



**The Links, Incorporated
Westchester County (NY) Chapter
Crowne Plaza, White Plains, New York**

Membership Meeting
May 17, 2015

Attendees: Links

Helen Blackwood, Jacqueline Boucher, Linda Bradshaw, Earlene Cox, Kathie Davidson, Barbara Edwards, Claudia Edwards, Hillary Fleming, Sandra Grannum, Mary Graves, Dozene Guishard, Barbara Gundy, Karen Hill, Ilonka Javette Hines, Brenda Jackson-Butcher, Penelope Johnson Moore, Terry Joyner, Jennifer Lewis, Joan Lewis Shepherd, LaTia Martin, Ann Moore, Carol Morales Riggs, Bettye Perkins, Ruby Sherwood, Louise Quick Spann, Florence Scott, Delores Scott Brathwaite, Joan Thompson, Joyce Turnipseed, Ginger Waters-Grant, Quay Watkins, Michelle Weston, F. Dianne Young, Anne Young-Berkeley

Absentees: Links Dawna Michelle Fields, Donna Gordon, Priscilla Hambrick-Dixon, Terrilynne Jenkins, Joyce Mills-Kittrell, Marilyn Price, Mary Spells, Lisa Stenson-Desamours

Call to Order: President Dianne Young called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m.

Reflections

Link Delores Brathwaite did the reflections, and expressed appreciation for the Harriett Tubman recognition on the \$20 bill. Link Delores also reflected on all women in higher positions who have found their way, despite the trials and tribulations of life.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Link Joan Lewis Shepherd, Recording Secretary. Link Joan Lewis Shepherd motioned that we approve the April 18, 2015 minutes. It was seconded by Link LaTia. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: President Dianne Young

- Link Dianne welcomed Link Ginger Waters-Grant back to the Chapter after her Leave-of-Absence. **Welcome back Link Ginger !!**
- Tremendous accomplishments:

- Phenomenal accomplishment in hearing that Harriett Tubman will be the face on the \$20 bill.
 - Confirmation of Loretta Lynch as our country's Attorney General.
- Great representation at the Eastern Area conference. 18 members of our Chapter were in attendance
- Congratulations to our Chapter's HHS facet for receiving 1st place "Best Practice Programs".
- Our Chapter was also recognized for
 - Our Chapter's donation for Ebola.
 - Our Chapter's ITS focus on Women's Veteran issues.
 - Special recognition to our Chapter's STY facet for the implementation of integrated programming.
- Link Natalie Fant was voted in as Eastern Area director. She has been invited to attend our Java & Jazz/65th anniversary event.

Voting for Officers for 2015-2016

- Candidates for offices did a presentation for the positions being sought after.
- Confirmation of quorum: Link Sandi Grannum confirmed that we have a total membership is 41 (21 is the quorum). To be elected to an office that person will have to receive 18 votes as the majority.
 - **Voting results:**
 - President: Link Dianne Young - votes cast: 29, #of votes to elect: 15.
Votes for Dianne Young= 29 yes. Dianne Young is elected Chapter President
 - Vice President: votes cast: 34, # of votes to elect: 18.
Votes for Anne Young-Berkeley=14 yes.
Votes for Terry Joyner= 20 yes.
Terry Joyner is elected Vice-President.
 - Corresponding Secretary: votes cast 32, # of votes to elect:17
Votes for Mary Graves=32 yes
Mary Graves is elected Corresponding Secretary
 - Recording Secretary: # of votes cast 32, # of votes to elect 17
Votes for Quay Watkins=32 yes
Quay Watkins is elected Recording Secretary
 - Treasurer: # of votes cast 33, # of votes to elect 17
Votes for LaTia Martin=33 yes
LaTia Martin is elected Treasurer
 - Financial Secretary: # of votes cast: 34 # of votes to elected: 18.
Votes for Hillary Fleming=34 yes
Hillary Fleming was elected Financial secretary.

Treasurer's Update – Link LaTia Martin (Treasurer) – see emailed report.

