



## DRAFT

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 May 21, 2016, at 1:10pm EST at the Crown Plaza in White Plains, NY. The Recording Secretary Quay Wallace Watkins was present. A quorum was present. The following Links were in attendance: Traci Alexander, Jacqueline Boucher, Earlene Cox, Kellye Davis, JoAnn Dudley, Tahira DuPree-Chase, Barbara Edwards, Claudia Edwards, Dawna Fields, Hillary Fleming, Donna Gordon, Mary Graves, Barbara Gundy, Javette Hines, Brenda Jackson-Butcher, TerriLynne Jenkins, Terry Joyner, Yolanda Cannick Kelley, Joan Lewis Shepherd, LaTia Martin, Belinda Miles, Joyce Mills-Kittrell, Bettye Perkins, MaryFrances Perkins, Delores Scott Braithwaite, Mary Spells, Lisa Stenson-Desamours, and Dianne Young.

**Reflections:** Link Mary Spells

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2016, Chapter meeting was made by Link Quay Wallace Watkins. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved as read with one abstention

## REPORTS

### **President's Report/Chapter Operations: Link Dianne Young**

- NAACP Gold Lifetime Membership Award was researched. The chapter signed up for a Lifetime Membership in 1955 and the original fee was \$500. National is requesting that all chapters sign up for a silver or gold membership which are new categories. The Executive Committee voted unanimously for a gold membership. An MOU between the National Links Inc. and the NAACP will be circulated. Excerpts from the MOU were read. Link Delores made a motion that the Westchester County Chapter of the Links take out a Gold Lifetime Membership with the NAACP for \$1,500. All of the other chapters at the Cluster level have taken out a Gold Lifetime Membership. The motion was seconded and carried.
- Our current meeting dates are the fourth Saturday of the month. Proposed changes were discussed and are necessary because the National calendar has changed and often gives us little time to make decisions due to our calendar and Bylaws. Link Earlene read the current provision of the Bylaws: Article VII. Section 1. "The Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated shall meet on the 4th Saturday in each month beginning in September and ending in June unless the Chapter approves an alternate meeting date and time because of special

circumstances. The meeting time shall be determined by the membership at the end of a program year for the next program year.” Proposed Amendment #1: Change the meeting date to the first Saturday; no other changes. Proposed Amendment #2 - Change the meeting date to the second Tuesday evening; no other changes. The third option is no change. This is the first reading of the proposed amendments. The vote will take place at the June Chapter meeting.

- Link Quay made a motion that the June 25, 2016, chapter meeting start at 9:00am. Motion was seconded and carried.

### **Finance Report: Link La Tia Martin**

- The Finance Report was presented by Link La Tia Martin.
- Operating Account: Beginning Balance \$28,185.8 Closing Balance \$22,832.23
- FBO Account: Beginning Balance \$62,325.44 Closing Balance \$58,825.44
- Program Account: Beginning Balance \$ 8,884.30 Closing Balance \$6,978.31

### **Fundraising**

- The first theater party Head of Passes was very successful.
- The chapter has an opportunity to host Taraji Henson in conjunction of the launch of her new book in October. Link Traci suggested hosting her on October 16, 2016, for a book discussion and fundraiser. The book is her memoir. The chapter’s commitment would be to purchase 400 books at \$26 a piece. We would have to also pay for her ground transportation from New York City. An exploratory committee will be formed to explore this opportunity further.
- We are close to identifying co-chairs for Java & Jazz and more information will be presented at the June meeting.

### **Correspondence**

- Thank you card from Link Minnette for gifts and kindness upon the arrival of her daughter.
- Lois Bronz Children’s Center’s fundraiser is May 26, 2016, at the Doubletree Hotel at Tarrytown at 6:30pm.

### **Announcements**

- The African American Heritage Festival will be held on June 26, 2016, 12:00pm-7:00pm. Our Chapter will have a booth and is partnering with the Hudson Valley Chapter of Alzheimers.

### **Recognition**

- Link Tracie’s daughter is now a member of the Dance Theater of Harlem Upper and Lower School and she made her debut today in the Spring Performance at Aaron Davis Hall.
- White Rose Moment
  - Link Dawna Fields for the Chairman’s Award at Colgate Palmolive, Global You Can Make a Difference Award.
  - Link Javette Hines was recognized by the National Minority Supplier’s Diversity Council Corporate Trailblazer Award.

**Adjournment** - a Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Link Barbara Gundy. The Motion was seconded and approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:42ppm.

*Quay Wallace Watkins, Esq.*

*Recording Secretary*

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