



## **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 October 22, 2016, at 10:20 am EST at Alvin & Friends in New Rochelle, NY. The Recording Secretary Quay Wallace Watkins was absent. Link Earlene Hardie Cox took the minutes. A quorum was present. The following Links were in attendance: Links Michelle Weston, Claudia Edwards, Belinda Miles, Ginger McKnight Chavers, Dianne Young, Brenda Jackson-Butcher, JoAnn Dudley, Barbara Gundy, Joan Lewis Shepherd, Donna Dozier Gordon, Dawna Michelle Fields, Terrylyne Jenkins, La Tia Martin, Hillary Fleming, Dozene Guishard, Kathie Davidson, Earlene Hardie Cox, Ginger Waters Grant, Delores Scott, Brathwaite, Ann Moore, Yolanda Kelly, Bettye Perkins, Penelope Johnson Moore, and Louise Quick Spann.

### **Call to Order**

### **Links Pledge and Song**

**Reflections:** Link Delores gave reflections.

### **Friendship Activity**

Link Dozene presented this month's friendship activity in honor of Breast Cancer month by reading a poem and having the Links sisters wear pink gloves. Link Hillary and Link Jennifer will represent the Chapter at the Breast Cancer walk on November 16th.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2016, Chapter meeting was made by Link Quay Wallace Watkins. The motion was seconded and the motion carried

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

- The Young Achievers kicked off the year with a parents' information session and their first session is scheduled next week.
- Three hundred children attended the Book Fair and were given book bags with the Chapter logo.
- The Taraji Henson book signing garnered a lot of positive comments from attendees.
- The calendar is on the website.
- The Leadership Conference is today, October 22, 2016 and will take place in Norfolk, Virginia.

- The Area Conference will be held April 23-27, 2016 in Richmond, Virginia.
- The Kechie Project had four sessions and the last session had 16 participants. The Dolls will be delivered to the girls in Nigeria. The Chapter will do publicity once Kechie returns.

### **Scholarship - Link Ginger**

- Recommends that future applications not be placed on the website. They should only be sent to Woodlands, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, and Gorton.
- Add a line on the application indicating that if the Chapter does not receive confirmation of enrollment in college by October 31st then the scholarship will be withdrawn.
- Recommends that the Chapter not limit or try to push students towards HBCUs but simply encourage them to go to college.

### **Java & Jazz - Link Claudia and Link Bettye**

- Link Claudia gave an update on Java and Jazz. She discussed the strategy and indicated that contracts for the venue have been signed.
- Save the Date cards were distributed at the Taraji Henson book signing and were made available on tables today.
- Distributed a list of Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs.
- Requested that everyone sign up for either Set Up, Registration, Artist Assistance, and Breakdown.

### **Finance - Link Latia**

- There has not been much activity in the cash basis account.
- Requested that Facet Chairs complete their budget requests for the 2017-2018 budgets.
- Funds for 2017-2018 programs will have to be derived from Java & Jazz and/or assessments.
- The Chapter has sufficient funds for the 2016 program year.

### **Financial - Link Hillary**

- Seventeen members have not paid their \$267 hostess fees.
- The \$550 Chapter dues will be due in February.

### **Facets**

#### **International Trends & Services - Link Delores**

- Distributed an Across the Miles handout about the Mampong babies at orphanages in Ghana which do not have supplies to care for babies. She proposed having a baby shower to gather supplies for the babies on November 19th at the Greenburgh Community Center.

#### **Services to Youth - Link Bettye Perkins**

- Link Bettye thanked all of the members who volunteered at the Book Fair.

#### **Legislative Affairs - Link Belinda**

- Discussed ways to engage in advocating on National issues.

- Current focus is on getting out the vote. Stressed making a personal commitment to go and vote and get others to do the same. Encourage using Twitter hashtag #GOTV and Facebook to get millennial involved. Also include an email signature encouraging everyone to vote. Don't forget seniors and absentee voting.
- We have a partnership with the NAACP and need to verify Lifetime Membership.
- Considering partnering with the Women's League of Voters.

Link Joan gave a demonstration of the Chapter website which included how to sign in and view the calendar, etc.

### **Correspondence - Link Mary**

- Thank you note from the Clay Arts Center.

### **Announcements**

Link Jennifer's Aunt passed away.

**Adjournment** - a Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Link Claudia. The Motion was seconded and approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:13pm.

*Earlene Hardie Cox*

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