



*Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service*  
**Westchester County (NY) Chapter**

A meeting of the Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was called to order by the President Terry Joyner, on September 30, 2017, at 10:00 am. A quorum was present. The Recording Secretary Mary Graves was present. Attendees: Links Terry A. Joyner, Yolanda Kelly Cannick, Lisa Stenson Desamours, Sandi Grannum, Delores Scott Brathwaite, Ginger Waters, Jackie Boucher, Claudia Edwards, Dianne Young, Jennifer Lewis, Hillary Fleming, Dawna Michelle Fields, Anika Kahn, Penelope Moore, Tahira DuPree Chase, Donna Dozier Gordon, Carol Morales Riggs, Michelle Morris Weston, Louise Quick Spann, La Tia W. Martin, I Javette Hines, Belinda Miles, Linda Bradshaw, JoAnn Dudley, Mary Frances Perkins, Kelly Davis, Kathie Davidson and Mary Spells.

## **Call to Order**

### **Linkspiration – Link Mary S.**

- Connecting, Inspiring and Engaging will be our theme for Linkspirations

**Approval of Minutes** - Link Mary G. made a motion to accept June 3, 2017 Chapter minutes . *June chapter minutes unanimous vote passed by chapter.*

### **President's Report- Link Terry A. Joyner**

#### **Chapter Operations**

- Theme – Women of excellence continuing the legacy of friendship and service
- Chairs and co-chairs of facet were presented to exec board; Link Terry sent list to chapter members. We still need a Program Chair, Treasurer, J&J Chairs, Fundraising and Fund Development Chairs
- Our Chapter received award from Wartburg for “An Art State of Mind”
- June 24<sup>th</sup> was Westchester County (NY) Chapter, Links Day
- National/Area updates
- Audit report submitted on time
- Proposed Chapter meetings- Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at Cooper Mills; Nov/Dec combined meeting on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup> evening meeting. Other dates general consensus 1/27, 2/24, 3/24, 4/28 and 6/23. Waiting for feedback for new chapter meeting locations.
- December 2, 2017 chapter meeting at Wartburg with Holiday Caroling for residents – *Motioned by Link Hillary seconded by Link Donna, unanimous vote passed by chapter.*
- Financial report- August 1<sup>st</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>, 2017; Operating account beginning balance \$15,961.52, ending balance \$14,854.39. FBO account beginning balance \$34,811.66, ending balance \$27,438.79. Programs account beginning balance \$24,951.72, ending balance \$24,813.05



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## **Committee Reports:**

### **Treasurers report – Link LaTia**

- 990 report given to accountant and filed in timely manner
- Reviewed voucher procedure
- Chapter needs to request from Foundation monies for scholarship awardees

### **Financial report – Link Lisa**

- Presented financial commitments
- No financial docs posted until password protected

### **Membership - Link Yolanda**

- Committee recommends new member intake for 2018 /2019 program year.
- Friendship activities 10/13 Clay Arts Center; 11/4 Big Apple Cluster Founders Day and Pot Luck
- *Motion from Committee to new member intake – Motion carried 21 to 1*
- Candidate submission on line 10/14/2017 deadline 11:59pm

### **Audit - Link Mary G.**

- Committee submitted report on time. Reported final financial summary report. Recommendations will be given to Treasurer.

### **Nominating Committee – Carol Morales Riggs**

- Link Carol vacated her position as chair
- Link Terry opened floor for nominations for Treasurer
- *Link JoAnn nominated Link Carol Morales Riggs as Treasurer. Carol accepted on a temporary basis. Nomination passed unanimously.*

### **Ethics – Link Delores**

- Each member present received code of ethics to review sign and return to Link Delores. Link Delores will contact those members not present.

### **PR/Communication – Link Donna**

- Reviewed process to publicize activities and events.
- Suggestion was made to establish a Chapter Twitter account.

### **STY – Link Belinda**

- Continue to work with Young achievers and Young explorers. Slowing bringing in 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Woodlands high school will be a smaller group.
- Grant from Entergy received for 8K for enhancement & replication of YA at WHS
- Karolyn Thomas 15<sup>th</sup> annual book fair Oct 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Theodore Young Community Center. Requesting set-up help on 10/3 from 2:30pm to 5pm



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### **ITS – Link Jackie**

- YWCA Alliance Book Club held at YWCA White Plains 10/17/2017– featuring author Ibi Zobi, title of book American Street. 10/22 UN Association USA Celebration Day – Link Dawna will be honored as a “Global Local Leader”

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

- Reported revenues and expenses

### **Legislative Issues – Link Belinda**

- October is Voter Education month – Oct 10<sup>th</sup> for voter registration. Voter forum Nov 1<sup>st</sup> with guest speakers.
- Link Belinda is representative – Westchester Community College and League of Women Voters to participate voter education month – key issues on ballot

### **Scholarship – Link Ginger Grant**

- Committee met, awaiting enrollment verifications to send checks.
- Would like to have scholarship application online.

### **Correspondence –Link Donna**

- Chapter correspondence will now be streamlined with a weekly email
- Requests for inclusion in the weekly email should be received by Friday night for approval by Link Terry
- Items reviewed:
- Thank you note from Zara Crisp, scholarship recipient is now attending University of Maryland
- 10/5 Westchester community College / book signing
- 10/11 Theodore Young Community Center – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary featuring Andrew Young as keynote speaker
- 10/21 Greater Hudson Valley Ladies in Hats luncheon
- 10/21 NCNW – Masquerade Ball
- 10/28 Queens Chapter of The Links Masquerade Ball
- 10/29 Brooklyn Chapter of The Links -65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 11/4 – Neuberger Museum - Honoring Link Marilyn and connecting Link Hugh Price

### **Unfinished business: Link Terry**

- Discussion of remaining books from Taraji P. Henson book signing event
- *Link Mary made a motion and second by Link JoAnn to donate remaining signed Taraji P. Henson books to women in need and other organizations in need. Motion passed unanimously by chapter.*

### **Announcements**

- African American Judges 10/7 – Fordham University School of Law, tickets \$100.00- trip to Smithsonian African American Museum
- 10/21 day at the races for The Girlfriends Group



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- 11/4 TSTT celebrating 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 1/17 Harriet Tubman Park ?
- 5/31 Women's conference ?
- 6/1 & 6/2 Pilgrimage ?
- 11/2 West Cop honoring Link Dawna
- 10/21 Memorial Mass Link Anne Young- Berkeley

**Adjournment** - Link Mary G. motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. The Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

**Respectfully submitted Mary L. Graves, Recording  
Secretary**

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