



REVISED DRAFT

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 April 23, 2016, at 10:00am EST at the Crown Plaza in White Plains, NY. The Recording Secretary Quay Wallace Watkins was present. A quorum was present. The following Links were in attendance: Helen Blackwood, Jacqueline Boucher, Linda Bradshaw, Earlene Cox, Kathie Davidson, Barbara Edwards, Claudia Edwards, Hillary Fleming, Donna Gordon, Sandra Grannum, Barbara Gundy, Priscilla Hambrick-Dixon, Javette Hines, Brenda Jackson-Butcher, TerriLynne Jenkins, Terry Joyner, Yolanda Cannick Kelly, Joan Lewis Shepherd, Jennifer Lewis, Joyce Mills-Kittrell, Ann Moore, Carol Morales Riggs, Bettye Perkins, Louise Quick Spann, Delores Scott Brathwaite, Janice Carter Shaw, Ruby Sherwood Mary D. Spells, Lisa Stenson-Desamours, Joan Thompson, Ginger Waters-Grant, Quay Watkins, Michelle Weston, and Dianne Young.

Review and Approval of the Chapter Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2016. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Link Quay Wallace Watkins. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved as read.

Reflections: Link Mary Spells

REPORTS

President's Report: Link Dianne Young

- Link Dawna is still in the Wartburg. She loves Prince so the Chapter is wearing purple ribbons in honor of his passing and as a show of love to Link Dawna.

Recognition

Chapter Operations

- Discussion regarding moving May meeting due to Memorial Day during which we will have the Induction and Alumna Ceremony. Link Quay made Motion to move meeting to May 21, 2016 at 12:00pm. Motion was seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Services to Youth

- A report was given on the Carolyn Thomas Book Fair. Link Florence and Link Joyce were thanked for their service over the years. They have selected wonderful books with African American authors and characters for the children. Also, they have integrated programming with healthy snacks.

- Thirty-six young men were selected to participate in the Young Achievers Program. Five additional young men who were not selected attended as well due to their great interest in the program.
- Dr. Dorsette thanked the Chapter for giving the staff and administrators at the high school an opportunity to nuture, empower and help the young men excel. The young men in the program are taking AP and honors classes. They are excited about the opportunity to attend workshops to form networks with each other. There is a buzz on campus about the program. They stand out from the other students and are setting a standard above the rest and are changing the perception at the high school of African American young men.

Membership

- Link Terry Joyner expressed her deep appreciation for the prayers, calls, cards, and words of comfort upon the passing of her mother.
- The Orientation Sessions Schedule is as follows:
 - April 4, 2016, the Wartburg President's House
 - April 23, 2016, following the Chapter Meeting
 - May 1, 2016, at clubhouse in Link Lisa Stenson Desamours' neighborhood at 4:00pm.
- Link Terry thanked members for submitting Service Hours. In the future, it is requested that members submit the hours on a quarterly basis due to the significant amount of time it takes to enter the data into National's system.
- Link Terry made a motion to accept Link Rosalyn Carnage's request for alumni status. The Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Link Minnette is requesting to resign in good standing for family reasons. Link Terry Joyner made a motion to accept her resignation in good standing. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Finance Report: Link La Tia Martin

- The Finance Report was presented by Link La Tia Martin.
- Operating Report: Beginning Balance \$35,989.52, Closing Balance \$28,185.82
- FBO Account: Beginning Balance \$65,825.44, Closing Balance \$62,325.44
- Program Account: Beginning Balance \$8,718.50, Closing Balance \$8,884.30

Program Report: Link Marilyn Price

- The Program Report has been posted on the website.

Presentation by Arts & NTS Facet - Link Lisa Stenson Desamours

- Link Earlene gave the Arts Facet's presentation on sculpting. She displayed some of the extraordinary pieces she created. She shared how she got involved with art during the process of grieving for her mother. She recommended trying to sculpt someone's face or body if you want to start using your left side of your brain. When she was asked how did she know she could create, she said, "I was created by a creator who created me in his image. I am a creator. The greatest sculptor in the world is God. He

uses rocks, wind, and water to create things.” Also, she distributed the pieces made by members who attended the Clay Party at the Clay Art Center in Portchester.

