

The Westchester County (NY) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

November 21, 2015 Chapter Meeting Minutes

The November 21, 2015 Monthly Chapter Meeting was called to order by President Dianne Young at 10:20AM.

Links in Attendance: Helen Blackwood, Jackie Boucher, Linda Bradshaw, Delores Brathwaite, Earlene Cox, Priscilla Dixon, Hillary Fleming, Sandy Grannum, Ginger Waters Grant, Barbara Gundy, Javette Hines, Terry Joyner, Yolanda Kelley-Cannick, Joyce Kittrell, Jennifer Lewis, Ann Moore, Penelope Johnson Moore, Marilyn Price, Janis Carter Shaw, Joan Lewis Shepherd, Ruby Sherwood, Mary Spells, Lisa Stenson-Desamours, Lisa Stockmon, Joyce Turnipseed, Joan Thompson, Dianne Young.

Reflections: Reflections in honor and remembrance of Link Ann Young Berkeley and Connecting Link Claude Grant were delivered by Links Mary Spells, Priscilla Dixon and Delores Brathwaite.

Friendship Ceremony: Chapter Members looked lovely in white as President Dianne Young and Vice President Terry Joyner led the Chapter in the Friendship Ceremony.

Member Recognition: Judge Delores Brathwaite and Judge Helen Blackwood were recognized for winning their elections and were each given a gift of a gavel.

Financial Report: Financial Secretary Hillary Fleming delivered the Treasurer's Report.

Link Hillary reported on a Finance Committee webinar that she had recently attended. There have been changes to the Financial Handbook regarding how Chapters handle restricted funds and the treatment of tax deduction letters after fundraisers.

Program Report: Program Chair Marilyn Price listed some of the highlights of the Program Report (available in the Members Only section of the Chapter website):

ITS is sponsoring a Skype session between the students in the LIFE program at Woodlands High School and students in Ghana.

NTS will be at the Wartburg on December 12. There will be caroling; Chapter members are asked to bring an ornament.

ITS is participating in a December 10th, 8:30- 10:30 AM Human Rights Symposium at the YWCA. ITS is a co-sponsor of the event. The symposium will focus on the challenges and accomplishments of women of color. Registration is free.

The LIFE students at both Woodlands and Mount Vernon High will participate in a Model UN discussion.

Link Earlene recently hosted a very good webinar on the AARP Initiative. Link Marilyn urged Chapter members to take advantage of the information available on webinars.

The Program Committee met this morning to talk about SMART goals and integrating activities.

Chapter Operations: President Dianne Young reported the following:

Links Terry Joyner, Joyce Turnipseed and Lisa Stenson-Desamours attended the National Leadership Forum and will report to the Chapter at a later meeting.

The Links Incorporated just welcomed the organization's 282nd chapter.

Document security will have to be increased somehow. Our chapter's by-laws are on the internet. Members-Only section documents are finding their way into Google searches. Other organizations are grappling with this issue as well.

An Area Boot Camp will be held on January 9th and 10th. It is recommended that each chapter send three people. We don't have this in our budget yet. Registration is \$200.

Link Donna Gordon is our new Communication and P.R. Co-Chair, along with Lisa Stockmon.

Thank you to Link Terry for pulling together the details for services for Link Ann Young-Berkeley and Connecting Link Claude Grant.

Membership: Vice President Terry Joyner reported the following:

The December 12th meeting will also serve as our Chapter Christmas Party. All members are asked to bring an ornament to give to a Sister Link. You can bring two...one for a Sister Link and one for the Wartburg.

The membership committee is discussing several potential friendship activities including Sister Circles, Doll Diva and Dear, etc.

Everyone should submit their service hours using the service hours form. Email it to Link Terry and copy your facet and committee chairs.

Membership Intake – Seven names were submitted for candidate consideration – Johnna Barlee, Kellye Jan Davis, Dr. Tahira DuPree-Chase, Michelle Ifill-Jenkins, Ginger McKnight-Chavers, Dr. Belinda Miles and Mary Frances Perkins. Link Terry read the applications to the membership.

Announcements:

Link Javette was recognized for an honor and was given a gift by Link Dianne.

Link Terry Lynn Jenkins is home with her parents. Keep her in your prayers.

Link Florence is home from the hospital and while it may be too early to visit she would probably appreciate cards.

Link Mary Spells thanked Links Joyce T. and Priscilla for their support ahead of her surgery.

The Chapter will donate \$250 to the family of Ann Young-Berkeley and \$250 to the Ann Young-Berkeley Scholarship Fund.

Correspondence: Link Earlene read the following:

A note from Link Ginger Waters-Grant thanking the Chapter for its support.

A condolence card from the Bronx Chapter.

An invitation from the Mount Hope AME Zion Church in Mount Vernon for its Dec. 12th Handel's Messiah concert.

An invitation from the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center to their May 10th, 2016 gala to be held at Glen Island. Link Ann Young-Berkeley will posthumously receive their Community Service Award.

A call for nominations for the Rufus Strother Jr. Community Service Award to be presented at Antioch Baptist Church's January 8, 2016 banquet.

A solicitation from a Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu, hoping to speak to the Chapter regarding family issues.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Link Ann Moore