Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
Committee Report Form

Committee/Facet Name: MEMBERSHIP
Meeting Date and Time/ Attendees: February 8, 2017 - 9:00pm to 10:00pm
Meeting was held via Teleconference
Attendees: T. Joyner, P. Moore, J. Lewis, C. Edwards and D.S. Brathwaite
Absent: S.J. Grannum, D. Guishard, F. D. Young

Issues discussed – National and Area updates, Membership Matters, Friendship Activities, Service Hours, One in Five, Chapter retreat follow-up

1. Service Hours will be completed electronically via Track It Forward – This will provide consistency for the entire chapter and assist with tracking and logging hours. Tutorial will be held again. There are 30 Chapter members have been sent the electronic invitations with instructions. Once you have signed up online, you can also download the Track It Forward app on your smart phone and log your hours instantly. Discussion held regarding ways to encourage members to participate in our service and provide a gentle reminder of our commitment to service. This is a National issue amongst numerous chapters who have had to include a specific time that constitutes attendance at chapter meetings in their chapter bylaws. Members will receive an update regarding their individual hours and will have to provide a written plan on how they will obtain their service hours.

2. Membership Matters – Link Dianne has received two requests for chapter transfers – Link Janis Carter Shaw and Lisa Stockmon are complete. We welcomed Link Anika Khan to our chapter for dual membership.
   We received one request for LOA – Link Brenda Jackson-Butcher. Recommendation of the committee on the call to accept her request for LOA. Link Joan Lewis Shepherd and Link Ruby Sherwood and Link Ann Moore received chapter vote for LOA 2017-2018.

3. Mentors - Proposed tea/ get together with the newest Link Sisters and their Mentors Theme – Links Wellness Check-Up; looking into different venues for a tentative date of March 5th at 2:30PM.

4. Retreat Follow-Up – Survey was given to chapter members to get feedback. Follow up suggestions – Girlfriend Night 2; skits regarding communication and behaviors that affect the chapter; relaxed chapter meeting with interactive games/activities

5. Friendship Activities – discussed various ways of fostering friendships outside of chapter meetings – Spa Day; Line Dancing; Paint and Sip; smaller organized get togethers; Happy Hour; Clay Arts 2 suggested dates include March 11 or April 29 from 6:30 – 8:30pm 9 with 12 slots. Link J. Lewis reported information about the Paint & Sip at Muse Bar in Ridge Hill – will circulate a sign- up sheet to see if we have an interest; Minimum of 10 people for private session at $35 p/p. Interest sheet was sent around but not returned.

Links D. Guishard and P. Moore looked into the Radisson Hotel for our Girlfriends Night II to take place on a Friday night. Friendship activities report was completed and submitted to Link Marilyn as part of our Program Report which was due by February 1st.

6. Alumna requests must be made by March meeting.

7. National/Area updates – Area Conference will be April 19-23rd in Richmond, VA. Call to Conference will be coming out soon. Letters for 1 in 5 will be sent out to individual members via electronic mailing and cc: d to chapter President, chapter Vice President and Area Vice Director. Links inducted prior to 2014 must complete a 1:5 by 2017 and those inducted after 2015 have until 2022.
   Links L. Martin, T. Jenkins and D. Dozier Gordon are required to attend. We also received notice to remind Link T. Jenkins about her building assessment.

   Building Assessments are paid online and are due by May; any difficulties contact Naia Wood or VP

   Requesting information about 25 and 40 year members to be recognized during the Area conference.

   ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:
   Recommendation of Membership Committee to accept the Leave of Absence request for Link Brenda Jackson Butcher for 2017-2018

   ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:
   MOTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER: (Please fill out the Motion form and provide a copy to the Recording Secretary)

   The membership moves that the Westchester County (NY) Chapter accepts the LOA request of Link Brenda Jackson-Butcher.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm; Next meeting will be March 8, 2017

Submitted by: T. Joyner Date: February 20, 2017