

Westchester County (NY) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated

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Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service

Chapter Member meeting – 2/24/18 - DRAFT

A Chapter members meeting of the Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was called to order by the President Terry Joyner on February 24, 2018 at 10:05am. A quorum was present. Recording Secretary, Mary L. Graves was present. Attendees: Links Jackie Boucher, Donna Dozier Gordon, Barbara Gundy, Sandra Grannum, Mary Graves, Terry Joyner, Joyce Mills Kittrell, Carol Morales Riggs, Mary Spells, Lisa Stenson-Desamours, Ginger Waters-Grant, Dianne Young, Louis Quick Spann, Linda Bradshaw, Dozene Guishard, LaTia Martin, Delores Scott Braithwaite, Jennifer Lewis, Yolanda Kelly-Cannick, Barbara Edwards, I. Javette Hines, Ginger McKnight, Priscilla Hambrick-Dizzon, Earlene Hardie Cox, Penelope Moore, Quay Watkins, Michelle Weston, Anika Khan, Joyce Turnipseed, Kathie Davidson and Karen Hill.

Call to Order – Link Terry

Approval of Minutes- December 2017 and January 2018 chapter minutes approved.

Chapter Operations – Link Terry

National updates – same report as last month, with three new updates

- Jamaica Frontier mission – Links Terry, Joyce Turnipseed and Dawna attended, Links provided services four hundred plus children
- 2020 Vision Campaign – need our chapter as a pace setter – minimum donation is \$100.00 due Feb 28th.
- Program reports submitted to National on February 1, 2018. Report included Life Students, Services to Youth and NTS.

Eastern Area

- March 3rd – 10th Inaugural Health Missionary in Bahamas, Links Quay and Louise plan to attend.
- HHS facet contributing \$70.00 for National Health Equity Ambassador.

Chapter Acknowledgements

- Mary Francis new co-chair for Arts Facet
- White Rose Moment – Link Barbara Edwards, Kathie Davidson
- Request all program reports are due no later than Friday before exec board meeting on Tuesdays.

Linkspiration – Link Mary Spells

Treasurers report – Link Carol

- Reviewed 2018-2019 program budget.
- *Link Terry motioned to accept 2018-2019 program budget - Link LaTia seconded, motion passed 28 unanimously votes.*
- Link Lisa requested to increase the Financial Secretary budget line item in the 2017-2018 chapter operating budget. Financial secretary duties require creation of monthly reports - supplies/postage.
- *Link Terry motioned for increase to 2017-2018 financial secretary budget –Link Quay seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

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- Reported out the month of January 2018– see detailed report on website.

Membership – Link Yolanda

- All orientation is from 3pm to 5pm, dates are March 4th Wartburg, March 25th need a venue, April 15th Link Penelope Moore's home, April 20th Wykagyl in New Rochelle
- *Link Yolanda motioned Link Sandi request a leave of absence for 2018-2019 program year. Link Gundy seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.*
- Alumna status request Links Ruby Sherwood and Linda Bradshaw
- Link Terrilynn Jenkins scheduled to return to our chapter in March
- Friendship activities were discussed – Sip & Paint, Pot luck
- Link Terry reviewed 48 hours service commitment

Financial report – Link Lisa

- Reported out 1/11/18 to 2/14/2018 see detailed report on chapter website.
- 2017 Java and Jazz is 100% paid
- Discussion of a Link Sister to transfer who is not in good standing, asking the finance committee to come up with bylaws recommendation.

Strategic Plan – Link Barbara Edwards and Javette

- Goals for member participation
- Point #2 Enhancing member service and engagement presented by Link Javette
- Membership Matters -Linkdom is the heart of its members
- Accessibility: be accountable , look for documents on chapter and national websites
- Civic; Cultural ; Educational Involvement – Stay engaged and productive
- Each week the committee continues to present one of six strategic points to the chapter.

Audit – Link Mary G.

- Brief discussion with Wiley Harrison, CPA firm inquiring to do an external Audit for our Chapter. Will do a complementary initial meeting with past and present Treasurers' at the same time.

Arts – Link Lisa

- Art Beat - Handout of art event listings in the Westchester/NYC areaClassic thru the Ages, National Initiative signature program
- April 3rd College and Cultural trip to either Boston or Baltimore
- Possibility to take students for June 16th or 23rd Misty Copeland performance at Lincoln Center or A Bronx Tale on Broadway in May

STY – Link Joyce Mills Kitrell

- Successful orientation with students
- Planning a College and Cultural trip April 2018

Correspondence – Link Donna

- Thank you card – Link Mary G.
- Mount Hope – Spring 2018
- Sister to Sister – Black Girls Rock March 25th

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- Second Annual Women's Leadership Conference April 7, 2018
- ACTSO – NAACP Links Barbara Edwards and Tahira to be honored March 24th 8:30am at Riverview in Hastings-on Hudson.

Announcements:

- Link Jackie - UN Youth Conference Friday, April 27th
- Link Sandi- Bylaws close to completion for Exec Board mtg – any proposals please send to Link Sandi no later than March 3, 2018
- Link Earlene - Wartburg bench visual for those interested to view after meeting
- Link Karen - April 4, 2018 commemorative march for Dr. King, NRHS Black History Month
- Link Lisa - Links Marilyn and Connecting Link Hugh Price send their regards, were spotted at John Jay Heritage Event
- Link Javette - daughter promoted to fifth grade, asking for our prayers.
- Link LaTia – 350 girls graduated for Scales of justice academy at Fordam University since inception
- Link Sandi – NYS Attorney Generals office program accepting interns.

Organization Effective Moment – Link Mary Spells

- Suggest sponsors connect with members who do not attend meetings

The meeting adjourned at 12:22pm

Respectfully submitted: Link Mary L. Graves