



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 October 18, 2016, at 7:00am. We did not have a quorum. The Recording Secretary Quay Wallace Watkins was absent. Attendees: Links Traci Alexander, Jacqueline Boucher, Earlene Cox, Kathie Davidson, Hillary Fleming, Mary Graves, Terry Joyner, Lisa Stenson-Desamours, Ginger Water-Grant, Dianne Young and Joan Lewis-Shepard

Website Presentation: Links Mary Graves and Joan Lewis-Shepard gave a presentation of chapter calendar. Discussion of how to make members more engaged in using an interactive calendar and to streamline several corresponding emails from being sent. Members can now view on calendar when meeting and events are taking place.

President's Report & Chapter Operations - Link Dianne Young

Link Claudia Edwards co-chair, need members to sign up for committees.
Link Lisa Stenson Desamours to ask Arts facet to take lead on Artist.

- **Link Janis Shaw moved to Virginia – requesting a transfer.**
- **Link Lisa Stockman moving to Los Angeles – requesting a transfer.**
- **Chapter Retreat – November 19, 2016 9am to 4pm. All day meeting and Retreat**
- **Chapter meeting – December 3, 2013 at Wartburg. Would like meeting to start at 9am to 4pm to include our Holiday party and Caroling. Need a chapter vote to start meeting at 9am.**
- **Roster – no changes, will ask members again to check if any changes are needed.**
- **Legislative Affairs Committee: Link Belinda Miles will the chair of committee**
- **Link Tahira Chase Dupree honored as Game Changer by Greenburg NAACP chapter.**
- **Link Belinda Miles – Keynote Speaker for the National Council of Negro Women.**
- **Links 70th National Anniversary in Philadelphia, November 14, 2016**
- **Area Conference in April 2017**
- **Area Nominations for Area office were made**

- **Big Apple Cluster: Alvin Ailey – December 4th, several members requesting for \$122.00 premier tickets which includes reception. The \$74.00 tickets are still available.**
- **Goals – executive committee, please submit goals to Link Dianne.**

Committee Reports

Toast to Taraji Fundraiser – Link Traci Alexander

- **Event was well branded – we had WBLs interview Taraji, News 12 and Verizon coverage.**
- **Guest and members enjoyed event**
- **Finance will give a report on finances**
- **Discussion of how will remaining books be distributed or sold. Link Mary G. gave Link Traci Alexander approximately 69 books in her possession. A balance of 259 books are at Westchester Community College in storage.**

Finance – Link Hillary Fleming

- **Reported monies in Operating account and donations from Taraji P. Henson fundraiser**
- **Chapter dues are due in February**
- **Hostess dues are due now – we have 19 members outstanding**
- **Paypal not for profit fees incurred for ticket sales from Taraji event. Going forward paypal will reflect for Java and Jazz ticket sales.**

Correspondence – Link Mary Graves

- **Thank you note from Alumna Florence Scott for care and concern for the loss of her spouse Hugh.**

Membership - Link Terry Joyner

- **October is breast cancer awareness month. Planning a friendship activity centered around theme.**
- **November 19, 2016 Chapter Retreat 9am to 4pm. Theme is Mind, Body and Spirit.**
- **November 18, 2016 girlfriends' night out at Doral Arrowood at their pub. There will be a gift exchange.**
- **December 3, 2016 – Holiday party and chapter meeting.**

Scholarships – Link Ginger Waters Grant

- Awarded \$15,000.00 scholarships to high school students. Links will partnership with only four schools – Mount Vernon, Greenburg, New Rochelle and Woodlands. Would like to bring vote to chapter meeting.
- Already gave two scholarships to HBCU – NC AT&T and Morehouse.
- Deadline for scholarship applications **October 31, 2016**

International Trends – Link Jacqueline Boucher

- Kechie Project – All 50 book bags were completed and the young ladies will receive them this month.
- **October 23, 2016** at the YWCA 2:30 to 6pm. Refugee Crisis. Gorton HS, Mt. Vernon HS and Woodlands are participating (model UN).
- College Tour - Mercy College Tour and conference.

Arts – Link Lisa Stenson-Desamours

- Art State of Mind – Continue working with the Alzheimer's residents at the Wartburg. Resident's enjoy the ceramic activity for the day, they create art with clay and also paint creations.
- College visit's – researching college visits, approximate cost is \$200.00 per student

National Trends & Services – Link Hillary Fleming

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AARP: Link Earlene Cox

ARE YOU READY?

- Will have a series of symposium's relating to AARP – Topic will be **ARE YOU READY?**

Adjournment: Link Dianne Young motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously. 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted: Mary L. Graves, *Corresponding Secretary*