

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

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*Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service*

Chapter meeting – 9/22/18 - DRAFT

A Chapter meeting of the Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was called to order by the President Terry A. Joyner on September 22, 2018 at am. We did not achieve a quorum.

Attendees:

**Linkspiration – Link Terry**

**Call to Order – Link Terry, *motion to adopt agenda***

**Approval of Minutes –**

**Correspondence – Link Donna**

- AKA Chapter Pocket Book Bingo event on September 22
- Wartburg “In an Arts State of Mind” Bench Dedication on September 29
- Welcome of Links National President Dr. Kimberly Jeffries Leonard in Philadelphia on September 30
- Westchester County Press 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 12 (Link Dawna to be honored)
- Greater Hudson Valley Chapter’s “Ladies in Hats” Luncheon on October 22
- Greater Queens Chapter’s Masquerade Ball on October 27

**Presidents report - Link Terry**

- National Assembly update, including National Arts Poster Contest recap
  - The next National Assembly will take place in New Orleans in 2020
- Message of encouragement regarding meeting participation and work underway thus far
- 2019 Area Conference will take place from April 24 – 28 at Harrah’s, Atlantic City
- Reminder about the Karolyn Thomas Book Fair on October 4 and 5
- Reminder about Fabulation assessment; payments are due no later than October Chapter meeting
- Recognition of Link Dawna, Link Javette and Link Ginger on their recent honors and good news
- Review of the remaining Chapter meeting schedule for the year:
  - October 27
  - November 17 (due to Thanksgiving holiday)
  - January 26
  - February 23
  - March 23
  - April 13 (due to Area Conference)
  - May 7 (evening – due to Java & Jazz date and Memorial Day holiday)
  - June 22
- Request that RSVPs for the Wartburg bench dedication be sent to Link Hillary

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**Treasurers report – Link Carol**

- Link Carol reported that there was little transaction activity during the summer months
- She also shared that the Chapter is not in a good position from a financial standpoint which is further exacerbated by the fact that there are two fundraisers planned during this program year
- Reports to the Foundation, our IRS 990 report and other reports due to our National office were filed in a timely fashion
- The Chapter budget must be submitted by October 15; budgetary projections from the Facets and Committees are due by October 7
- Detailed Treasurer report is located on chapter website

**Financial report – Link Lisa**

- Reminder that Hostess fees for the year and the Fabulation fundraiser assessments are payable by October Chapter meeting
- Detailed Financial Secretary reports are located on chapter website

**Membership – Link Terry (in Link Yolanda's absence)**

- With the Chapter's involvement this year in Fabulation and Java & Jazz, it is recommended that we do not take on new members this year
- A new member mentor effort was discussed (also for transfer members)
  - To enrich the experience, two mentors will be assigned
- A Chapter retreat will be held this year; Link Anika and Link Dawna have agreed to be part of the planning
- Reminder about the 1 in 5 requirement; guidelines for this Membership accountability have not changed
- Reminder about the importance of Program and Facet reports in enabling more effective planning for the Chapter (they are also needed as part of the Strategic Planning process)
- Reminder about the requirement for each Chapter member to sign up for at least one Facet
  - Facet meeting dates:
    - Arts: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 9pm
    - ITS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 8pm
    - STY: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 7pm
    - HHS: TBD
    - Scholarship: TBD
    - Membership: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7pm

**Java & Jazz – Link Ginger**

- The date for our next Java & Jazz event is May 19, 2019 and the venue selected is the Surf Club in New Rochelle
- Thanks expressed to Link La Tia for facilitating our ability to secure the venue at a reasonable cost
- The Arts Facet has already begun to identify featured artists
- Other committees/streams of work for the event were identified
- Discussion of whether we should expand the musical portion of the event to a wider array of genres or maintain a traditional jazz focus, including consideration of more of a day party format
- Discussion of the need for a hard copy or virtual journal; Link Priscilla will investigate the costs and implications of a virtual journal

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- Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 25 at 8 p.m. via conference call

**Fabulation Theater Fundraiser – Link Terry**

- The Links Incorporated are now responsible for selling 179 tickets rather than 199
- Reminder to encourage family and friends to attend
- There is a possibility of a Friendship activity at a pub near to the theater; details TBD

**Unfinished Business**

- No unfinished business was identified

**New Business**

- Acknowledgement form for the Code of Ethics affirmation was reviewed; must be submitted by each member by September 30

**Announcements**

- Reminders by Link Terry:
  - It is imperative that we have a quorum at our meetings to allow us to conduct our Links business; encouragement that each member take it upon herself to reach out to members we haven't seen in a while to encourage them to come to meetings
  - We still need a Nominations Chair and Nominations committee members
  - Link Barbara will develop guidelines for our mentoring effort to ensure consistent messaging
  - The tentative date for our Chapter Retreat is March 2019
- Link Jackie mentioned the ITS initiative in support of the UN Declaration of Human Rights ("Rock Your World") on October 21 targeting students from grades 5 -12
  - Goal is create understanding of our rights
  - Link Tahira will be a speaker; Links and Jack & Jill Chapters are invited to participate
- Link Marilyn mentioned several art exhibitions: Neuberger - featuring the photographs of John Scheer; Met – featuring painter Jack Whitten, as well the Black Monoliths series
- Link Traci discussed the Alice Walker "Welcome to Westchester" event on October 10 at New Rochelle HS
- Link Dozene extended thanks for the Chapter's support of the Alzheimer's Walk; donations can be made until the end of December
  - Tickets are also available for the Lord & Taylor "Shop Day" for the Alzheimer's Association on November 14 (discount coupons are \$5)
- Link Terry mentioned the UBC Good for Girls Gala on November 9 at the Glen Island Club (tickets are \$150)

**Organizational Effective Moment –**

- Quote shared from Kahlil Gibran

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

***Respectfully submitted: Link Donna Dozier Gordon, on behalf of Recording Secretary, Link Mary L. Graves***