

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

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### Chapter Meeting 10/28/17

A meeting of the Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was called to order by the President Terry Joyner on October 28, 2017 at 10:10am. A quorum was present. Recording Secretary Mary L. Graves was present. Attendees: Links Terry A. Joyner, Helen Blackwood, Jacqueline Boucher, Linda Bradshaw, Earlene Cox, Kathie Davidson, Tahira DuPree Chase, Barbara Edwards, Claudia Edwards, Dawna Fields, Hillary Fleming, Donna Dozier Gordon, Sandi Grannum, Dozene Guishard, Barbara Gundy, Pricilla Hambrick-Dixon, Karen Hill, Penelope Moore, Yolanda Kelly Cannick, Jennifer Lewis, LaTia Martin, Joyce Mills-Kittrell, Carol Morales Riggs, Bettye Perkins, Louise Quick Spann, Delores Scott Braithwaite, Mary Spells, Lisa Stenson Desamours, Michelle Weston, Dianne Young, Alumna – Florence Scott

#### **Call to Order**

#### **Linkspiration by Link Mary S.**

**Approval of Agenda – Motion by Link Hillary seconded by Link Claudia. Motioned carried**

**Approval of September Chapter minutes – Motion by Link Mary G. seconded by Link Donna. Motioned carried, one abstention**

#### **President's Report- Link Terry**

#### **National Update:**

- Attendance at the Leadership Summit is encouraged
- Discussed process for Scott Hawkins Institute applications and noted that any nomination must be a chapter decision.
- Emphasized that Links are expected to support one another by helping other Link chapters. We should be volunteer resources to one another as per our National President
- Noted that the Linked-UP newsletter was written in large part by Link Joyce Turnipseed
- The Program Report website is open. Hotline has been established for assistance
- Certification training for those interested in reviewing program reports is being held on Nov 7, 14 and 28<sup>th</sup>
- Encouraged participation in upcoming National Webinars

#### **Eastern Area Update**

- Updates regarding programming were forwarded to Facet Chairs.
- Discussion was held regarding Social Media sites for the Eastern Area; local chapter events should be posted on these sites
- The Eastern Area Health Equity Ambassador Summit for 2018 will be held in the Bahamas. It is tentatively scheduled for March 8-11, 2018

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### **Chapter Operations**

- JoAnn Dudley will be joining the Executive Committee as co-chair of the Scholarship committee
- Still need leadership positions to be filled – Programs, Java and Jazz, Fundraising and Fund Dev.
- We had another successful Karolyn Thomas book fair on Oct 3-5 at TDYCC. Books were provided to 316 students and 114 parents. Service to Youth is considering providing a spring time literacy activity at TDYCC
- On Oct 6 Links Terry, Jackie, Barbara G., Delores and Dianne met with Nana-Fosu Randall, President and Founder of Voices of African Mothers. There was a discussion regarding continued a partnership with VAM and future goals. Link Dianne will be honored by VAM for fostering the partnership of VAM and The Links.
- The Theodore Young Community Center 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, featuring former Ambassador Andrew Young was well attended by chapter members
- The YWCA Book Club event featuring author Ibi Zobi (American Street) was held on Oct 17 at the White Plains Library. ITS was instrumental in supporting this event.
- The Finance Committee notes that all budget requests for 2018-2019 are now due
- Link Terry thanks all who attended our Leadership Luncheon on Sept 30 with Link Patricia Russell McCloud our 11<sup>th</sup> national president. Link Patricia thanked us for our hospitality.

PLEASE NOTE: There Seems To Be Confusion About Who Speaks For The Chapter. That honor is reserved for the President. Chapter members are reminded that they are not to speak to other entities including our partners without Link Terry's knowledge.

### **Treasurer's Report – Link LaTia**

- The operating account had an ending balance of \$14,301.39
- The FBO account had an ending balance of \$27,438.79
- The Program account had an ending balance of \$38,753.05
- Foundation as of Oct 20, 2017 balance \$54,730.84

### **Financial Secretary Report – Link Lisa**

- Financial activity for the period September 30- Oct 15 was presented
- Financial documents will now be placed on the website. Documents must be in Excel format and will be password protected.

### **Membership Committee - Link Yolanda**

- Four candidates have been put forward for membership: Candidates were presented to the Chapter
- Volunteers are needed to host orientation sessions

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- Candidates will be presented again at next chapter meeting and voted on at December Chapter meeting.
- Link Marilyn has requested provisional membership due to medical reasons. A vote on this is not necessary.
- Link Anika will officially join our chapter
- A Friendship activity at Clay Arts is now scheduled for Dec 8. The activity will be open to all
- The Big Apple Cluster Founders' Day event will be held on Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm – 8:30 pm at the Sugar Hill Children's Museum. The cost is \$50. Hostesses are needed. Registration is through Eventbrite... All are encouraged to attend.
- Big Apple Cluster Alvin Ailey outing is on Dec 3. It is open to all. Tickets range from \$90 through \$150. Event information was sent to the chapter

