

WESTCHESTER COUNTY CHAPTER  
OF  
THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

COMMITTEE REPORT FORM  
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COMMITTEE/FACET NAME: Arts

MEETING DATE AND TIME/ATTENDEES: April 11, 2017; 8:30 – 9:30 PM; Link Lisa Stenson Desamours, Link Priscilla Hambrick Dixon, Link Louise Quick Spann, Link Mary Frances Perkins, Link Ginger McKnight Chavers, Link Sandi Grannum.

ISSUES DISCUSSED: (Please provide a brief summary of each issue discussed.)

Link Lisa acknowledged all Facet members for their work and leadership on the Arts Facet initiatives in the 2016 – 2017 Program Year, including In An Arts State of Mind, Kechie Project, Taraji Henson Event, Java & Jazz Arts Committee, Java & Jazz Communications Committee, STY Young Achievers Trip to Washington, DC and College Tour, Eastern Area Young Master Writers Program, Hidden Figures Film, and Art Beat. She also gave an update of Eastern Area Arts Programming for 2017-18.

The Facet discussed the activities underway this year, and planning for the next Program Year.

Three (3) activities currently underway include:

1. Per the approved Memorandum of Understanding for development as an integrated program between the Arts, National Trends and Services, and Health and Human Services Facets, monthly clay classes are conducted by the Clay Arts Center, to patients with Alzheimer's Disease, at The Wartburg Center, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday morning. Link Earlene arranges sign up by members. Seniors are engaged and communicative, and saw their finished product. In an Arts State of Mind will continue for the 2017-18 program year, with Arts Facet contributing \$1,750.

2. Java and Jazz 2017: The Artists Committee coordinated execution of Contracts with 5 artists. Link Michelle Weston is Chair, Link Ginger is Co-Chair of this Committee. Volunteer list is near completion. Bonded cashiers are being identified. The Communications Committee, chaired by Link Donna, contacted numerous media outlets, and is organizing the journal, and requesting politician letters.

3. Link Quay of STY coordinated with NRHS a trip itinerary, April 10-11, 2017, to take Young Achievers students to visit and tour HBCU Howard University and Georgetown University, and a [guided] tour of the new Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC. The Arts Facet contribution enabled a few NRHS students to travel outside New York for the first time.

2017-2018 Planning Ideas: In addition to In An Arts State of Mind, Take students to Romare Beardon exhibit at the Neuberger Museum, with art workshop; Take students to see Broadway play Sweat; If planned, support another trip to Washington, DC; and a potential fundraiser or panel presentation showcasing authors, heard by students. W/ EA, take students to Sphinx Virtuosi performance at Carnegie Hall, October 13, 2017, 7 PM.

ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: None.

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: None.

MOTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER: None.

Submitted by Link Lisa Stenson Desamours

Date April 24, 2017