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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 , 2016, at 10:15 am EST at Alvin & Friends in New Rochelle, NY. The Recording Secretary Quay Wallace Watkins was present. A quorum was present. The following Links were in attendance: Links Traci Alexander, Kellye Davis, Tahira Dupree Chase, JoAnn Dudley, Claudia Edwards, Dawna Fields, Hillary Fleming, Donna Gordon, Sandra Grannum, Mary Graves, Dozene Guishard, Barbara Gundy, Priscilla Hambrick-Dixon, Brenda Jackson-Butcher, Penelope Johnson Moore, Terry Joyner, LaTia Martin, Joyce Mills-Kittrell, Ann Moore, Carol Morales Riggs, Bettye Perkins, Marilyn Price, Louise Quick Spann, Delores Scott Braithwaite, Mary Spells, Lisa Stockmon, Joyce Turnipseed, Ginger Waters-Grant, and Dianne Young.

Call to Order

Links Pledge and Song

Reflections: Link Mary Spells

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

- Members are encouraged to read the information in the Chapter letter. The Chapter had a busy summer which puts us in a stronger position to begin the program year.
- Ten members attended the National Assembly. Link Dawna hosted a Chapter dinner. The Plenary session were dominated by reports from the National Committees and the By Law Amendments. All of this information is posted on the National website in the members only section.
- Our Chapter was well represented on the National stage. Link Dawna & Colgate hosted the service project and hundreds of people attended. Link Dawna introduced some of the speakers at one of the luncheons. Link Earlene was on a conference luncheon agenda and gave awards for an AARP contest. Link Joyce organized the entire Legacy Luncheon agenda. She and her husband provided the funds for the Morgan State Choir fly out to La Vegas to sing at the luncheon. Each of the past National presidents spoke and the choir sang in between each speaker.

- Link Joyce was appointed National Chair of Programs. Link Dawna was appointed to the Finance & Investment Committee. Link Earlene will continue to serve as AARP National Chair, Link Dawna is on the Corporate Liaison committee, and Link Priscilla is on the _____ committee.
- Chairs of Java & Jazz have been extremely busy reaching out to Chapter members and pulling together tasks. Link Bettye has agreed to be co-chair.
- Link Traci and Link Lisa have been working hard on the Taraji Henson Fundraiser. Link Dianne is asking each Chapter member to purchase two VIP tickets. Link Dianne thanked all of the members who attended the Fundraiser Committee meeting.
- On the second Saturday of every month over the summer, the Clay Arts training sessions were held.
- Nominations from the floor were requested nominations for the Nominating Committee. Five members are needed. The following Links were nominated: Ann Moore, Carol Morales Riggs, Mary Spells, Louise Quick Spann, and Ginger Waters Grant. All members who were nominated accepted. Election of nominating Committee was held. All members were elected unanimously.
- In June the Chapter voted to change the Chapter meetings to the 1st Saturday of the month. The motion did not pass. The Executive Committee discussed the following recommended changes:
 - Change November Chapter meeting to Nov 19th
 - Change December Chapter meeting to Dec 17th
 - Change May Chapter meeting to May 20th

Link Quay made a motion to move the Chapter meetings as stated above. The Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Membership - Link Terry

- Thanked the members who came out to support the Ketchie's project.
- Encouraged members to log onto the National website to review your contact information.
- Updated and reviewed amendments that were passed by the National. Major change is that granddaughters are now considered daughters for membership purposes. There are new dates for voting on new members. New amendments for accepting transfers. Approved a sabbatical which can be granted at the discretion of the Chapter. Approved Alumna member eligibility.
- Clarification on what constitutes a service hour. You get service hours pre, post, and during the duration of the fundraiser.
- Tutorial on electronic system to record service hours was held. Members must enter hours that have been previously submitted going back to May for Chapter meetings, Committee Meetings, Facet Meetings, Community Service, and the National Assembly
- The Membership Committee discussed bringing in prospective members for 2017-2018. National is suggesting bringing in new members every other year so there is time for mentoring. Our chapter is having two fundraisers this year and has experienced multiple losses. Want to get to know each other better, need spiritual growth,

spiritual renewal, and sisterhood. Also we want to infuse a sense of friendship into the Chapter. Currently, there are fifty members with three on Leave of Absence. The Committee recommends that the Chapter not bring in new members in 2017-2018.

