



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, 2019 at 9:00 – 10:15 pm EST

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

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. Brooklyn Museum, Soul of a Nation exhibition.
 1. Link Ginger & Link MaryFrances updated the facet on the January 30 outing to the Soul of a Nation: Art in the Age of Black Power exhibition at the Brooklyn Museum. 31 LIFE students attended and were a very engaging group. Link Ginger served as the docent for the exhibition.
 2. Link MaryFrances confirmed that the students have done a writing reflection on the exhibition and will be putting together boards inspired by the exhibition.
 3. Link Terry asked that we have the students do an evaluation of the activity.
 4. Link Ginger agreed to provide photos of the activity.
2. In an Arts State of Mind in collaboration with the Wartburg & the Clay Arts Center.
 1. Link Priscilla provided an update on the recent February 9 session. Four Links were in attendance, and Link Marilyn's two daughters attended as well. The residents made candle holders at the activity.
3. Java and Jazz, Surf Club, New Rochelle, May 19, 2019
 1. Links Ginger and Michelle updated the Facet about the status of the letters and contracts with artists. Link Michelle received the signed documents from Link Terry, and the letters to the four artists who participated last year will go out tomorrow. The artists are Alvin Clayton, Joyce Williams, Tafa and the Dafco African Art gallery. The student artist winner of the National Poster Arts Competition, Maya Cole, will exhibit her art work at the event as well.
 2. Link Ginger and Link Michelle were provided the names of additional potential artist vendors by Link Ginger Waters and will follow up to try to secure at least one additional artists (we lost one artist from last year because she moved). The number of artists will depend on how many the space will accommodate.
 3. Link Ginger updated the facet on her visit to the site. Link Michelle suggested the position of each artist be marked on the floor plan, and indicated that she will reach out to the artists re a site visit before the event.
4. To Kill a Mockingbird theater event
 1. Link Ginger updated the facet re the news received that day from Link Donna that group tickets are not available for the May 22 date we requested to take the Woodlands/LIFE students to see the play. The play likely is not available for group sales until the summer. Link MaryFrances is checking into other potential dates the students may be available.

2. The facet still intends to take 30 students to see a play – STY agreed to cover costs of lunches for the students and the cost of the chaperones. Link Ginger is exploring other plays and special events in case we are unable to take the students to To Kill a Mockingbird on another date. Choir Boy was suggested, though their run is currently schedule to end in March, which is too early for the students' schedules.
3. The facet will consider taking a student group to see To Kill A Mockingbird in September when they return from school.
5. Young Master Writers Competition (National)
 1. Link Ginger shared materials from the Area regarding the 2019 competition, the deadline for which is March 19.
 2. Given the short timeframe, Link Terry will reach out to the young lady from Valhalla who read a poem at the Links scholarship reception, in case she has some poems she has already written that she would be willing to have us submit to the competition. There is not sufficient time to have students we currently work with prepare something, given their upcoming school break and schedules.
6. CTA: Classics Through the Ages (National)
 1. Link Ginger updated the facet that she had reached out to Dr. Evelyn Collins at the Mt Vernon school for the performing arts for a follow-up meeting or call to discuss the parameters of a potential program and the MOU we submitted to them. Link Ginger asked the facet to confirm whether we are still interested in partnering with the school, given the history and reservations expressed in January.
 2. Facet members expressed reservations about continuing to pursue the performing arts high school unless they sign the MOU promptly, considering the amount of time that has passed and our generous donation over a year ago. Link Priscilla suggested we consider ACT-SO, a program the chapter once had a relationship with and arranged for the students to perform at Purchase College.
 3. As next steps, Link MaryFrances suggested that the CTA guidelines and description from National be circulated again to the Facet, and that Link Ginger work to get the MOU signed and a plan confirmed with the high school by our next meeting, otherwise we will seek another partner for the program.
7. College Tour/Sponsorship of an arts experience
 1. Link Terry is scheduled to meet with STY and will have more details regarding the specifics of the college tour at the next executive committee meeting.
8. Arts Facet 2019-20 Budget
 1. The facet discussed maintaining the facet budget at current \$7,000 level. We have only spent a limited portion of our budget so far this program year (\$1350 In an Arts State of Mind commitment, \$55 Brooklyn Museum tour fee). We do not yet have firm expenditure amounts for the Broadway outing, CTY or the college tour this year, as these details for these activities have not been finalized yet.
 2. Link Lisa updated the facet that the finance committee is contemplating allocating \$4,000 for Arts Facet next program year, which amount can be revisited and potentially expanded depending on the success of the upcoming Java and Jazz fundraiser.
 3. The Facet agreed to request a budget of \$4,000 for 2019-20, with the potential to be revisited and increased following Java and Jazz, if possible.

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: Yes

MOTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER: (Please fill out the Motion form and provide a copy to the Recording Secretary)

1. Approval of Arts Facet \$4,000 proposed budget

2. Reimbursement to Link Ginger of \$55 Brooklyn Museum tour fee

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm; Next meeting will be March 12, 2019, 9:00pm.

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