### **BYLAWS – Link Sandi**

- Membership Committee proposed amending the chapter bylaws to allow for voting on candidates for membership "at the January Chapter meeting at the latest" as opposed to only being able to vote at the January meeting. It was also proposed that instead of presenting the candidates "at least 2 months prior to the voting date", that the bylaws be amended to provided that the candidates be presented to the chapter "at least two times prior to voting"--thus allowing voting the same day as the second presentation. These amendments were specifically intended to allow the chapter to vote on candidates for membership at the December 2017 meeting instead of the January 2018 meeting. The Bylaws Committee and the Executive Committee support approval of these proposed amendment which will allow the chapter to submit the names of candidates for membership in December, as opposed to late January/February. Link Sandi also advised that an additional amendment was required because of the chapter vote to combine the November and December chapter meetings; specifically, that candidates be presented to the Chapter "no later than the November Chapter meeting" as opposed to the current bylaws that provide that these candidates "be presented at the November Chapter meeting" since there was not going to be a November Chapter meeting Pursuant to our bylaws and modified calendar, the vote on the proposed amendments would take place at the December Chapter meeting.

### **ARTS – Link Lisa**

- 3/31/2018 Masters Writers and National Poster contest
- Webinars - 11/2 Poster Webinar, 11/5 Young Writers

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- We will nominate a student to compete in the Young Master Writers Competition. Link Mary Frances will identify a student from Woodlands high School. Link Joyce Kittrell will see if any of the Young Achievers will participate. Submissions are due by the end of Jan. Winners get their piece published in the Library of Congress and get a monetary award.
- Poster Arts competition - Link Mary Frances will identify a Woodlands student (s) to participate. Young Achievers will be asked if they wish to participate
- ITS students are going to the Romare Bearden exhibit at the Neuberger museum. Consideration should be given to inviting Young Achievers too.
- The facet is looking to provide an interactive art workshop at a Museum, similar to what was provided at the Studio Museum
- Classics Through the Ages- Links Quay and Karen will be approached about encouraging The Young Achievers to participate
- The facet would like to replicate College tour experience. Consideration is being given to a trip to Philadelphia
- The facet is considering taking the students to a Broadway play like the Lion King.

### **STY -**

- The Book Fair was a success
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders have been added to the Young Achievers program. The facet is considering expanding the program to Woodlands. The first year would consist primarily of workshops. The next year would be a full program.

### **HHS – Link Claudia**

- Presentation was given by HHS regarding Breast Cancer awareness.
- Links Kathie and Michelle gave testimonies about their personal experience with cancer. Links Claudia and Mary G. gave testimonies about family and friends. Statistics were also noted and each member was given a Pink Pashmina to represent awareness.

### **Legislative Affairs – Link Mary G.**

- Voter Registration took place 10/10 at WCC. Students were registered to vote as was Link Anika
- There is a Voter awareness social media campaign around Take Your Loved Ones to Work on Election Day
- This is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women suffrage
- Panel discussion Nov 1, 2017 at WCC from 11am-1pm at the Gateway /Davis Auditorium.

### **NTS**

- Christmas caroling will take place at the Wartburg on Dec 2.
- The facet is considering connecting the Clay Arts program with the AARP Links Academy

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focusing on Alzheimer's. Another symposium on Alzheimer's will be held.

### **Organizational Effectiveness – Link Sandi and Mary S.**

- Waiting to hear about any confusion in the chapter. So far none has surfaced.

### **Hospitality – Link Jennifer**

- Presented cost analysis – venues for chapter meetings.
- *Motion by Link Jennifer Link Jennifer seconded by Link Gundy to purchase AV equipment for chapter use as well as AV equipment in the custody of chapter with a max cost of \$500.00. Motioned carried.*
- *Recommendation by committee motioned by Link Jennifer seconded by Link Hillary to have monthly chapter meetings at Cooper Mills/Marriott with the exception of Dec. and May meetings. Motion carried one Opposed.*

### **Java and Jazz – Link Claudia**

- Reported expense and revenue figures

### **Other Business**

- Link Dianne is working on the handbook; Once the Strategic Plan is completed a review of the handbook will be needed

### **Correspondence – Link Donna**

- Link Barbara Edwards thanked us for the many birthday wishes
- Link Joyce Kitrell thanks us for sympathy cards, notes and prayers
- Link Dianne thanked us for retirement gift

### **Announcements**

- Link Lisa is being honored as a Phenomenal Woman of Power
- Links Javette and Dianne are also receiving honors
- Link Marilyn and Connecting Link Hugh are being honored by the Neuberger Museum
- Moca Moms is requesting support for swim lessons for kids
- Link Barbara Edwards thanked us for the many birthday wishes
- Link Dianne will be honored by VAM for fostering the partnership of VAM and The Links.
- Link Dawna is being honored by WestCop and UN Day is October 22 at Wainwright House in Rye; Link Dawna Michelle will be honored

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- NAACP New Rochelle branch honoring Hazel Dukes Nov 5 dinner at Alvin and Friends
- EAG Labs is donating frames and lenses for the children in Jamaica as part of the Links outreach in Jamaica

**Officer Installation – Link Dianne**

The installation of Link Carol Morales Riggs as Treasurer

Motion to adjourn meeting by Link Terry seconded by Link Penelope at 12:50 pm  
Respectfully Submitted by Mary L. Graves, Corresponding Secretary