

Westchester County (NY) Chapter, The Links, Incorporated

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Services To Youth (STY) Meeting Minutes

Date: October 6, 2019

Location: Greenburgh Public Library

Attendance: Links Joyce Mills-Kittrell (Co-Chair), Mary Spells, Terry Joyner, Regina Morgan-Rodriguez, Brenda Jackson-Butcher, Karen Young (Co-Chair), Sheila Hankin

1. Book Fair Debrief

- a. Good turnout
 - i. \$554 collected
 - ii. 314 people (including adults)
- b. Link Florence was happy and surprise with re-naming and ribbon cutting
- c. Need more African American books next year
- d. New scholastic contact (Teresa)
- e. \$150 in scholastic dollars
- f. **Next year**
 - i. Need summer planning meeting with scholastic (more African American books)
 - ii. Work with Community Center on Flyer
- g. **Next steps**
 - i. Links, Terry, Joyce and Karen Y prepare Community center invoice so center can pay scholastic
 - ii. Plan for July or August Scholastic meeting
 - iii. Decide how to spend \$150 Scholastic dollars
- h. **Spring book fair/story telling**
 - i. Challenge due to resources and
 - ii. Think about for next programming year

2. Young Achievers

- a. **Last programming year debrief**
 - i. Special needs students without notice is an issue
 - ii. Links need to be involved in student selection process and push mission
 - iii. Keep open for 9-12 graders
 - iv. Focus on high performing students
 - v. Need to plan earlier for beginning of school programming start
- b. **Mission affirmation:** prepare and seek out high performing careers/enriching college readiness
- c. Malik Fraternity no longer in New Rochelle HS

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- d. Sessions**
 - i. Etiquette (session and dinner)
 - ii. Financial Literacy
 - iii. Real Men Talk
 - iv. College visit
 - 1. UPenn- Ed Marshall
 - 2. Spring break- April 7 potential date for visit
 - v. IBM/Microsoft visits
 - vi. Elevator pitch
 - vii. Dress for Success/Century 21/Macy's
 - viii. Culture visit (museum)
 - ix. Regeneron
- e. New Rochelle HS**
 - i. 3:30pm is too early to start/ Propose new 6pm start time (90 minutes session)
 - ii. Wednesday session
- f. Woodlands HS**
 - i. Need to confirm school personnel able to collaborate
 - ii. Need to meet with school
 - iii. Potential location-Theodore Young center if need later start time
 - iv. Link Mary S agreed to be school liaison
 - 1. Link Bettye P agreed via email to help
- g. Debrief regularly
- h. Entergy- \$10K grant-Check if there is any budget left
- i. Press/Branding
 - i. Send articles to press (county press)
 - ii. Write short pieces
- j. Next steps**
 - i. Link Karen Y to type draft minutes and circulate to group
 - ii. Link Karen Y to review Young Achievers paperwork and update
 - iii. Finalize written proposal and send to schools
- 3. Other Events**
 - a. HBCU College Fairs: Spread the word
 - b. Mount Vernon/Riverside Park @ Nov 14