

Westchester County (NY) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated

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Executive Committee meeting – 3/20/18 - DRAFT

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was called to order by the President Terry Joyner on March 20, 2018 at 7:18 pm. A quorum was not present. Minutes were recorded by Corresponding Secretary Donna Dozier Gordon in the absence of Recording Secretary, Mary L. Graves. Attendees: Links Donna Dozier Gordon, JoAnn Dudley, Barbara Gundy, Sandra Grannum, Terry Joyner, Joyce Mills Kittrell, Ginger McKnight-Chavers, Mary Francis Perkins, and Lisa Stenson-Desamours.

Call to Order – Link Terry

Approval of Minutes- Executive Board minutes for February 2018 were reviewed.

Chapter Operations – Link Terry

- Monthly Reports
 - Reminder about Facet and Committee Chairs submitting monthly reports by Friday evening of the week prior to meeting
 - Recommitment was requested for on-time submission
 - The template for report format will be resent to ensure consistency
- Correspondence
 - Any notices that members of the Chapter would like to share should also be sent by Friday evening

National Update

- The Links, Incorporated and National President Glenda Newell-Harris took part in International Women's Day activities on March 8; our Chapter Link Sister Joyce Turnipseed also participated
- Senator Kamala Harris will be inducted into The Links, Incorporated on April 6
- The Call to Assembly is open – National Assembly will take place from June 27 to July 1 in Indianapolis
- The official Links Pin has been announced; a 10 carat gold version is available for \$449 and a gold-plated version is \$59
 - Guidelines for the appropriate use of the pin have not yet been issued
- Information on upcoming Webinars re: Virtual Pumps on the Hill, Wallet Wise and HIV/STDs & Youth was shared

Eastern Area

- The 2019 Eastern Area Conference will take place from April 24 – 28 in Atlantic City
- Acknowledgement was sent to Link sisters who answered the call for NAACP membership
- The EA Health Equity Ambassadors Umbrella Missionary took place from March 8 – 10; an update will be shared next month
- The deadline for member participation in the HBCU Initiative is March 24; members are able to designate a particular HBCU if desired

- President's Call:

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- Newsletter articles have been solicited from each Chapter by April 1 about a program or activity to highlight as a “Best of the Best” effort; Executive Committee decided to focus our submission on “In An Art State of Mind”

Local

- Thanks to Links Mary S., Tahira, Joyce T. and Dawna for their participation in the March Dental Van visit; additional visits are planned on April 11 and June 4
- Kudos to Links Tahira and Barbara who were honored at the ACT-SO Breakfast and to Link Delores who was honored at Calvary Baptist’s Black History Month Celebration
- Encouragement to Chapter members to check on each other in light of the recent Nor’easters and resulting power outages

Treasurers report – Provided Link Terry in Link Carol’s absence

- Reported on the period from 2/1 – 2/28/2018 (see detailed report on Chapter website)

Financial report – Link Lisa

- Reported on the period through 3/18/2018 (see detailed report on Chapter website)
- Hostess Fees for 2017-2018 and 2017 Java and Jazz is 100% paid
- Dues for 2018-2019 are 95% paid

Membership – Link Yolanda

- Thank you to Chapter for timely submission of 2017-2018 Service Hours
- New Member Orientation II will take place on April 15th at Link Penelope Moore’s home; Orientation III is now May 6th (location TBD); both will take place from 3 to 5 pm
- New Member Induction will take place on June 23
- Member status for 2018-2019:
 - Link Joan Shepherd has requested a 2nd leave of absence
 - Link Kellye Davis is requesting leave of absence
 - Link Brenda Jackson Butcher – no word yet
 - Link Helen Blackwood may be resigning
 - Link Anne Moore will be returning
 - Links Ruby Sherwood and Linda Bradshaw have requested Alumna status
 - General consensus was requested since a quorum was not present
- Considering a Friendship Activity if members are interested: “Sistas,” an off-Broadway play that features music from the 30’s to today

Strategic Plan – Link Terry

- The next Strategic Plan presentation will take place at the March Chapter meeting in which Link Joyce Kittrell will discuss Financial protocols and processes

Bylaws – Link Sandi

- The proposed Bylaws changes to bring the Chapter in compliance with National guidelines and/or reflect Chapter updates were reviewed
- The full Bylaws proposal document is posted on the Chapter website

ITS – Link Jackie

- The March 6 trip to the Yonkers Riverside Library was shared
- The UN Association of Westchester’s event to honor Women of Distinction was also mentioned

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HHS – Link Terry

- Chapter members were encouraged to take part in the Dental Van Visits in April and June

NTS – Link Hillary

- The Committee met and is working on the focus of its Fall 2018 Forum
- It is considering another program like the one presented in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association; anti-bullying is a potential topic
- Link Earlene asked for volunteers for the Koi Bench Project this week at the Clay Arts Center
- NTS will meet again in May or June to begin planning 2018-2018 programming

STY – Link Joyce

- The “Real Men Talk” event was held at both LIFE program schools
 - The Malik Fraternity partnered with the Chapter at New Rochelle H.S. and Malik and UBC, WCC& TDYCC partnered with us at the Woodlands H.S. event
- A College Tour to Morgan State University is planned for April 3, including a visit to the Reginald Lewis Museum
 - Johns Hopkins may be added to the visit
- Remaining programs for the year include:
 - Allan Houston workshop followed by the Westchester Knicks game on March 23
 - Trip to visit IBM's Watson in April
 - “A Bronx Tale” Broadway outing on April 23 with Woodlands students (in collaboration with the Arts Facet)
 - Etiquette Dinner on June 6

Arts – Link Mary Francis

- The Chapter is once again taking part in the National Poster Art and Young Master Writer Competition
 - 3 submissions have been received to date for writing (due on March 22); will share all the submissions at Saturday's Chapter meeting
- Still working on the Classics Through the Ages, National Signature program
 - Mount Vernon Performing Arts Magnet H.S. has been identified as a partner
- Working with STY on April 13th College and Cultural trip to Baltimore as well as the “A Bronx Tale” outing with Woodlands H.S.

Scholarship – Link Terry

- We have received 35 scholarship applications which are in the process of being reviewed
- Interviews will be completed by March 24th and the goal is to award at least 20 students

Correspondence – Link Donna

- Referred to most recent weekly correspondence and yield time

Announcements:

- Reminder about NTS' request for assistance this week with the Koi Bench Project

Organization Effective Moment – Link Sandi

- Reminder about being respectful to your Link sisters

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The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm

Respectfully submitted: Link Donna Dozier Gordon for Link Mary L. Graves