

Westchester County (NY) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated

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Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service

Executive Committee meeting – 3/24/18 - DRAFT

A Chapter meeting of the Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was called to order by the President Terry Joyner on March 24, 2018 at 10:00 am. Recording Secretary, Mary L. Graves was present. A quorum was present. Attendees: Links Terry Joyner, Traci Alexander, Jacqueline Boucher, Linda Bradshaw, Ginger McKnight Chavers, Earlene Cox, Kathie Davidson, Donna Dozier Gordon, JoAnn Dudley, Dawna Fields, Hillary Fleming, Sandi Grannum, Dozene Guishard, Pricilla Hambrick Dixon, I. Javette Hines, Penelope Johnson Moore, Yolanda Kelly Cannick, Anika Khan, Jennifer Lewis, LaTia Martin, Belinda Miles, Joyce Mills Kittle, Carol Morales Riggs, Bettye Perkins, Mary Francis Perkins, Louise Quick Spann, Delores Scott Braithwaite, Mary Spells, Lisa Stenson-Desamours, Quay Watkins, Dianne Young and Alumna Florence Scott attended the meeting.

Call to Order – Link Terry

Linkspiration – Link Terry

Approval of Minutes- chapter minutes for February 24, 2018 were approved. *Motioned by Link Hillary seconded by Link Penelope.*

Chapter Operations – Link Terry

- Monthly Reports
 - Reminder about Facet and Committee Chairs submitting monthly reports by Friday evening of the week prior to meeting
 - Recommitment was requested for on-time submission
 - The template for report format will be resent to ensure consistency
- Correspondence
 - Any notices that members of the Chapter would like to share should also be sent by Friday evening.
- Local
 - Two dental vans took place for the month of March
 - Bright Smiles Bright Futures Award for Colgate Dental Van for Community education and Screenings.

National Update

- The Links, Incorporated and National President Glenda Newell-Harris took part in International Women's Day activities on March 8; our Chapter Link Sister Joyce Turnipseed also participated
- Senator Kamala Harris will be inducted into The Links, Incorporated on April 6
- The Call to Assembly is open – National Assembly will take place from June 27 to July 1 in Indianapolis
- The official Links Pin has been announced; a 10 carat gold version is available for \$449 and a gold-plated version is \$59
 - Guidelines for the appropriate use of the pin have not yet been issued
- Information on upcoming Webinars re: Virtual Pumps on the Hill, Wallet Wise and HIV/STDs & Youth was shared

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- Social Media Guidelines: National will post if they think something is worthy to post from our social media.

Eastern Area

- The 2019 Eastern Area Conference will take place from April 24 – 28 in Atlantic City
- Three members joined NAACP, acknowledgement was sent to Link sisters who answered the call for NAACP membership
- The EA Health Equity Ambassadors Umbrella Missionary took place from March 8 – 10; an update will be shared next month
- The deadline for member participation in the HBCU Initiative is March 24; members are able to designate a particular HBCU if desired, checks are payable to our chapter in amount of \$20.00.

Treasurers report – Link Carol

- Reported on the period from 2/1 – 2/28/2018 (see detailed report on Chapter website)

Financial report – Link Lisa

- Reported on the period through 3/18/2018 (see detailed report on Chapter website)
- Hostess Fees for 2017-2018 and 2017 Java and Jazz is 100% paid
- Dues for 2018-2019 are 100% paid

Membership – Link Yolanda

- Members acknowledged their mother's #knowhername for woman's history month
- April is National Donate Life month
- Submission of 2017-2018 Service Hours is due no later than tomorrow, Sunday.
- New Member Orientation II will take place on April 15th at Link Penelope Moore's home; Orientation III is now May 6th (location TBD)/ Alternate Date is June 3rd if May 6th does not work; both will take place from 3 to 5 pm
- New Member Induction will take place on June 23
- Member status for 2018-2019:
 - Link Sandi Grannum Jefferson is requesting leave of absence
 - Link Joan Shepherd has requested a 2nd leave of absence
 - Link Kellye Davis is requesting leave of absence
 - Links Ruby Sherwood and Linda Bradshaw have requested Alumna status, waiting to hear from National
 - *All motions passed unanimously for leave of absence request.*

White Rose Moments – Link Terry

- Links Tahira and Barbara who were honored at the ACT-SO Breakfast and Link Delores who was honored at Calvary Baptist's Black History Month Celebration

Bylaws – Link Sandi

- The proposed Bylaws changes to bring the Chapter in compliance with National guidelines and/or reflect Chapter updates were reviewed
- The full Bylaws proposal document is posted on the Chapter website
- Link Carol inquired why the Chapter President can arbitrarily appoint Asst. Treasurer or Asst. Financial Secretary. Link Terry responded by reading National's rational, also stating

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appointee is limited in duties and must be bonded.

Arts – Link Mary Francis

- The Chapter is once again taking part in the National Poster Art and Young Master Writer Competition
 - 3 submissions from Woodlands High School for Young Masters Writer Competition have been received. Excerpts were shared with members prior to submission to National.
- Classics Through the Ages poster was shared with the chapter.
 - Mount Vernon Performing Arts Magnet H.S. has been identified as a partner. *Motion by Links Lisa seconded by Javette. Motion unanimously carried.*
 - *Link Terry suggested Arts to provide a MOU*

NTS – Link Hillary

- Need volunteers for Koi Bench Project, looking to finish by September 2018. All extra sessions are at Clay Arts to help make bench.
- Wartburg wants to expand Arts State of Mind with Clay Arts Center
- AARP would like to partner with us – Disrupting Racial Disparities
- NTS presenting next month Human Trafficking as their topic
- NTS will meet again in May or June to begin planning 2018-2018 programming

STY – Link Belinda

- Young Achievers - The “Real Men Talk” event
 - The Malik Fraternity partnered with the Chapter at New Rochelle H.S. and Malik and UBC, WCC& TDYCC partnered with us at the Woodlands H.S. event
- Gateway - Westchester Community College showcasing Tell them we are Rising – Q & A to follow
- Allan Houston workshop followed by the Westchester Knicks game March 23rd
- Remaining programs for the year include:
 - Trip to visit IBM’s Watson in April
 - “A Bronx Tale” Broadway outing on May 23, 2018 with Woodlands students (in collaboration with the Arts Facet)
 - Etiquette Dinner on June 6
 - Cultural and College trip April 3, 2018 to Morgan State and Reginald Lewis Museum

ITS – Link Jackie

- The March 4th trip to the Yonkers Riverside Library was shared
- The UN Youth Conference will be held on Friday, April 27, 2018.

Strategic Plan – Link Joyce Mills Kitrell

- Presented Stage Three– Fund Development and Fiscal Responsibility
- Goal – Operations, ,Membership and Finance
- Forwarding Financial Handbook to members to review

Handbook – Link Dianne

- Asking for members to submit photos as well to add to our handbook.

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Announcements:

- Dental Van dates: April 11th at Greenburg and June 4th Bailey School
- Jennifer Lewis is the Vice President of the Lois Bronz Community Center
- Westchester County Press recognized Links Tahira and Barbara Edwards
- Westchester Magazine featured Link Marylyn Price and Connecting Link Hugh

Organization Effective Moment – Link Mary Spells

- Reminding us to be respectful to your Link sisters

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

Respectfully submitted: Recording Secretary, Link Mary L. Graves