

## **Westchester County (NY) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated**

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*Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service*

### **Chapter meeting - 4/28/2018- DRAFT**

A meeting of the Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was called to order by the President Terry Joyner on April 28, 2018 at 10:05am. A quorum was present. Recording Secretary, Mary L. Graves was present. Attendees: Links Terry Joyner, Linda Bradshaw, Ginger McKnight-Chavers, Earlene Cox, JoAnn Dudley, Barbara Edwards, Dawna Michelle Fields, Hillary Fleming, Sandra J. Grannum, Mary L. Graves, Barbara Gundy, Pricilla Hambrick -Dixon, Karen Hill, Penelope J. Moore, Yolanda Kelley-Cannick, Anika Kahn, Carol Morales- Riggs, Louise Quick Spann, Delores Scott Braithwaite, Mary Spells, Lisa Stenson-Desamours, Quay Watkins, Michelle Weston, and Dianne Young. Alumna Florence Scott attended as well.

### **Call to Order - Link Terry**

#### **NTS - Presentation by Rebecca DeSimone from My Sisters Place**

- Explained how my sister place got its start.
- Human Trafficking was the topic - increased gender base violence; April is Sexual Assault month; USA is one of the main hubs of Human trafficking; 30% of human trafficking are USA men citizens;
- My Sister place has a 90 day residential services stay
- Our chapter is interested in having a partnership with My Sister's Place

### **Linkspiration - Link Terry**

We are blessed to be able to move freely.

**Approval of Minutes - *Chapter minutes for March 24, 2018 and reviewed and voted and passed unanimously. Links Dianne motioned and Link Pricilla seconded.***

### **National Update**

- We have 286 chapters. KD Richmond area outside of Houston, Texas is our newest.
- Our latest charter chapter will be in London, England on 5/26/2018.
- The Call to Assembly is registration extended to May 15th - National Assembly will take place from June 27 to July 1 in Indianapolis.
- Virtual Pumps on the Hill is being held, April 20, 2018.
- Encouraged to participate in upcoming Webinars April and May.
- *5/3/2018 video or static submission for 41<sup>st</sup> National Assembly cost is \$175.00 - general chapter consensus favorable.*

#### **President's Call:**

- Asked Chapter if we are interested in presenting a gift to London chapter. Discussion of suggested amount to spent.
- *General consensus of chartering gift not to exceed \$50.00.*

### **Eastern Area**

- Massachusetts group is chartering on 6/9/2018.
- The 2019 Eastern Area Conference will take place from April 24 - 28 in Atlantic City
- New Links pin has arrived and protocol email to be sent on how to wear pin.
- No Links pins to be worn at ceremonies, only to be worn post ceremony.

### **Local**

- June 24, 2018 African American Heritage Festival, *members unanimously voted*

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- *to participate* - NAACP voter registration drive as well Dental Van.
- St. Jude's Hospital 1 million dollar legacy grant given.

### **Treasurers report - Link Carol**

- Reported on the period from 3/1 - 3/30/2018 (see detailed report on Chapter website)

### **Financial report - Link Lisa**

- 44 members - Reported on the period from 06/15/2017 to 04/14/2018 - (see detailed report on Chapter website)
- Terrilynn Jenkins sent reinstatement check and mandatory fees.

### **Membership - Link Yolanda**

- Thanked members who attended Orientation II.
- Orientation III held May 6, 2018 at Link Quay's home. Asked for new members to attend.
- Timely submission of 2017-2018 Service Hours
- Links Marilyn Price and Terrilynn to return to chapter. No word from Link Brenda Jackson-Butcher.
- Link Joan Lewis Shepard on her second one year leave of absence.
- Link Helen Blackwood resigned
- Link Toya pending transfer from San Diego, CA

### **Scholarship - Link Ginger Waters Grant**

- Discussions regarding a shortfall in their budget. Need monies for their scholarship reception. The Approximate cost to cover reception is \$600.00. Recommendation from executive board is to use \$600.00 from contingency fund to cover cost for the 2018 Scholarship reception. Motion from Link Terry - *22 chapter members voted unanimously to increase scholarship budget by \$600.00 from contingency fund pending if the Finance committee can find it elsewhere in the program year budget.*

### **Bylaws - Link Sandi**

- Thirty-two Bylaw amendments requires two thirds member approval.
- Chapter voted on bylaw amendments - Out of thirty-two proposal (# 23, 26 and 30) were amended and two (#15 and #20) were tabled, pending verification from National regarding ability to have assistant financial secretary and treasurer.
- *24 ballots collected - 2/3's or grater voted yes, abstentions to 14 amendments; no vote to 1 amendment; All amendments passed.*
- The proposed Bylaws changes to bring the Chapter in compliance with National guidelines and/or reflect Chapter updates were reviewed.

### **Strategic Planning - Link Anika**

- Organizational Assessment and Alignment is evaluating programs.
- Participate and understand the purpose and make sure we are in alliance with National
- Smart Goals
- Gave Demographics of population, with health indicators by race.

### **Chapter handbook - Link Dianne**

- June 23, 2018 deliverable.

### **Correspondence - Link Terry**

- Thank you note from Link Marcella Maxwell for our participation in NACCP drive.
- 5/20/2018 Mt. Hope invitation, consecration for deaconess.

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**Announcements:**

- Clay Arts on Tuesdays and Fridays - Reminder about NTS' request for assistance this week with the Koi Bench Project. Dedication Sept 9, 2018. Art State of Mind - May 12<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup> and July 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Alumna Lunch in June hosted by Link Florence Scott - responsible to pay for yourself.
- Art Beat - Link Louise gave handout.
- June 9, 2018 Link Earlene's daughter getting married.
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Link Claudia getting married in Atlanta, GA.

**Organization Effective Moment - Link Mary Spells**

- Keep working and doing the good things that we do.
- Focus was to LISTEN and teach me how to correctly respond.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm

***Respectfully submitted: Recording Secretary, Link Mary L. Graves***