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A meeting of the Executive Board of the Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, was called to order by the President Link Dianne Young at 7:27pm. The Recording Secretary Quay Wallace Watkins was present. Attendees: Links Hillary Fleming, Ginger Waters Grant, Brenda Jackson-Butcher, Terry Joyner, Yolanda Cannick Kelly, Marilyn Price and Dianne Young.

President's Report & Chapter Operations - Link Dianne Young **Chapter Operations**

- Requested that everyone send Link Dianne their goals.

Chapter Retreat

- There will be a short Chapter Meeting at the beginning of the Retreat.
- There will be a vote on the September and October Minutes

Updates from National/Area/Cluster

- Link Dianne attended National's 70th Anniversary in Philadelphia on November 12, 2016. The day consisted of two panels and a Founder's Day Ceremony. First panel was a panel of millenials which included speakers from Kaiser Permanente, MSNBC, IM-PACT Strategies, the Detroit Tigers, CNN, and Bernie Sander's Campaign Manager. They had fresh new perspectives they shared with the audience. They talked about the need to show respect for each other during the meetings. Also the need to accommodate the schedules of young mothers who are members. They talked about the importance of not normalizing what was done during the campaign by the president elect; however, we need to move forward. The moderator of the second panel was Link Glenda Newell-Harris and included six past presidents: Links Dolly Desselle Adams, Gwendolyn Byrd Lee, Margo James Copeland, Regina Jollivette Frazier, Patricia Russell-McCloud and Gladys Gary Vaughn. They shared their experiences while they were president and the road to the presidency. The majority of the past presidents talked about the importance of being prepared. Each shared their best and worst moments during their presidencies. The day ended with the Founder's Day ceremony.
- The Leadership Summit was held in Norfolk, Virginia in October. A lot of information was disseminated at the Summit. The Cluster will bring selected topics to the Cluster meeting. A key topic is financials. The Area Treasurer and Financial Secretary will come to New York to explain the changes. It will probably be held during a weekend in January.
- Alvin Ailey sold out; however, Link Dianne is going to try to get additional tickets. There will be a post performance reception.

- Greater Bronx is sponsoring Go Red on February 12, 2017 in the Bronx.
- The Area Conference will be held April 21-25, 2017 in Richmond, Virginia. We have 2 or 3 members who should attend if they haven't met their 1 in 5 requirement. If 2017 is your 5th year, members should register immediately right when registration is open because it will sell out quickly. Please let Link Dianne know if you are planning to attend.

Committee Reports

Financial Secretary - Link Hillary

- Participated in monthly Area calls for Financial Secretaries. During the last call there was a discussion about the roles and responsibilities for the Financial Secretary.
- There are 12 members who haven't paid their Hostess Fees.

Membership & Chapter Retreat - Link Terry Joyner

- The committee met last week. Every member is encouraged to start using Track It Forward.
- Link Janice Carter Shaw and Link Lisa Stockmon have both moved out of the area and have requested to transfer to other chapters.
- Link Terry has participated in webinars on various issues relating to membership.
- November is Friendship Month. The Chapter will be getting together on Friday, November 18, 2016, at the Dorral Arrowood from 8-10pm. Bring a girlfriend gift. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served.
- The retreat will be held on Saturday and the theme is Mind Body & Spirit. There will be yoga, workshops and lunch. The attire is casual.
- The Christmas party will be held on December 3rd at the Whartburg. We are inviting alumna and platinum members.
- On Wednesday, December 28th there will be a Girlfriends Night Out to go see Fences.
- Another Girls Night Out will be held at the Clay Arts Center in the Spring.
- In March will have a tea to celebrate Women's History Month.

Programs

Programs - Link Marilyn

- Service program activities have a lot of exciting things going on. There are efforts to integrate programs between the Facets. Two Facets are using surveys and keeping track of data. ITS surveys participants and teachers. Link Marilyn encouraged more Facets to use surveys in order to gather more data.
- Activities;
 - November 12th NTS and The Arts had an In an Arts State of Mind session.
 - November 15th STY will hold a Dress for Success session for the Young Achievers.
 - In conjunction with Voices of African Mothers, ITS is sponsoring a Baby Shower on December 3rd. at the Theodore Young Community Center. Everyone is asked to bring donations.
 - December 7th Young Achievers workshop 3:30-5:30 at NRHS on Interviewing Skills.
 - December 10th In an Arts State of Mind session.

Facets

National Trends & Services - Link Hillary

- The Facet had a conference call yesterday. They discussed having an “Are You Ready” session which is an AARP program. They will be presenting at the December 3rd meeting.

New Business

- The Chapter has an opportunity to collaborate on a fundraiser with the Deltas on a movie screening of *Hidden Figures* with Taraji P. Henson on January 14, 2017, at 10am. Tickets are \$15. The theater charges \$8.70 per ticket. Anything above that is profit for the Chapter. We must purchase from their concession stands because they won't allow us to bring in outside food. They are considering purchasing coffee in order to make it available for the attendees. Our Chapter would be responsible for sharing the cost of the coffee. The theater holds 200 people. If we sell more tickets they will open another theater. It will be held at the Greenberg Multiplex at 320 Saw Mill River Road in Elmsford.
- Another fundraising opportunity is with Barnes & Noble at City Center. They are having a charitable gift wrapping service during the holiday season. They provide all of the wrapping paper, etc. and are asking groups to come out and wrap paper and they will be able to keep any donations they receive. The Deltas will be there on December 4th with a Santa Claus for photos. They have asked if we would like to join them and wrap gifts. The shifts are December 4th 10am-2pm 2pm-6pm, 6pm-10pm.

Announcements

- Link Delores' husband fell and broke his hip. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Link Tahira and Link Belinda were recognized by the NAACP.
- Metro Manhattan's fundraiser is December 11th. Link Margo Copeland is one of the speakers.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.

Respectfully submitted: Quay Watkins, Recording Secretary