- Link Dozene from NTS spoke in great detail about a very important public health concern that will impact each of us one way or another, Alzheimers. She related that it is an epidemic in our society that cuts across generations. She moderated a very detailed and informative PowerPoint presentation she developed with Link Earlene. Link Earlene added her personal experience with Alzheimers and her passion about raising awareness about this deadly disease. Link Dozene also shared her experience with a family member, as did a few other members. Information was distributed to each member. Link Earlene is advocating for Alzheimer’s becoming a national issue with the Links. Link Dozene stated we must attack the Alzheimer’s Disease epidemic across four pillars:
 - Health & Wellness
 - Finance
 - Care Giving
 - Social Engagement
- Link Dozene spoke about the work of the Chapter at the Wartburg. During their last visit, some of the seniors said we remember you and want the Chapter to come back as soon as possible.
- Wartbug/CAC Art Program - the two Facets are having conversations with the Clay Arts Center about going into the Wartburg to teach clay arts. The Clay Arts Center representatives are excited about this project. Link Yolanda said she spoke to the Wartburg and they are very excited about collaborating on this project.
- NTS’s goals are to collaborate with the Chapter’s Facets to integrate National’s AARP initiative across all facets.
- Link Dozene stated that members should be thinking about long term care insurance. There is a plethora of information about Care Giving and creating Care Circles.
- Some of the contributing factors to Alzheimers are: high blood pressure, diabetes, stress, and lack of exercise. Activities that involve doing something creative are encouraged in order to keep the mind active.
- The following are upcoming activities relating to Alzheimers:
 - May 13, 2016, Meeting of the Minds Alzheimers Conference 9am-4pm at Doubletree Hotel in Tarrytown.
 - September 18, 2016, is Purple Sunday for houses of worship to heighten the awareness about Alzheimers.
 - Westchester County Walk for Alzheimers September 25, 2016.

Announcements

- Link Traci spoke about having a fundraiser in connection with going to see *Head of Passes*, a play about family and faith starring Felicia Rashad on April 24, 2016. The cost is \$75 for a ticket and the reception. She is trying to arrange a discussion with Ms. Rashad. If 40 members commit to selling 3 tickets at \$150 each, the Chapter could raise approximately \$9,000 for the evening. The Chapter would need 75 people to have a discussion with Ms. Rashad. Several members felt that April is not enough time to do this as a fundraiser. Consensus was to pursue it as a Chapter activity. Traci will send more information via email.

- Link Ruby had surgery and it went very well.
- Saturday April 9, 2016, 55 people will be going to see the Dance Theater of Harlem performance at 2:00pm and have dinner at 4:15pm after the performance at Pazza Note.
- Tickets for the Taste Off on April 30th at Woodlands High School will be held. It is a fundraiser for scholarships. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.
- For Women Only is having their wonder-filled weekend celebrating their 38th year of “Love, Friendship and Sisterhood.” They have extended invitations to the Links and others to attend their “open” events. The Masquerade Party will be held on May 14th at 8:00pm at the Davenport Mansion. The hats luncheon will be held on May 15th at 2:00pm at the Renaissance Westchester Hotel. Link Margo Copeland is the guest speaker at the luncheon. A private reception for Links and reserved tables for Links are available. Link Jackie has invitations and further information.
- Link Ann requested that the Executive Committee complete the Survey Monkey for the Strategic Plan.

Correspondence

- The Lois Bronz Children’s Center gala will be held on May 26, 2016.
- Link Delores thanked everyone for their love and support during the passing of her brother.
- A card was read from Link Penelope thanking her Link Sisters for their love and support during the passing of her husband.
- Review and Approval of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2016. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Quay Wallace Watkins. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved as read.

Adjournment - a Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Link Barbara Gundy. The Motion was seconded and approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:13pm.

Quay Wallace Watkins, Esq.

Recording Secretary

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