

The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
Zoom Chapter Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2020

Call to Order: The Regular Chapter Meeting of The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated met by Zoom on October 10, 2020. The meeting began at 10:04 AM and adjourned at 12:13 PM. President, Serena Ashley presided and Secretary, Sylvia Welch was present.

Links on Zoom: President, Serena Ashley, Links Harriet Adair, Estella Brame, Linda Harris, Kimberly Horner, Natalie Hooper, Natalie Hooper, Kimberly Ireland, Maria Jackson, Kimberly Matier, Jocelyne McAdory, Terry McCray, Kelly Michael, Kizmet Mills, Stephanie Montgomery, Carla Penn-Hopson, Adriel Person, Margie Cooper Stanton, Miaya Stevenson-Griffin, Barbara Thoms, Rosemarie Thompson, Barbara Ward, Sylvia Welch, Serena Stoudamire Wesley, Yvonne Williams Alumna, Jackie N. Brown, Elaine Hartzog, Johnnie Stokes

Quorum: Yes

Linkspiration: Link Terry, "In Her Own Words" re: VP candidate and Link, Kamala Harris and how she used her words in the VP debate. "I am still speaking." Use your voice.

Adoption of the Agenda – The agenda was adopted after Link Maria was added to those giving announcements. It was filed.

Approval of Minutes – Without objection, the September 12, 2020 Minutes were approved and filed.

Officer's Reports

The President presented her report (emailed to members previously) and it has been filed.

Corresponding Secretary – Link Maria – Report presented - Links Kimberly Matier and Kimberly Ireland will communicate again regarding NSBE, Jr.

Finance – President Serena Ashley presented for Link Karin. Link Kelly will check with Unitas regarding a check fee. Everything that went to Link Barbara Ward previously, now goes to link Kelly.

Membership – Link Natalie – Report presented and filed. Core Value presentation. This month's Core Value is Friendship. "Plant a seed of friendship and reap a bouquet of happiness". Members told what Link friendships mean to them. Poll was taken regarding how well the Chapter is doing with this Core Value. Certificates for new members will be given after the October 31 when all new members in the Organization will have been inducted.

Motion: It was moved by Link Natalie and seconded "To not induct new members for the 2020-2021 Fiscal year." It was voted on and the motion carried unanimously. New members have their logins. Membership meeting 6:00 PM Tuesday, the 13th.

Healthy Moment – Link Linda – Report presented - Members were led by Link Linda in a relaxation exercise and gave 5 ways to cope with COVID -19 1) Press pause, 2) take care, 3) Make time, 4) Connect, 5) seek help.

Programs – Link Kimberly Matier – Report presented and filed. The start of the Umbrella Program will be delayed until January 2021 and will run through April. Information night is scheduled for October 28th from 4:00 PM – 4:45 PM to answer questions that may be looming. It was suggested that the Program be flexible and adjustable. An invitation was extended for those with suggestions for input. The information for the date and time for the Program Committee Meeting has been emailed.

Audit – Link Adriel – Report presented – Audit completed and submitted on time.

Constitution and ByLaws – Link Jocelyne – Report presented - The ByLaws were updated to align our statements on electronic meetings with National’s. Link Jocelyne made a **Motion “To insert the National By-Laws into the Chapter’s By-Laws”**. **It was seconded and voted on. The motion carried unanimously.**

Western Area – Committees are to meet before October 27, 2020 to devise a plan of action. We will know, most likely in January, whether the WA Conference will be virtual or actual. Plans will include both contingencies.

Special Social/Courtesy – Birthday greetings sent to Rene’ DuBoise, Rosemarie Thompson, and Johnnie Stokes.

Unfinished Business – Needed: Chairs for Social/Courtesy, Arts, BLM, and a Co-Chair for Scholarship.

Announcements – Ethics & Standards (filed on time), Strategic Planning (will report next meeting), Legal & Legislative Issues, H&HS (Breast Cancer Month), National Trends and Services (Link Miaya will reach out to Link Linda), Voting (Links took training re: best practices to get people to vote), Technology (contact Link Maria with tech problems)

Note: Link Jackie N. Brown – Heir-O-Link The Honorable Adrienne Nelson will give a private tour of the Quilter’s Exhibit for Links. Contact link Jackie soon if you are interested with a date (Mondays) so she can set it up. Exhibit ends November 2, 2020.

Sylvia Welch, Secretary _____ Date
