

Westchester County (NY) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated

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Executive Committee Meeting

October 18, 2017

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 October 18, 2017 at 7:10pm. A quorum was not present. Ginger Waters served as Recording Secretary. Attendees: Links Terry A. Joyner, Joyce Mills Kittrell, Mary Spells, Yolanda Kelley-Cannick, Lisa Stenson Desamours, Jackie Boucher, and Dianne Young.

Call to Order

Linkspiration by Link Mary Spells

Approval of Minutes- The minutes were tabled due to lack of a quorum

President's Report- Link Terry Joyner

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 28th
- 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

Chapter Operations

- JoAnn Dudley will be joining the Executive Committee as co-chair of the Scholarship committee

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- 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 50th 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 11th 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

- 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
- Link La Tia is still awaiting the Foundation Report from National.

Financial Secretary Report:

- 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.
- An increase to the budget of the Financial Secretary was requested. The request is to increase the Financial Secretary line item from \$50 to \$200 for this year. For 2018-2029 the request is for \$250. There was general agreement to support this request on the part of those present.

Membership Committee

- Four candidates have been put forward for membership: These candidates will be presented to the Chapter in October

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- The Membership committee has proposed a revision to our Bylaws. The proposed change is to present candidates in November to be voted on in January at the latest. This change will make us compliant with National and will give additional time to candidates to collect money, etc. The change must be presented to the chapter two months prior to voting.
- 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 from 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
- Volunteers are needed to host orientation sessions

ARTS:

- 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
- 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
- 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
- 9th and 10th 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.

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ITS

- The facet is planning the Skyping activity at Woodlands;
- There are also exciting activities with Ghana planned.
- The facet wants to do more with VAM
- The Yonkers School district approached Link Jackie about expanding the Life program throughout the district. ITS agreed to expand to 3 schools—those with My Brother's Keeper programs on a trial basis.

HHS

- October is Breast Cancer awareness month, there will be a presentation during the chapter meeting

NTS

- NTS will participate in a Voter education drive along with the Legislative Affairs committee on Nov 1 at WCC from 11-1 at the Davis Auditorium
- 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 focusing on Alzheimer's. Another symposium on Alzheimer's will be held.

Legislative Affairs

- 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 100th anniversary of Women suffrage
- The chapter will purchase another table cloth which is help with activities such as voter registration

Organizational Effectiveness

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

Hospitality

- We have meeting space for October and will be at the Wartburg in December.
- Link Jennifer will bring to the chapter determine preferences on venues for our Jan – June meetings
- There was a discussion about the cost of parking at the Ritz Carlton – being overcharged

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Other Business

- There will be an election and installation of a Treasurer at the October meeting
- Link Dianne is working on the handbook; Once the Strategic Plan is completed a review of the handbook will be needed
- There are still open chair positions for
 - Program
 - Java and Jazz,
 - Fundraising and
 - Fund Development
- There is a need to strategize on the specific distribution of the Taraji books
- UN Day is October 22 at Wainwright House in Rye; Link Dawna Michelle will be honored

Announcements/Correspondence

- 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
- EAG Labs is donating frames and lenses for the children in Jamaica as part of the Links outreach in Jamaica

Invitations

- NAACP of New Rochelle is giving a dinner on Nov 5 dinner at Alvin and Friends
- NAACP of White Plains is sponsoring a Motown Review at the Westchester Broadway Theater

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm