WESTCHESTER COUNTY (NY) CHAPTER
OF
THE LINKS, INCORPORATED
COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

COMMITTEE/FACET NAME: Membership
MEETING DATE AND TIME/ATTENDEES: Jan. 13, 2016 – 8:05pm to 9:30pm Meeting was held via teleconference
Attendees: T. Joyner, D. Brathwaite, F.D. Young; and P. J. Moore joined the call later (9-9:30pm) absent; D. Guishard, C. Edwards, J. Lewis and S. Grannum
ISSUES DISCUSSED: December Holiday Party, January and April 2016 Friendship Activities, and Service Hours

1. Friendship Activities –
   January or February – Book Club suggested book is The Coming by Daniel Black. Link T. Joyner will contact Link J. Hines regarding setting up a book club with author Daniel Black; April – Dance Theater of Harlem we will partner with The Arts for an outing on April 9, 2016; Link C. Edwards agreed to be the committee contact person for this event. February – previously discussed CPR opportunities or ER preparedness; March is Women's History Month; April 9th will be an outing to the Dance Theater of Harlem

2. 48 Hours – The 48 Hrs. Service Hours form was sent via email to all chapter members. All service hours should be submitted to the Membership chair and individual member forms must be signed by the Facet or Committee Chair. All reports must include name of attendees and duration for accuracy of the report. Requesting all service hours from May 2015 to December 2015 be sent in by January 16, 2016. Members will receive current service hours at the January chapter meeting that have been received by January 16th.

3. Platinum Status – will submit Link Carol Carter for Platinum status

4. New Members – Candidates for new membership will take place during the January meeting; their sponsors will briefly speak about them before the voting takes place. We have 6 candidates for consideration; 2 are DOL's and 1 candidate has been withdrawn by the sponsor.

Westchester County (NY) Chapter Bylaws - *Section 8.* *Procedure for Elections*

Election of new members, except for the daughter of a Link, shall be by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative votes of active members in good standing of the Chapter who are present and voting at the January Chapter meeting. Absentee voting is prohibited.

A. Nominees must be introduced to the membership at least two months prior to the voting date, following the procedures established by the Membership Committee.

B. Successful candidates shall be sent an invitation by way of registered mail, return receipt requested, by the Membership Chairman, which shall state all relevant deadlines. If a candidate fails to accept the invitation within two weeks, her name will be dropped. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring Link to confirm that the candidate is aware of all the relevant deadlines.

5. Orientation – initiated conversation about Orientation schedule and possible Link Hostess's; Link Quay has agreed to be a hostess; will contact Link M. Price regarding possible service activity for our prospective new members in coordination with the chapters present programming focus.

6. Budget – Link F.D. Young suggested that our proposed budget be reduced by $1,000. As the new members fees should cover their orientation costs. Present request is for $3,500 for 2016-2017 FY.

7. Membership Matters –One in Five; Building Assessment; Chapter members attendance; Taken from our Chapter Bylaws in accordance with The National Constitution & Bylaws

One in Five - - Section 4.

***Westchester County (NY) Chapter Bylaws**

Classifications of Members: All classes of membership shall be in accordance with the National Bylaws of The Links, Incorporated as set forth below.

A. Active

ii. An active member must register and attend at least one (1) Area Conference or one (1) National Assembly within every five (5) year period in order to retain her membership. The initial five (5) year period shall begin at the 33rd National Assembly to be held in 2002 in Chicago, IL. This provision shall not apply to Alumna, Active Platinum, or Provisory members.

1. If a documented life-altering or life-threatening event occurs, unavoidably preventing an active member from attending either the Area Conference or National Assembly in the fifth and final year of the requirement, and the member has not fulfilled the requirement during the first four years, she shall be allowed to provide written explanation explaining the unavoidable circumstances.

    a. The documentation must show that the circumstances were unavoidable, not an inconvenience, however great the inconvenience may be.

    b. The documentation, if accepted and approved by National Executive Council, will prevent her from forfeiting her membership for failure to fulfill the one

    (1) Area Conference or one (1) national Assembly within every five (5) years requirement.

    c. The process of approval shall begin with submitting the documentation to her Chapter for approval. The Chapter shall send approved documentation to the National Executive Council which shall have final approval or rejection of the documentation.

d. Once approval has been received from the Chapter, Area, and National Executive Council, the member will be notified that she does not have to fulfill the requirement. She will be advised to attend the next scheduled Area Conference or National Assembly without the possibility of exception.

Chapter Participation – Section 3

vi. Active membership carries with it the obligation to participate in all Chapter programs and to participate in the Chapter implementation of the National Fourfold Program: Services to Youth, the Arts, National Trends and Services, International Trends and Services, and to attend at least 2/3 of the Chapter meetings each year unless extenuating circumstances prevent the same. If you cannot meet these requirements, a letter must be submitted to the Membership Committee stating the reasons for your absence.

Building Assessment - Section 8

C. Initiation fee for new members shall be established by the Chapter. From this amount, National assessments shall be paid for the first fiscal year.

i. All members inducted into the Links, Incorporated after January 1, 2012 shall be assessed a $600 fee which will be used for maintenance of the National Headquarters located in Washington, DC.

ii. The building assessment of $600 must be paid not later than three (3) years after their induction date.

iii. The Building Assessment Payment Schedule should be adhered to and payments timely made.

ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: (1) Link Ruby Sherwood's request for LOA during 2016-2017. (2) 48 –Hours

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION AT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: (1) Link Ruby Sherwood is requesting LOA;

The membership committee moves that Link Ruby Sherwood be granted LOA for 2016-2017;

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm; Next meeting will be Feb. 3th at 8:00pm

Submitted by: T. Joyner Date: January 16, 2016.