFE students to see the exhibition in Brooklyn. Link Ginger has already contacted the museum and will help facilitate trip details once a date is determined for December or January before the exhibit leaves 2/3.
  2. Link Terry suggested that Link MaryFrances also contact ITS/Link Jackie to make sure this event does not conflict with their program dates.
8. Charles White exhibition at MoMA. The facet discussed a potential friendship activity for the Links in December. Link Ginger will follow up with the museum regarding possibilities and dates.
9. To Kill a Mockingbird theater event
  1. Potential ITS/STY event. Previews begin 11/1, Play opens December 13.
  2. Link Jackie followed up with Mr. Vaccaro at the Woodlands and Link Jackie, and they are very interested in attending the play. A Wednesday matinee – potentially May 22 – was discussed to take 30 students to see the play.
  3. Link Jackie confirmed that \$46 Balcony Left tickets are available for the matinee performance on May 22. The school needs a month's advance notice to reserve a bus.
  4. Link Ginger will contact Link Donna regarding whether she will be able to assist with obtaining tickets, as she did last year.
10. Link Terry inquired regarding follow-up/feedback from last year's trip to see A Bronx Tale. Link Jackie described discussions led by Mr. Vaccaro with the students on the bus following the play.
11. Link Terry informed the facet regarding the request for Thanksgiving volunteers at Mt. Hope and regarding the limited number of tickets still available for sale for Fabulation.
12. Link Terry informed the facet regarding the program meeting on 11/27. Link Ginger agreed to work on a program report from the facet for 2017-19.

**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 December 11, 2018, 9:00pm.

**Submitted by: Ginger McKnight-Chavers**      **Date: November 12, 2018**