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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 February 27, 2016, at 10:05am EST at the Cooper Mills Restaurant in Tarrytown, New York. The Recording Secretary Quay Wallace Watkins was present. A quorum was present. The following Links were in attendance: Mary Graves, Yolanda Kelley-Cannick, Ginger Waters Grant, Hillary Flemming, Michelle Weston, Louise Quick Spann, Barbara Edwards, Claudia Edwards, Dawna Michelle Fields, LaTia Martin, Lisa Stockmon, Joan Thompson, Joan Lewis Shepherd, Donna Dozier Gordon, Joyce Turnipseed, Priscilla Hambrick-Dixon, Linda Bradshaw, Carol Morales Riggs, Marilyn Price, Jennifer Lewis, Lisa Stenson Desamours, Bettye Perkins, Karen Hill, Dozene Guishard, Traci Alexander, I. Javette Hines, Barbara Gundy, Delores Scott Braithwaite, Joyce Mills Kittrell, Mary Spells, and Jackie Boucher.

Review and Approval of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2016. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Quay Wallace Watkins. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved as read.

Reflections: Link Mary Spells

Link Priscilla gave a prayer of comfort.

Presentation by International Trends & Services

Woodlands High School L.I.F.E. student, Chanya Holness, presented her highly acclaimed documentary which highlighted the need for sustainability on our planet. Her presentation also included the focus on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) recently embraced by many world leaders during the last United Nations General Assembly.

Chanya, an academic high honors student, plans to attend Columbia or NYU and major in journalism. Her parents, principal Matt Smith, and teacher Chris Vaccaro also were in attendance during her presentation.

Links Delores and Lisa presented an update regarding our national Linkage with Jamaica initiative. Link Delores moderated a PowerPoint presentation on the Global Linkage Delegation to Jamaica which took place January 27 - 31, 2016. This informative slide show emphasized the tremendous progress Links have made in Jamaica in a very short period of time. Link Delores encouraged members to think about the commitment of the

Westchester County Chapter in terms of our global presence. There are several opportunities for us to participate such as:

- Establishing a partnership with an existing chapter that has a school located in Jamaica.
- Adopting our own school located in Jamaica or elsewhere in Africa.
- Expanding our partnership with the school in Ghana.
- Establishing a global umbrella project.

ITS is going to discuss these options and report back to the chapter. Nationally, International Trends and Services will continue to support this initiative in Jamaica. Locally, our Chapter ITS Facet has donated \$200.00 to this initiative.

Reports:

President's Report: Link Dianne Young

- The Chapter is working on establishing a collaboration with Gordon High School and expanding the L.I.F.E program to their school. A very positive and productive meeting was held this week.
- Two members are needed to host orientation sessions for new members.
- Link Dozene made a motion to approve the leave of absence for Link Linda Bradshaw. The Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Link Dozene made a motion to approve the leave of absence for Link Joan Thompson. The Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- **The Long Island Chapter hosted the Go Red Church Service at Antioch Baptist Church. Links Dianne and Yolanda attended.**
- **Link Earlene hosted a Claydate at the Clay Arts Center in Port Chester which was a lot of fun and well attended.**
- **The Greater Queens chapter is having their 20th year Anniversary on March 13, 2016.**
- Feedback on Cooper Mills as a potential location for Chapter meetings is welcomed. Link Diane would also like feedback on Tuesday nights for Chapter meeting.
- Link Quay made a Motion to move the March 26th Chapter meeting to Tuesday, March 29, at 7:00pm. The Motion was seconded and was passed.

Finance Report: Link La Tia Martin

- The Finance Report was presented by Link La Tia Martin.
- Link Quay spoke about Vision 2020 and the chapter's goal of 100% participation in order to receive the Pacesetter Award. The deadline is next Friday. March 30, 2016.

Program Report: Link Marilyn Price

- Link Marilyn reported on all of the activities of the Facets. Members are encouraged to review the report in order to get information on upcoming activities.

Member Recognition: Link Dianne Young

- Link Dawna was recognized as a 2015 Chairman's You Can Make a Difference Global Award Winner for her contribution to Colgate. She was selected to receive this top

honor from over 4,000 projects. The final selection was made by the Global You Can Make a Difference Evaluation Committee, whose members are senior functional leaders and senior management.

- Link Ginger received the Frank W. Hale Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education due to her robust record of consistent service.
- African American Advisory Committee Trail Blazer Awards were given to Connecting Link Henrique Riggs and Link Helen Blackwood.
- Link Javett received the Corporate Trail Blazer Award for robust Supplier Diversity. She was also honored by Kent State BALSA and was a keynote speaker.
- Link Priscilla and Connecting Link Doug Dixon received the Great Family Award from the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle.
- Link Delores Scott Brathwaite was a keynote speaker at the Black Caucus in Albany, and honoree of the Westchester Black Women's Political Caucus.
- Link Bettye Perkins has been selected for an award by the Juneteenth Association.
- Link Anne Young Berekley received a posthumous award from the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center on March 10th. Link Dawna put together a Memorial Ad from the Chapter.
- Connecting Link Hugh Price was given a plaque on the wall of fame at the Biondi School in Yonkers, which is part of the Leakes & Watts Social Service organization.
- Link Penelope was promoted to full professor in the Department of Social Work at Iona College.
- The Protocol Committee's name was changed to Protocol & Rituals so they can coordinate ceremonies.
- The Service for Connecting Link Fred Moore will be held on March 4, 2016. Link Dozene will be coordinating meals for the family.
- Link Lisa distributed tickets for the Dance Theater of Harlem. The group will have dinner after the performance at Pazza Note 1375 Ave of the Americas.
- Link Mary Spells reported that the special "Go Red Punch" is sponsored by HHS.

Adjournment - a Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Link Barbara Gundy. The Motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 12:13pm.

Quay Wallace Watkins, Esq.

Recording Secretary

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