



Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service

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 September 26, 2015, at 9:00pm EST at the YWCA in White Plains, New York. The Recording Secretary Quay Wallace Watkins was present. A quorum was present. The following Links were in attendance: Traci Alexander, Helen Blackwood, Jacqueline Boucher, Linda Bradshaw, Earlene Cox, Kathie Davidson, Barbara Edwards, Claudia Edwards, Dawna Fields, Minnette Francis-Haden, Sandra Grannum, Mary Graves, Dozene Guishard, Barbara Gundy, Priscilla Hambrick-Dixon, Brenda Jackson-Butcher, Penelope Johnson Moore, Terry Joyner, Yolanda Kelley-Cannick, Jennifer Lewis, LaTia Martin, Joyce Mills-Kittrell, Carol Morales Riggs, Bettye Perkins, Marilyn Price, Louise Quick Spann, Delores Scott Brathwaite, Janice Carter Shaw, Ruby Sherwood, Lisa Stenson-Desamours, Lisa Stockmon, Joyce Turnipseed, Florence Scott, Quay Wallace Watkins, Dianne Young, Michelle Weston, Anne Young-Berkeley

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Friendship Activity: at each table members shared with their Link Sisters their best 2015 summer memory. The memories were then shared with the entire chapter.

Chapter Operations: Link Diane Young

- Theme for 2015-2016 is integration, Alignment Integration and Collaboration.
- The chapter will continue with the same Strategic Priorities for 2015-2016 with more emphasis on leadership development and succession planning.
- Links Terry Joyner, Joyce Turnipseed and Link Lisa Stenson-Desamours will be representing the chapter at the National Leadership Symposium. Also Link Dawna will be participating with national at the conference. Additionally, national selected the following members of our chapter to participate: Co-chairs of Area's International Trends Facet Links Rosalyn Lewis and Olga Dais, and Link Dolores Brathwaite International Trends and Services Committee Member.

Committee Reports

Fund Development/Fund Raising/Communications: Link Earlene Cox

- Reported on the critical issues the chapter needs to address.
- Motion made by Link Earlene Cox that the next Java & Jazz fundraiser be moved from 2016 to the spring of 2017. The motion was seconded. Yes 31 No 1 Abstentions 0. The motion carried.
- Copy of the report is attached.

Membership: Link Terry Joyner

- A friendship survey was previously distributed to the members.
- Building Assessment is due by April 1, 2016.
- Member profiles must be updated on the national website by September 30, 2015.
- In order to meet the 1 in 5 requirement, if members have not attended a National Assembly or Area Conference since 2013, they must attend the National Assembly in 2016 or Area Conference in 2017.
- Committee recommends membership intake in 2016 up to 8 members and has identified the types of skills that are needed.
- Link Terry Joyner moved on behalf of the Membership Committee that the Westchester County Chapter of the Links Inc. conducts membership intake for the year 2016-2017. The motion was seconded. The motion carried: Yes 28 No 0 Abstentions 0
- Link Joyce Turnipseed was recently appointed the National Chair of The Links, Incorporated HBCU Initiative and member of the President's Executive Council. She reported that National is requesting that every Links chapter set aside scholarships specifically for students who are attending HSBCUs.
- The membership committee encourages members to wear Link's paraphernalia in order to promote our Links brand.
- A copy of the report is attached.

Scholarship: Link Claudia Edwards

- Link Claudia Edwards made a motion that all scholarships and book awards should be awarded based on merit and/or financial need. The motion was seconded. The motion did not carry: Yes 13 No 14 Abstentions 0
- Link Claudia Edwards made a motion to change the language on the scholarship applications to reflect that all scholarships and book awards be on the basis of merit and financial need. Yes 25 No 0 Abstentions 0
- Link Claudia Edwards made a motion that the scholarships should be \$1,000 and book award \$500. The motion was seconded. The motion carried: Yes 28 No 0 Abstentions 0

Finance: Link LaTia Martin

- The chapter filed its tax return one week in advance of the deadline.
- A copy of the report is attached.

Program: Link Marilyn Price

- The Facets are off to an early start in scheduling and conducting their activities.
- The service dates were reviewed.
- Members were encouraged to review the national webinars that were circulated by email.
- Facets should send Link Marilyn their regular meeting dates and the date they would like to make their presentations to the chapter.

