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

COMMITTEE/FACET NAME: Membership
MEETING DATE AND TIME/ATTENDEES: September 18, 2016 – 8:30pm to 9:45pm
Meeting was held via teleconference
Attendees: T. Joyner, D. Brathwaite, P.J. Moore, F.D. Young
Absent C. Edwards, D. Guishard, J. Lewis and S.J. Grannum
ISSUES DISCUSSED: 2016-2017 New Members, Area & National Updates, planning for next year, Service hours

1. Prospective New Members 2016-17 –discussion was held with members present and polled question sent to those absent regarding committee's recommendation of having induction of new members for 2016-17. Several viewpoints and rationales were given: The National model is to bring in alternating years to allow for mentoring of new members. If no longer the model, I think that is still a better practice that gives us the opportunity to focus more on the development and nurturing of our newest members during their crucial first year. Also, we have so much going on this year, including election of officers and 2 fundraisers. We have also as a chapter experienced so many losses the recommendation is to focus on the building of friendships and spiritual renewal of our chapter and the growth of our newest Link sisters. In the past 3 years we have had 12 new members inducted; 1 reinstatement & 1 resignation; 2 transfers and 2 to change to Alumna status and 1 to pass away. When we look at our chapter needs we do now have persons that are PR and tech savvy, have more educators and healthcare specialists. I know that we also may have some sister Links who are close to achieving Alumna status as well. Present chapter membership is 50 with 3 on LOA.
   It is the recommendation of the membership to not have induction of new members for 2016-17.

2. 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. There will be tutorial after the September chapter meeting. Chapter members have been sent two electronic invitations with instructions twice. Once you have signed up online, you can also download the Track It Forward app on your smart phone and log your hours instantly.

3. Membership Matters –Area updates – Leadership Summit to be held on Oct 22 & 23rd in Washington, D.C; National – reviewed amendments that were passed during National Assembly that effect membership committee; Referenced updated Alumna request forms

4. Dual Status Request – Link Priscilla Hambrick Dixon has requested information regarding Dual Status

5. Friendship Activity for 2016-2017 – Will again plan for Friendship activities throughout the year, including Celebrating Friendship month in November. Chapter Retreat – proposed date is Nov. 19th; plan to poll chapter for preference of a 1 day retreat or to include a Friday night. We will begin next month planning for a Christmas Party/Service Activity for December. Big Apple Cluster is planning an Alvin Ailey outing for the Links in December

6. Meeting dates TBD upon speaking with all committee members

ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION AT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: Recommendation of Membership Committee to Not have New Member Induction for 2016-2017

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 Committee Moves that the chapter not have New Member Induction for 2016-2017

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm; Next meeting will be Oct.

Submitted by: T. Joyner Date: September 20, 2016