- Link LaTia Martin presented the Chapter's financial report on our operating and program accounts.
- Proposed Budget
 - The Finance committee presented the proposed budget for program year 2015-2016.
 - Link LaTia made a motion to approve the budget for 2015-2016 program years. It was seconded by Link Michelle Weston. 24 members present and voting. 23 yes. Motion carries.

Scholarship

- On behalf the Scholarship Committee, Link Linda Bradshaw shared concerns with the monies to be awarded for the program year.

Membership: Link I. Javette Hines (See emailed reports)

- Membership Intake
 - Reminder RSVP is required for attendance at orientation #3 on May 17th
 - Prospectives are working on a service project to acknowledge care givers living with Alzheimer's disease. Presentation by the prospectives will be done at another date.
 - It is critical for members to be in attendance at the practice session on May 21st. We, as a Chapter needs to ensure we follow proper protocol (cadence and what we need to do).
- Key dates upcoming
 - June 6th New Members Induction
 - June 7th – Java & Jazz/65th Anniversary event
 - June 18th Scholarship awards reception
 - June 27th Installation of officers

Ethics Report – Link Barbara Gundy

- Link Barbara Gundy reminded us that Chapter members and their families cannot participate in fundraising awards, prizes, etc. This represents a conflict of interest if member's spouse, family members participate in fundraising prizes, awards, etc.
- Members are to be careful discussing Link business during the celebration or in public.

Protocol Report – Link Kathie Davidson

- For the upcoming events, a review of the Protocol and procedures were discussed, seating for the event and where members will stand for the pictures for the Java and Jazz.
 - Communications
 - Seating
 - Photography
- Additional details will be sent via email.

Program Update: Link Marilyn Price, Chairman-See emailed reports.

• The Arts update

- Motion made by Link Ruby Sherwood for the Arts to receive an additional \$3,000 to take Woodlands and MV high school students to Jacob Lawrence exhibit – This amount is in addition to the \$6,500. Link Dozene Guishard seconded. Votes=19 yes. Motion carries

Java & Jazz & 65th Anniversary–Links Terry Joyner & Mary Graves Co-chairs-See emailed reports.

- Link Terry reported status:
 - Ticket sales
 - 121 tickets have been sold (we need to have 380)
 - Committee walk-through will be held at VIP on Saturday (May 17th) in the afternoon
 - There will be reserved seating at the event
 - The Decorations committee is making progress on our floral designs.

- Legacy awards have been presented to 4 of the 5 facets.
 - The NTS facet nominated the Wartburg to receive a Legacy award. The awards committee approved the nomination.
 - Link Earlene Cox made a motion to approve Wartburg for a Legacy award recipient. It was seconded by Link Terry Joyner. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Program format development is underway
- There will be guest 'giveaways'
- Next Java & Jazz meeting will be on May 26th (Tuesday, after Memorial Day)
- **Journal update (Link Earlene)**
 - About 24 ads received thus far. Link Earlene Cox encouraged members to either place or pursue ads. .
 - Link Earlene Cox met with Tenley Hawkins (PR representative) and received awardee photos.
- Suggestion for an open donation card to be placed on the table. It will highlight our service activities on one side of the card, and on the other side, there will be the donation request.

Announcements:

- Link Karolyn Thomas is moving to New Hampshire.
- Dr. Donna Hamilton (former member of our Chapter) passed away on Friday May 15th.
- Congratulations to several of our Link sisters who received recognition this past month. Links I. Javette Hines, Link Dawna Michelle Fields Link Kathie Davidson Recognition
- Many of our Chapter members were in attendance at the retirement dinner and recognition for Vera Cheeks. Vera made it her business to identify and support children in need, and she also took the time to recognize the Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated for our achievements at New Rochelle High School.

Adjournment: Link Hillary Fleming made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Link Barbara Gundy. President Dianne Young adjourned the meeting at 12:15pm.

Submitted by:

Joan Lewis Shepherd

Recording Secretary

-----**END OF CHAPTER MINUTES DATED MAY 16, 2015**-----