



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, October 8, 2019 at 9:00 – 10:00 pm EST

Attendees: Link Ginger McKnight-Chavers, Link Lisa Stenson Desamours, Link Priscilla Dixon, Link Michelle Weston, Link Terry Joyner

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 Ginger updated the facet that the proposed Day of Pampering planned for October 12 had been cancelled, due to insufficient volunteers during the holiday weekend.
2. Eastern Area/National arts program initiatives
  1. Link Ginger updated the Facet regarding the information discussed during the September 8 Eastern Area arts program call, and the Arts Facet conference call last month, regarding the upcoming changes/expected toolkit updates for the Young Master Writers Program, Classics Through the Ages and Poster Arts Competition she will share as soon as received from the Eastern Area and National. She also updated the Facet re other matters discussed during the EA arts call, including the upcoming Literary Links Salon (a virtual book club), cultural support of HBCU's and an Arts Awareness Month in April 2020.
  2. Link Ginger corresponded with the area representative by email, who provided the following arts program initiative information as an update:
    1. The Young Masters Writers Program will be enhanced with the addition of Drama, Music and Dance. A revised tool kit will be distributed prior to our October 13th meeting
    2. We are in the process of constructing The Literary Links Salon, a virtual book club. Link Sisters would receive a discount on the selected manuscript and a book signing would be the culminating event. We would have a virtual portal where Sisters who could not attend the live event could participate virtually. We will be announcing our first selection shortly.
    3. We will provide enhanced area specific tool kits for Classics Through the Ages and The Poster Arts Contest
    4. We will focus on the cultural economy with our HBCU students
    5. We will have Arts Awareness Month in April 2020. Chapters/clusters are encouraged to produce events i.e museum tours and membership drives. theater parties, attend the ballet with your CTA scholars or host a reception for your Poster Arts participants.
  3. November 2 "Harriet" Screening
    1. Link Ginger updated regarding the finalized plans for the fundraiser screening of "Harriet" in Port Chester on November 2 at 9:30am in conjunction with the Westchester

chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta. A Q&A with Link Karen, Director of the Harriet Tubman Home, will occur prior to the screening.

4. CTA: Classics Through the Ages (National)

1. Facet continued discussion of suggestions for new arts partners to launch a CTA initiative, since we did not receive responses from the Mt Vernon performing arts high school.
2. Opera Noire was discussed as a potential partner. Link Lisa's prior suggestion of Dance Theatre of Harlem was discussed and preferred as a potential partner, given our past relationship with the organization, including the successful program and reception at New Rochelle High School we sponsored, and our attendance at annual DTH performances as a friendship activity. Next step to follow up with Roberto, our contact at DTH who worked with us on the New Rochelle program and our group ticket purchases.

5. MoMA re-opening/Bettye Saar Tour

1. MoMA re-opening in October, including an exhibition of African-American artist Bettye Saar through January 2020. Consider a student tour – Link Ginger will reach out to her MoMA contacts for more information to share with ITS & STY and commence discussion of potential tour.

6. Broadway theater event

1. Depending upon budget after taking into account college tour, Facet discussed sponsoring another Broadway theater event with students during 2020.

7. College Tour

1. The proposed Philadelphia college tour discussed during the last program year will likely be take place during the April 6-10 timeframe. Once details are confirmed, Arts Facet will explore a Philadelphia African American museum tour in connection with this trip, if possible.
2. Facet also discussed Barnes Museum, though African American museum preferred. Facet also discussed reaching out to current students at U Penn with whose parents Links have contacts, including Link Raquel Oden, to speak to students during tour.

8. Miscellaneous

1. Link Ginger mentioned collector Bernard Lumpkin's collection of African American art on display at Concordia College in Bronxville as a potential tour or friendship event.
2. Link Terry reminded the facet regarding the completion of student evaluations after events and the need to provide goals of what the Facet desires to achieve during the program year.

**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 10:15pm; Next meeting will be November 12, 2019, 9:00pm.

**Submitted by: Ginger McKnight-Chavers**

**Date: October 14, 2019**