Guest Speaker: Link Kim Mumby Green, National Nominating Chair

- Recognized the accomplishments of the chapter.
- Encouraged members to step out of their comfort zone and share their intellectual capital on another committee. Embrace change. Study your successes and learn how to raise the bar. Try different fundraising. Open up to different perspectives and different ways to engage the community. Lots of tools on the national website. HBCU, Black Lives Matter, HIV Aids, STU with a focus on STEM, AARP. Do data studies in our area. Westchester is unique. There is a lot of wealth but also pockets of poverty. Try to add community changes.
- Activities vs programming: programming can measure the impact. Activities are events. We have a strong foundation in programming. Our brand will be bigger and more impactful when our programs are sustainable and can be measured with impact.
- How well do we know our fellow links sisters. There are many assets our talent pool. Try to partner and leverage our assets to maximize outcomes.
- Have fun while we are working. Incorporate fun activities with the work. Do activities where we can really bond.
- Use programming to leverage funding. New York probably has more programming than a lot of other states.
- Recommended more flexibility in scheduling activities both during the work day and on weekends. Can be impactful in 2-3 hours or less.
- Example of a successful program: Health Fair in Connecticut. 600 people 10:00am-12:30pm, carnival Colgate Dental Van, 15 screening stations. Partnered with a hospital. Dance lessons, children's room with activities, nutritionist teaching how to read labels. Place for people with high cholesterol and other issues. Mammogram van. Held in a community in desperate need.
- Described her role as national nominating chair. All officers are up for re-election. Deadline is October 15, 2015.

Link Susan Branche is running Next Generation Nationally.

Member Recognition

- Link Earlene Cox is on the board of the Clay Arts Center and has a private studio
- Link Jane Cecil, a long time supporter of our chapter passed away over the summer.
- Link Betty Perkins was in an article in the 914 magazine.
- Link Joyce Turnipseed was in Washington, D.C. and was at the White House to see the Pope.
- Link Jennifer Lewis received her Doctorate of Education.
- Link Helen Blackwood and Link Delores Brathwaite are running for re-election unopposed.

- Link Ruby gained a son-in-law.

Announcements

- Link Kathie Davidson is a judge for Family Court New Rochelle, Yonkers, White Plains. Yonkers the worse site. This past Monday the Board of Legislators approved moving the facility to a new site.
- On October 3, 2015, the Deltas are hosting an Emergency Disaster Preparedness workshop for CPR training at 9:00am at the fire station in Valhalla.
- Link Terry Joyner has been in contact with David Thomas who is working on establishing the Friends of the African American Cemetery in Rye. They are working on a ceremony for Veterans Day on November 14, 2015, at 9:00am.
- September is childhood Obesity Month.
- Link Carol Morales Riggs will be maintaining service hours. Send to her and cc Link Terry Joyner.
- Sunday October 4, 2015 HHS & NTS Alzheimers 3 mile walk 9:00am at White Plains Hospital Bryant Avenue entrance. Wear white, green or black. Email Link Dawna if attending.
- Dental Van last week at the Doyle Center had 316 children. Encourages members to attend Dental Van.
- Friday October 2, 2015, is the inauguration of Dr. Belinda Miles the new president of Westchester Community College.
- Services to Youth needs connecting dates involved to help young men. Contact Link Betty.
- Link Betty Perkins' birthday was Sept 1
- Greater Queen's Chapter Masquerade Ball October 17 at Terrace on the Park
- October 24, Greater Hudson Valley Ladies in Hats luncheon 12:00pm.
- October 25 12:00pm - 5:00pm Brooklyn Links event at Terrace on the Park
- Saturday October 17, Brooklyn Girlfriends chapter 32nd Annual Day at the Races. Funds support 5 scholarships to college students to CUNY or SUNY students \$65 until September 30th or \$75 after that.

Motions

Link Mary Change Chapter meeting October 24th move start to 9:00am. Motion seconded. Motion Carried Yes 19 No 1 Abstentions 3

Link Mary Graves moved to change November's Chapter meeting to November 21st meeting to start at 10:00am. Motion was seconded. Motion was didn't pass because there wasn't a quorum. Yes 17 No 0 Abstention 3

A motion was made by Quay Watkins to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Quay Wallace Watkins, Esq.

Recording Secretary

