

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY (NY) CHAPTER
OF
THE LINKS, INCORPORATED
COMMITTEE REPORT
February 2017**

COMMITTEE/FACET NAME: Services to Youth

MEETING DATE AND TIME/ATTENDEES: February 2,2017

Facet Members:

Bettye Perkins, Chair

Ann Moore, Belinda Miles, Claudia Edwards, Dianne Young, LaTia Martin, Marilyn Price, Traci Alexander, Quay Watkins

Highlights

I. National, Chapter, Eastern Area Program Remarks/Updates

Link Dianne: - Covered three key events:

- A.** "Go Red" of Feb 12 and encouraged facet members to attend and support the Greater Bronx chapter.
- B.** Eastern Area conference to enroll asap if interested
- C.** Ethics Webinar, Feb. 15th

Link Marilyn:

- A.** Submitted 3 Program reports, including STY, on Feb.1 to National and thanked everyone for their input and feedback
- B.** Provided a Recap of Program Committee meeting with Facet Chairs/C0-chairss: Covered 3 Goals to achieve this program year:
 1. Program Integration
 2. Select one SMART goal to achieve
 3. Share responsibilities among facet members

All Facet Chairs agreed that the goals were doable. Link Bettye noted that Link's Marilyn's report was in concert with our last facet meeting discussion regarding strategic planning.

Link Bettye: Participated in Eastern Area Program Chair January conference call and invited other facet members to participate in future calls. Highlights of call:

- 1. HBCU National Chair gave update on HBCU goals/strategies. Link Barbara Martin noted indicated that some of the strategies would be a challenge to implement because there are not any HBCU's located in New York. Link Bettye mentioned that as part of our career panel and For men Only workshops, we include participants who are HBCU graduates; and our trip to Howard University in April.
- 2. Link Barbara Martin encouraged chairs to continue focus on STEM

II. Young Achievers 2016-2017 Program Calendar Review

Link Bettye mentioned that the entire facet had done a superb job spearheading the workshops this year and thanked everyone for their unwavering support.

Reviewed calendar and presented updates on scheduled items

Link Dianne noted that the College Panel led by Six YA College Students was quite impressive. It was echoed by all facet members in attendance that the young men had matured and that the discussion was engaging and touched on all the key elements of college transition and college success. Link Bettye thanked Link Anne for spearheading the workshop and serving as the moderator.

1. Career Panel. Link Dianne reported on trip to IBM Watson labs to be scheduled in March.
2. Knicks seminar and game "A Game Plan for Success" (Mar 28)
3. STY presentation to Chapter in March
4. April DC trip... more updates under Link Quay's report
5. Pre-planning for etiquette workshop and Awards dinner

III. Young Achievers "For Men Only" February Workshop..Link Belinda

Secured 3 men from Kappa NROC Chapter to participate in "Real Talk: For Men Only" workshop on February 8. One, Andre Early, had participated in YA in the past. Expect up to 5 Men.

Link Bettye and Link Marilyn commented that perhaps Kappa Men maybe potential longer term partner.

IV. Washington DC Trip, April 2017**Link Quay>**

- > Signed up – 22 students, 5 parents, 4 staff.
- Bus holds 50. Need min 40. Discussed communicating need to Chapter and to Arts to see if there is an interest in sponsoring those with financial need.
- Facet discussed how to sell fill open seats.
- > \$200 for Insurance... arranged by Link LaTia. Will come out of STY budget.
- > Link Quay will send email re any openings after 3rd payments are received.
- > Suggestion to buy blazers for YAs. Decided to purchase book bags instead due to cost. Link Ann M. will order backpacks
- > Trip budget on track. Link Quay will send email to Facet with itinerary.

Contracts signed for bus and hotel.

V. 2017 STY Budget**Link Bettye/All**

Budget increase request of 11,609.63 ... as STY Funds were depleted due to Book Fair's backpacks and 2016 year end dinner.

VI. Open Discussion/Path Forward**All**

Link Traci announced Any Young Book signing. Link Quay clarified 2 service hours will be given for the mtg.

VII. Adjourned at 8:50pm