



Linked in Friendship, Connected in Service

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A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was called to order by the President Dianne Young, on September 22, 2015, at 7:00pm EST at the YWCA in White Plains, New York. The Recording Secretary Quay Wallace Watkins was present. A quorum was present. Attendees: Links Quay Watkins, Marilyn Price, Mary Graves, Jackie Boucher, Claudia Edwards, Ginger Waters Grant, Delores Scott Brathwaite, Terry Joyner, Ann Moore, Ruby Sherwood, Bettye Perkins, Earlene Cox.

Reports:

President's Report & Chapter Operations - Link Dianne Young

- The chapter will continue to follow the strategic priorities established for 2014-2015 this year. The focus for this year will be Collaboration + Integration + Alignment. Also Fun, Education and Productivity through collaboration.
- The Executive Committee agreed that the Executive Committee meetings will be moved to the third Tuesday of the month.
- A new Facet & Committee Roster has been established for 2015-2016 and will be circulated.
- National Links held a phenomenal workshop at the Congressional Black Caucus weekend. The topic was African American Women & Mental Illness & Dementia.
- The Executive Committee agreed to recommend that the October Chapter Meeting begin at 9:00am due to a conflict with the Ladies In Hats event sponsored by the Greater Hudson Valley Chapter of the Links Inc.

Membership - Link Terry Joyner

- The Membership Committee is developing new activities for the chapter. Currently there are 46 active members, 3 members on leave of absence, and 8 alumna members. The committee recommends 8 members for membership intake in 2016. Maximum number of members for the chapter is 60.
- The 2014 Survey Monkey on Chapter Needs Assessment was reviewed.
- The Building Assessment is due April 1, 2016.
- Link Terry Joyner made a motion that the Chapter conduct membership intake for the chapter year of 2015 -2016 for a maximum of 8 new members. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- Link Terry Joyner made a motion that chapter members wear Links paraphernalia when we have chapter events to promote Links branding and sense of friendship. The motion was seconded. The motion failed with Yes 0 No 10 Abstentions 2.

Program - Link Marilyn Price

- Almost all of the Facets have held meetings and are working on their activities. Several activities have been scheduled and members are encouraged to review the dates in the Program report on the website. Link Marilyn requested that Facets send her the date they would like to make their presentations to the chapter.
- Link Jackie Boucher reported on activities of International Trends & Services.

Fundraising Committee - Link Earlene Cox on behalf of Link Traci Alexander and Lisa

- A conference call held in July to discuss fundraising ideas and how to build awareness of the chapter and align our brand with potential sponsors.
- The committee recommended developing three annual events (every four months) that will be held at local restaurants, country clubs or town halls. Goal is to showcase the impact of LINKS in Westchester and begin to garner consistent PR support on a local level. The mini fundraising entities could be designed around our current facets and give an award to a woman affiliated with a corporation in our region.
- Link Earlene made a motion to change the date of the next Java & Jazz from the year 2016 to 2017 and make it a biannual event. Motion was seconded. Link Terry Joyner recommended holding the event in April of May every year. The motion passed: Yes 11 No 0 Abstention 1

Scholarship Committee - Link Ginger Waters Grant

- Link Ginger Waters Grant reported that the Scholarship Committee has developed new recommendations to the scholarship program.
- Link Ginger made a motion that the following changes be made to the scholarship program:
 - (1) All scholarships and book awards should be awarded based on merit and/or financial need.
 - (2) The scholarships should be \$1,000 and book award \$500.
- The motion was seconded and passed: Yes 10 No 1 Abstain 1

Announcements

- Link Joyce Turnipseed is in Washington, D.C. and will be 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 unopposed.
- Link Earlene Cox is on the board of the Clay Arts Center and has a private studio
- Link Ruby gained a son-in-law.

- Link Terry Joyner has been in contact with David Thomas who is working on establishing the Friends of African American Cemetery in Rye. They are working on an activity on November 14, 2015.
- This Sunday is Purple Sunday in recognition of Alzheimers.

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

Quay Wallace Watkins, Esq.

Recording Secretary