- Link Dianne suggested bringing in new members on the alternate years from Java & Jazz.
- Link Terry moved on behalf of the Membership Committee that the Chapter will not have new members for 2017-2018. The Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Fundraising: “Salute to Taraji”

- Paypal is set up. As of yesterday we have sold twenty-eight VIP tickets and nine General Admission tickets. VIP benefits include passed h’ordeuves, a light reception and possibly lemonade. There will be a champagne toast to Taraji. The target for the VIP tickets is 125 people. They are working on seating for the general session. There is no seating for the VIP reception. It will be held in the Art Gallery. Extensive pre-event press is already rolling. Members are encouraged to post the event on their social media accounts.
- Requesting that each Link member to purchase at least 1 VIP ticket and another one for a guest.

Ketchie - Link Tahira

- Thanked members for embracing the Ketchie. Completed 36 dolls need 14 more dolls. Have secured enough back packs and wonderful items to include in the backpacks. 100 books were donated by Scholastic Education Group. Received a donation from a salon in Harlem for natural hair care products. We need composition notebooks, feminine hygiene products (mini pack) . Several members agreed to donate notebooks. The last doll making session will be held on September 30. Ketchie is leaving October 10th and we want to present them to her on September 30. The location for the session is Woodlands High School Art Room 7-9pm.

Java & Jazz - Link Claudia and Link Bettye

- A complete report is posted on the website. There was a discussion about the report.
- Link Claudia made a motion to accept Mamaroneck as a venue for Java & Jazz 2017 on May 7, 2017. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Link Claudia made a motion to approve an assessment of \$810 per member based on the budget to cover the financial obligations which is 6 tickets per member at \$135 each. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Link Claudia moved that the Fundraising Committee’s recommendation for the theme of Continuing Our Legacy of Service to Westchester County be adopted. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- The Fundraising Committee has held several conference calls and has done a tremendous amount of work over the summer. Link Claudia thanked the committee members.

Programs & Facets - Link Marilyn

- Facets are on to a strong start for the program year. They have launched their year with meetings and all of them will have or have had a service program activity in September or October. The report is on the website.
- Link Bettye announced the Carolyn Thomas Book Fair will be held on Wednesday October 5 & 6th.
- HHS will participate in the Alzheimers Walk on September 18, 2017. There is also the Breast Cancer walk on October 16th in conjunction with the Greater Hudson Valley Chapter at Manhattanville College.
- NTS distributed a sign up sheet for the Clay Arts Center program at the Whartburg.
- ITS participated in the United Nation's planning session for their Birthday Celebration which will be held on October 23, 2017 and the Chapter is invited to attend.

Finance - Link Latia

- All budget requests must be submitted by October 15th to the Finance Committee. National has suggested an early budget. A template will be send to Facet Chairs.
- Tax returns were filed early.

Financial - Link Hillary

- Chapter Dues are due and the final deadline is February. The amount is \$550.
- Hostess fees due today in the amount of \$267.

New Business

Correspondence - Link Mary

- Thank you for your Sympathy from Link Hillary for support during father's illness.
- Thank you from Link Barbara Edwards for the recognition at the June Chapter meeting and for the gorgeous Link pin.
- Thank you from Link Carol Carter, alumni member who received Platinum status.
- Thank you from the Whartburg for the Clay Arts program.
- Yolanda Cannick Kelly's mother-in-law passed away this week.

Retreat - Link Terry

- Possible date November 19th, 2017, 9:30am - 3:30pm.
- Friday night Friendship activity.

Announcements

- Alzheimer's Walk
- Clay Arts Center
- Link Kathie Davidson will be participating in the Sister to Sister International Girl's conference.
- Both Arts & STY are working on a possible trip to DC to see the museum.
- Info about Jamaica trip has been distributed and is on the website. Sold out early last year.
- Link Florence thanked everyone for their good wishes and prayers.

White Rose Moment

- Link Joyce for her accomplishments at the National level.
- Link Dawna for accomplishments and service the National level, several awards during the summer, and her work on the Board of Black Women's Agenda.
- Link Javette HBCU Trailblazer Award
- Link Tahiri for the Chamber's Award for Excellence in Education
- Link Belinda

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 12:25pm.

Quay Wallace Watkins, Esq.

Recording Secretary

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