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A meeting of the Chapter Membership of the Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was called to order by the President Dianne Young, on April 29, 2017, at am EST at Cooper's Mills Restaurant in Tarrytown, New York. The Recording Secretary Quay Wallace Watkins was present. A quorum was present. The following Links were in attendance: Links Helen Blackwood, Jacqueline Boucher, Kellye Davis, Tahira Dupree Chase, JoAnn Dudley, Barbara Edwards, Claudia Edwards, Hillary Fleming, Sandra Grannum, Mary Graves, Barbara Gundy, Priscilla Hambrick-Dixon, Karen Hill, Anika Khan, Brenda Jackson-Butcher, Penelope Johnson Moore, Terry Joyner, Yolanda Cannick Kelly, Jennifer Lewis, LaTia Martin, Belinda Mills, Joyce Mills-Kittrell, Ann Moore, Carol Morales Riggs, Bettye Perkins, Marilyn Price, Louise Quick Spann, Delores Scott Braithwaite, Mary Spells, Lisa Stenson-Desamours, Ginger Waters-Grant, and Dianne Young.

Call to Order

Links Pledge and Song

Reflections: Link Mary Spells

President's Remarks

- The Whartburg would like to honor the Chapter at their Awards Gala in recognition of the Clay Arts program. The Gala will be held on June 15, 2017. If members plan to attend, please let Link Dianne know. Link Terry made a Motion that the Chapter place a 1/4 page ad for \$300 in their journal. The Motion was seconded and passed.
- Link Brenda Jackson-Butcher and Link Ann Moore are taking a Leave of Absence for the 2017-2018 year.

Bylaw Amendment

- Link Sandi Grannum discussed the procedure for the presentation of the Slate of Officers and presentation of the ratified Bylaws.
- Link Ann made a motion to ratify the March 25, 2017, presentation of the Slate of Officers and the proposed ByLaws amendment. The Motion was seconded and passed.
- The current Bylaw reads as follows:

Article VI Officers Section 1:

"Nominees for elected chapter offices must be active, financial members of the chapter who are in good standing. Nominees for elected office must be introduced to the membership at least two (2) months prior to the voting date, following the procedures established by the Nominating Committee."

- The proposed amendment is as follows:

Nominees for elected chapter offices must be active, financial members of the chapter who are in good standing. Nominees for elected office must be introduced to the membership at least one (1) month prior to the voting date, following the procedures established by the Nominating Committee. The Motion was seconded.

The Motion passed 29 yes and 2 no votes.

Nominations - Link Ann & Carol

The Slate of Officers was presented by Link Ann & Link Carol. All nominees accepted the nominations.

President - Link Terry Joyner

Vice President - Link Yolanda Kelly-Cannick

Recording Secretary - Link Mary Graves

Corresponding Secretary - Link Donna Dozier Gordon

Treasurer - no nominee

Financial Secretary - Link Lisa Stenson Desamours

Motion to approve the slate of candidates by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed. The Installation will be held on June 3, 2017. The Nominations Committee will continue to try to fill the position of treasurer. If the position is not filled, Link Dianne and Link Terry will work on a process to ensure smooth operations.

Transition - Link Louise

The outgoing officers will meet with their successors to review the responsibilities for their positions and to pass along relevant information.

Reports:

Treasurer/Finance Committee - Link Latia Martin

- Operating Account Opening Balance \$\$23,209.07 Closing Balance \$15,721.00
- FBO Account Opening Balance \$35,143.65 Closing Balance \$25,568.75
- Program Account Opening Balance \$10,715.00 Closing Balance \$14,504.98

Membership - Link Terry

- New members are encouraged to make Building payments as soon as possible
- The next Girlfriends event will be held on June 9, 2017.
- The Alumna Ceremony for Link Joan Thompson will be held as part of June 3, 2017, celebration.
- The 1 in 5 cycle ended in 2017. Next cycle will be 2018-2022. The next National Assembly will be held in Indianapolis National June 27 - July 1, 2018. The Eastern Area Conference will be held in New Jersey in 2019.
- All members were asked to review the National website to update their email addresses and add their induction dates.

- Facet Chairs should send Link Marilyn information on how they evaluate their programs. Also a request was made for quick paragraph on one of the activities which will be an addendum to the May report.

Programs - Link Marilyn Price

- The Chapter started the year in May 2016 with strong programming and are finishing the year with very strong programming as well.
- Members are encouraged to get feedback and thank you notes from the young people who participated in our programs.

Java & Jazz - Links Bettye & Claudia

- Members are encouraged to contact Link Yolanda to volunteer for the event.
- Link Terry presented the Text 2Give campaign. It is a new National initiative in order to encourage virtual fundraising. The cost is \$495 for 1 year of service. The donor has the option to incur the credit card fee of 3.95% for VISA, MC and Discover and for 4.35% for American Express. If the individual does not pay the fee, the chapter is responsible for paying the fee. Link Terry made a motion that we use BidPay for our Text2Give to give fundraising initiative at the cost of \$495 per calendar year. The Motion was seconded and passed.

Announcements & Recognition

- Link Tahira is being recognized as the Distinguished Alumnus Award by her alma mater Norfolk State University.
- Colson Whitehead received the Pulitzer Prize for his book *The Underground Railroad*.
- At the Eastern Area Conference, the following members received an award for 25 years of service:
 - Link Louise Quick Span
 - Link Mary Spells
 - Link Mae Carpenter
 - Link Roz Carnage
- Link Terry received a Certificate of Achievement for completing the Health Equity Ambassador Training at the Eastern Area Conference.
- The Chapter received recognition for an Integrated Program.

Adjournment - a Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Link Bettye. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

Quay Wallace Watkins, Corresponding Secretary