



## **DRAFT**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated held at the YWCA in White Plains, New York, was called to order by the President Dianne Young, on February 16, 2016, via conference call at 7:07pm. The Recording Secretary Quay Wallace Watkins was present via conference call. A quorum was present. Attendees: Links Jacqueline Boucher, Claudia Edwards, Hillary Fleming, Sandra Grannum, Mary Graves, Donna Dozier Gordon, Barbara Gundy, Terry Joyner, Yolanda Cannick Kelly, Marilyn Price, Bettye Perkins, Delores Scott-Brathwaite, Ruby Sherwood, Lisa Stenson-Desamours, and Dianne Young. The minutes of the, January 19, 2016, Executive Committee Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Quay Wallace Watkins. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

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

- Link Penelope's husband passed away this morning.
- Connecting Link Peter Sherwood's mother passed away.
- The Long Island Chapter hosted the Go Red Church Service at Antioch Baptist Church. Links Dianne and Yolanda attended.
- Link Earlene hosted a Claydate at the Clay Arts Center in Port Chester which was a lot of fun and well attended.
- Link Dianne circulated Vision 2020 from National. They are trying to get all of the members to participate in the philanthropy side of the organization. Details were circulated to our members. Link Dianne suggested a goal for our chapter to receive the Pacesetters Award which required 100% participation. There are different levels of participation. The deadline is April 1, 2016. Our chapter has a history of giving. The Executive Committee has agreed to 100% participation, which will be announced at the next Chapter Meeting. Link Quay volunteered to be the Ambassador for our chapter.
- The Chapter Handbook template will be circulated again.
- The flow and agenda for the next Chapter meeting was discussed.
- Link Quay made a Motion that the March Chapter meeting be moved to Tuesday, March 29. The motion was seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. There was one abstention.
- The April meeting will remain on April 23, 2016.
- Link Quay made a Motion that the May meeting be moved to May 24. The motion was seconded. Yes 11, No 1, Abstentions 2. The motion carried.
- Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center is honoring Link Anne Young Berkeley posthumously. The chapter has been asked to prepare a memorial page costing \$400. Link Barbara made a motion that we purchase a memorial Ad for Link Anne Young

Berkeley. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Link Dawna will prepare the ad.

### **Finance - Link Hillary**

- The monthly report is posted online.

### **Membership - Link Terry**

- There will be a Go Red activity this month. Members are reminded to wear red to the next Chapter meeting.
- March is Women's History month.
- Members are encouraged to submit their 48 hours to Link Terry no later than the Chapter meeting on Saturday.
- New members were sent letters inviting them to membership. If they have any questions or concerns they should contact the membership committee.
- Orientation schedule is as follows: Saturday or Sunday March 13, April 2, April 23 (after the chapter meeting), and May 1
- Link Linda Bradshaw and Link Joan Thompson have requested a leave of absence for 2016-2017. We currently have 3 members on leave of absence which ends in April.
- The Membership Committee recommended that the Executive Committee support the leave of absence for Link Linda Bradshaw. The Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- The Membership Committee recommended that the Executive Committee support the leave of absence for Link Joan Thompson. The Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- One in five notifications were sent out members. If anyone has any issues, they should contact the Area Secretary or Quay. Any changes are due by February 29.
- Building assessments must be paid by April 1. Members are encouraged to review their national profiles in order to review the status of their Building Assessment.
- Missed meeting notices will be sent to members who have missed 3 or more meetings.
- The Eastern Area website is up and running. Members were sent an email so they can logon and create a profile.

### **Programs - Link Marilyn**

- Link Dianne recognized the tremendous amount of work that was done to assemble the Program report that was prepared by Link Marilyn and other members, that was submitted to National. The Life Program, Dental Van, and Young Achievers programs were presented. These are our best established and longest running programs.
- On January 10, 2016. Real Talk was held. It was attended by 22 young men. The participation was tremendous. Connecting Links Doug Dixon and John Perkins attended as well.
- Members are encouraged to review the Program report for upcoming activities and service opportunities.
- On March 3 the Young Achievers will be having a workshop entitled "A Game Plan for Success" at 4:00pm at the Westchester County Center with the Westchester Knicks. They will also attend a game with Allen Houston.
- The Life Program is expanding to Gordon High School in Yonkers.

**Correspondence**

Save the Date for May 26, 2016, at the Doubletree, Tarrytown, was received from the Lois Bronz Children's Center.

**Announcements**

- The Boys & Girls Club will be honoring Link Priscilla and Connecting Link Doug Dixon on Friday, February 26, 2016. Link Quay is organizing a table and members are encouraged to attend in order to support them.
- The Westchester County African American Advisory Board, which is chaired by Link Barbara Edwards, is sponsoring its annual Black History Month Trailblazers Awards and Reception on Thursday, February 25th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Jay Heritage Center on the Boston Post Road in Rye. Link Helen Blackwood and Connecting Link Enrique Riggs are both being honored.

**Adjournment:**

Link Dianne Young motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

*Respectfully submitted: Quay Watkins, Recording Secretary*