



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, September 10, 2019 at 9:00 – 10:15 pm EST

Attendees: Link Ginger McKnight-Chavers, Link Kellye Davis, 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. 2018-19 Program Year updates
  1. Ended program year with "Be More Chill" Broadway theater outing, Submission of entrant into EA Young Master Writers competition, and Java & Jazz management of artist vendors. Discussed that YMW competition results not yet released, and comments/ideas on enhancing artist vendor sales and traffic at next Java & Jazz event, including placement of vendors and notices to audience to maintain traffic throughout the event.
  2. Discussion of decrease in approved budget applicable to 2019-20 to \$4,000 from \$7,000.
  3. Link Ginger updated, for communications purposes, that arts facet members, Link Earlene and Link MaryFrances, are on leave this program year, and that Link Sandi will be involved with a different facet. They should not be on this year's distributions, but members on leave should be added back to the distribution list next year.
2. In an Arts State of Mind in collaboration with the Wartburg & the Clay Arts Center.
  1. Link Ginger confirmed the execution of the agreement suggested by NTS and discussed within the facet last program year to reduce our combined investment in In an Arts State of Mind and reduction of the number of Clay Arts sessions to 8 rather than 12, with 4 Links-led arts or pampering sessions with the residents.
  2. Link Ginger will re-distribute Link Hillary's sign-up sheet for IASOM sessions and encouraged members to sign up for desired sessions as far in advance as possible.
3. Eastern Area/National arts program initiatives
  1. Link Ginger updated that she attempted to participate in the Eastern Area arts program call on September 8, but the call-in information provided by the region was incorrect. The updated call-in information applicable to the upcoming October 13 call and future calls is 712-775-7031. The access code is 387666728 #.
  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.
4. CTA: Classics Through the Ages (National)
    1. Link Ginger requested suggestions for new arts partners to launch a CTA initiative, since we did not received responses from the Mt Vernon performing arts high school.
    2. Link Kellye mentioned Pelham Arts Center and volunteered to reach out to them. Link Ginger will provide information regarding the program requirements and focus on students, African-American students, types of arts programming to explore whether this would be in line with CTA.
    3. Link Lisa suggested connecting with Dance Theatre of Harlem, 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. She suggested reaching out to Roberto, our contact at DTH who worked with us on the New Rochelle program and our group ticket purchases.
  5. Broadway theater event
    1. Link Ginger is following up on whether student discount tickets might be available for To Kill a Mockingbird during this program year, since they were unavailable during the last program year, in case we are able to again sponsor a student theater event.
  6. College Tour
    1. The proposed Philadelphia college tour discussed during the last program year may be executed this year. Once details are confirmed, Arts Facet will explore a potential Philadelphia African American museum tour in connection with this trip, if possible.
  7. Integration with additional facet program initiatives
    1. We will explore with other facets opportunities to expand integrated program initiatives, subject to budget constraints and other facets' ability to share expenses.
  8. "Harriet" screening fundraiser
    1. Discussion of potential joint Westchester Links/Delta Sigma Theta fundraiser screening of the upcoming Harriet Tubman film, set for release in November.
    2. Link Ginger reached out to Link Donna regarding past movie screening fundraiser and contacts. She is currently on leave but assisting in reaching out to movie theaters regarding Saturday morning availability/costs/ability to provide breakfast, as the locale of our past event is no longer in operation.
    3. Link Lisa suggested reaching out to Link Karen Hill, who works with the Harriet Tubman property regarding a discussion related to the film.
  9. Other Arts Program suggestions
    1. MoMA re-opening in October, including an exhibition of African-American artist Bettye Saar. Consider a student tour – Link Ginger will reach out to her MoMA contacts for more information to share with other facets.

**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 October 8, 2019, 9:00pm.

***Submitted by: Ginger McKnight-Chavers      Date: September 16, 2019***

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