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A meeting of the Chapter Membership of the Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was called to order by the President Dianne Young, on March 25, 2017, at 9:25am EST at Alvin & Friends in New Rochelle, NY. The Recording Secretary Quay Wallace Watkins was absent. A quorum was not present. The following Links were in attendance: Links Earlene Hardie Cox, Kathie Davidson, Claudia Edwards, Hillary Fleming, Sandra Grannum, Mary Graves, Dozene Guishard, Yolanda Kelley-Cannick, Anika Khan, Ann Moore, Carol Morales Riggs, Louise Quick Spann, Lisa Stenson-Desamours, Joyce Turnipseed, Ginger Water Grant, F. Dianne Young

Call to Order

Links Pledge and Song

Reflections: N/A

Review and Approval of Minutes: N/A

NTS presented Dr. Dorsett of New Rochelle High School and six Young Achievers students came with four parents. Students commented on what the Young Achievers program means to them. Senior students closed with stating which college they are attending and Juniors students stated the colleges they are interested in. Parents and Link Dianne gave closing remarks.

President's Reports: Link Dianne Young Chapter Operations

- Area conference
- Light discussion for a new location for our chapter meetings – need a chapter survey
- IBM – students have a visit on Monday
- College visits for students and Links April 10th & 11th

Financial Secretary - Link Hillary Fleming

- Reported February financials – three member's chapter dues unpaid and status unknown; nine members building assessments dues unpaid.

Treasurer/Finance Committee – N/A

Membership - Link Sandi Grannum

- Track it forward
- Link Joan Thompson requesting Alumna status
- Anyone requesting Alumna status March 25, 2017 is the deadline
- Friendship activities – date for clay arts ; June 9th girlfriend night out
- One in Five letters to be sent to those needing to attend National Conference
- Building assessment reminder
- Pumps on the Hill – May 31, 2017 in DC

Programs - Link Dianne Young

- Links can review programs on chapter website
- April dates; 4th Colgate Van, 8th Art State of Mind, 10th-11th college tour and visit to National Museum of African American Culture and History in DC.
- Link Dozene stated reminder April 1, 2017 Alzheimer's Symposium at Westchester Community College.

Nominations Committee – Links Ann Moore and Carol Morales Riggs

- Total of 56 nominations
- President – Terry Joyner; VP- Bettye Perkins; VP-respectfully declined Mary Graves and Lisa Stenson Desamours; Treasurer – none as yet; Correspondent Secretary- Donna Dozier-Gordon and Dawna Fields; Recording Secretary- Quay Watkins; Financial Secretary – Lisa Stenson Desamours
- No nominations for Treasurer. Treasurer position can be nominated at next chapter meeting.

Parliamentarian - Link Sandi Grannum

- We do not have a quorum to vote for officer positions. Informed us we need to take a vote next month at chapter meeting prior to re-introducing the candidates. To allow our elections to go forward in April as required by National Calendar.
- Would like to take a vote next month to change Bylaws to state one month is sufficient time to consider the candidates for office versus two months.
- National states nominees for elected chapter offices must be active, financial members of the chapter who are in good standing. Nominees for elected office must be introduced to the membership at least two (2) months prior to the voting date, following the procedures established by the Nominating Committee.

Scholarship – Link Ginger Waters-Grant

- Received twenty-five applications. Some applications were incomplete.

Java & Jazz - Link Claudia Edwards

- Need volunteers to sign up to help day of event.

Correspondence - Link Mary G.

- National Breast Cancer Awareness
- Thank you card from Link Helen Blackwood
- Greater Hudson Valley Pink Summit, May 6, 2017

Announcements & Recognition

- Six Link Sisters gave testimony of who they thought were trailblazers.
- Link Sandi informed us of eight week internship offered at her firm. Program starts June 5, 2017.

Adjournment - a Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Link Dianne. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted: Mary L. Graves, Corresponding Secretary