



A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated held at the YWCA in White Plains, New York, was called to order by the President Dianne Young, on April 19, 2016, at the WYCA at 7:23pm. The Recording Secretary Quay Wallace Watkins was present via conference call. A quorum was not present. Attendees: Links Brenda Jackson-Butcher, Jacqueline Boucher, Dianne Young, Terry Joyner, Earlene Cox, Sandi Jefferson Grannum, Delores Scott Braithwaite, Claudia Edwards, Marilyn Price, Ginger Grant, and Bettye Perkins

Link Quay moved to approve the minutes of previous meeting on March 15, 2016. The Motion passed 7 yes 5 no. Motion carried.

#### **President's Report & Chapter Operations - Link Dianne Young**

- **The Dance Theater of Harlem activity got rave reviews. Thank you to Links Lisa Stenson Desamours and Claudia Edwards for all of your hard work and effort.**
- **The L.I.F.E. program at Gordon High School was launched. The school is very enthusiastic about the program. It has been embraced whole heartedly by the students, administrators and staff.**
- **Links Are In The House - we are getting many requests for Links participation in various community organizations. We have been extended invitations from the AKAs and For Women Only to put together a table for the Links.**
- **Link Traci was able to obtain 13 tickets for the play Head of Passes. If anyone is interested in attending, they should contact her. Link Traci is looking for a play to attend in the fall for a fundraiser.**
- **Orientation is off to a great start. We have 5 outstanding women. One of the women commented that she felt welcomed and loved.**
- **A vote is needed to move the May Chapter Meeting since it falls on Memorial Day weekend. The proposal to be considered is the third Saturday, May 21. There is a conflict with the Deltas; therefore, it has been suggested to change the time of the meeting to 12:00pm. At the meeting we need to do the Induction and Alumni ceremonies, in addition to holding the Chapter meeting. Link Quay made a motion to move the May Chapter Meeting to May 21st at 12:00pm. The motion was seconded and passed 10 yes 1 no 1 abstain. Motion carried.**
- **Chapter Handbook summaries are due April 28th. Members are encouraged to meet this date so the handbook will be finished in order to have it completed in time to distribute to new members at the last Orientation session.**

- Thank you to the Executive Committee for completing the Survey Monkey prepared by Link Ann.
- There will be pre-planning at the June meeting for the Chapter Retreat which will be held on September 24, 2016, the date of the Chapter meeting. Links Terry, Ann, and Marilyn are on the committee.
- If we don't have a co-chair for Java & Jazz, we go to members of chapter to discuss budget shortfall and branding at the June meeting. There is a concern that we will lose our following, the people in the community who look forward to this event every year. Link Bettye and Link Claudia were recommended as co-chairs.
- National is requesting that each chapter donate \$100 to their efforts to help provide water for Flint Michigan. Link Dianne will discuss this further with Link Natalie.
- Vision 2020 date was extended to April 24, 2016. There are three members who have not donated. Several members expressed their disappointment that three members have not donated. It was suggested that we should find out why the members are refusing to participate. One member indicated that repeated calls and requests to donate are having the opposite effect.
- Registration for the National Assembly was extended to April 25, 2016.
- Greater New York, Link Rhonda Joy McLean was elected for her second term. Greater Queens had their election and Jackie Arrington was elected as President. Link Roz Lewis was elected Vice President of Membership of Fairfield County.

#### **Finance - Link Hillary**

- The monthly report is posted online.

#### **Membership - Link Terry**

- The first Orientation was held. Link Terry thanked everyone for their support.
- Link Rosalyn Carnage will be granted alumna status in May.
- Link Carole Carter awarded platinum status
- Link JoAnn Dudley will be returning to Chapter.
- Link Geri Walton Gibbs will have to complete a request to transfer to the Florida Chapter.
- The committee is seeking mentors for new members. If anyone would like to be considered contact Link Terry.
- The second Orientation will be held on April 23rd and the third on May 1, 2-16.
- The Induction Ceremony will be held on May 21st. The committee is working on solidifying a location. Link Penelope is working on a date for a rehearsal.
- Membership Matters National and Eastern Area Updates has noted a conflict in the dates for deadlines for daughters of Links. Proposals will be

made at the National Assembly to make the dates and requirements uniform. Reinstatement deadlines are between Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

- There was a discussion on the Membership Test for new Members that was very lengthy. Some solutions are available and will be discussed by the Membership Committee. Several suggestions were made regarding taking the test and presented it in a way that won't offend the new members.
- The committee is working on gifts for the new members and the alumna member.
- A Legacy Luncheon will be held on April 30th at the Schomberg and is sponsored by Greater New York and their sister chapter from Philadelphia.
- Link Terry needs the start and end time for the Committee and Facets in order to give members service hours. Service hours begin May 1.

#### **Scholarship - Link Ginger**

- Fifteen applications have been received. Interviews will be held April 24th and May 7th.
- The application is now on the website which has made it easier for applicants to access.
- Applications were received from several schools. A discussion was held regarding whether or not we should receive applications from non-partner schools. The text of the application does not say that the scholarships are only available to partner schools.
- A tentative date for the reception is June 11th at United Methodist Church in New Rochelle.

#### **Hospitality - Link Delores**

- The committee met and discussed the fact that the Chapter is made up of numerous accomplished members who have been honored or recognized by other organizations. The committee suggests, that instead of giving them a gift, at the end of the Chapter meeting we could have a White Rose Moment. Members who are recognized will be given a single white rose and certificate and their names will be on our website. The Hospitality Committee is asking the Executive Committee to support the White Rose Moment and recommend it to the Chapter.
- Link Delores made a Motion on behalf of the Hospitality Committee seeking to have a White Rose Moment to recognize any Link member who has been honored or received recognition from the community and that Link sister would receive as a gift, a single white rose. The Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Programs**

- Joint Program Between Arts and National Trends & Services - Link Earlene
  - Link Earlene has met with the Clay Arts Center and the Wartburg and all parties have confirmed their participation in a joint program. A

**Memorandum of Understanding has been distributed and it is anticipated that signatures will be obtained by the end of this week. The name of the program is: In An Art State of Mind. The program consists of monthly clay classes at the Wartburg for Alzheimer patients. The Links will provide \$3,500 (\$250 per session) in funding for the program. Link Terry suggested involving all five Facets and make it an umbrella program. There was a discussion about involving youth in this program. Link Earlene recommended starting without youth and evaluate the program once some of the sessions have taken place. There will be further discussion. Both Arts and National Trends & Services Facets voted to approve the program.**

**Announcements**

- **The Young Achievers Awards Ceremony will be held on May 25, 2016. Location to be determined. The Young Achievers will be presenting at the May meeting.**
- **Dr. Tahira Chase, principal of the Greenburg School District was acknowledged as one of the top 25 Superintendents in the nation.**

**Adjournment:**

**Link motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.**

**Respectfully submitted: Quay Watkins, *Recording Secretary***