

**The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated**  
**September 12, 2020**  
**Virtually by Zoom**

**Present on Zoom:** President, Serena Ashley, Links Natalie Hooper, Adriel Person, Harriet Adair, Estella Brame, Karin Edwards, Lakecia Gunter, Terry McCray-Hill, Rochelle Hunter-James, Kimberly Matier, Kizmet Mills, Barbara Thoms, Barbara Ward, Rhonda, Adams, Serena Stoudamire Wesley, Kymberly Horner, Kimberly Ireland, Maria Jackson, Margie Cooper Stanton, Rosemarie Thompson, Carol Johnson, Sylvia Welch, Yvonne Williams, Jocelyne McAdory, Miaya Griffin-Stevenson, Linda Harris, Alumna, Johnnie Stokes, Betty Cabine, Rene' DuBoise, Pat Walker

**Call to Order:** The regular Chapter meeting of The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated met by Zoom on September 12, 2020. President, Serena Ashley presided and Secretary, Sylvia Welch was present. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM and was adjourned at 12:29 PM.

**Linkspiration** – Link Terry Cray Hill – “Faith Matters” – Lifted up Johnnie and Leon Broadus in prayer. We are Linked together in courtesy and aid.

**Adoption of the Agenda** – With the deletion of Link Barbara Thom’s named, the agenda was adopted, voted on, passed, and placed on file.

**Approval of the June 13, 2020 Chapter meeting minutes** – Without objection, the minutes were approved and placed on file.

**Officer’s Reports** – President Serena - Updates are on file. Inquiry through Portland textile regarding textile on display until November; virtual Summit titled “Breaking the Glass Ceiling and Still I Rise is Saturday, October 24, 2020; 48 hours service hours still exist

**Correspondence** – Link Maria – The WHY Race netted the Chapter \$5,355 for scholarships. It will be put in WREF (White Rose Education Fund). Link Linda will search for the best way to proceed regarding dealing with extenuating circumstances that affect our recipients’ decisions due to COVID-19.

**Finance** – Links Karin Edwards and Barbara Ward – Without objection the reports were presented and filed for audit. September 15, 2020 is the date Link Kelly will take over the duties now done by Link Barbara Ward (Treasurer)

**Western Area Representative** – Link Maiya – Voting initiative webinar to encourage people to register and to figure out how to move forward in a virtual environment. Information to go to Chapter regarding Links and Connecting Links running for office is coming soon.

**Membership** – Link Natalie – Report presented and placed on file. 7 Candidates inducted into The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. Pictures/headshots to Link Natalie by September 30. Be on the lookout for virtual events. The last of the Core Values, Responsibility and Accountability, presented. Please update any information on your National website profile that may have changed; Western Area Founders Day Celebration is 9:00 AM, November 8, 2020, virtually. Link to come. This is in conjunction with Donor Sabbath; Chapter Survey to be sent to ascertain needs, Links Sylvia and Natalie to work on

1N5; Please “Track it forward”. Link Linda will contact SEI for possible participants for the Program (Umbrella) Project. Also, Excel spreadsheet of Scholarship recipients is to be made or sought if one already exists.

**Health and Human Services** – Link Yvonne – Report presented and placed on file. Link Yvonne gave dates and times for September Healthy moment opportunities: Steps Challenges, walk schedules and due dates, and explanations for each.

### **Standing Committees**

**Programs** – Link Kimberly Matier – Report presented placed on Chapter Website - Program Committee to meet 6:00 – 7:00 PM, September 16, 2020.

**National Trends & Services** – Link Linda – Report presented and filed - Concerning a need for more voter turnout and engagement needed from Black people as well as others for a fair election in order to reach our goals. Links were given the opportunity to be trained.

**Audit** – Link Rochelle Hunter-James – Report presented and uploaded to the Chapter website. Link Adriel Person will take over the duties of Rochelle Hunter-James on the Audit Committee.

**Legislative Affairs & Legal issues** – Link Linda - Report presented and placed on file. Working with League of Women Voters to work on Police accountability. Link Carol Johnson is the new Chair of this committee.

**45<sup>th</sup> Western Area Conference** – President Serena – Report presented - Link Natalie put together a spreadsheet and disseminated it by email. Please sign up on it for committees. Our biggest responsibility is the Host party. Final details need to be buttoned-up. Conference, June 2 – 6. More guidance to come.

### **Special Committee**

**Social/Courtesy** – Birthdays from June through September noted – Links Jocelyne, Maria, LaKecia, Estella, Natalie, Kelly, Barbara Thoms, Rochelle Hunter-James, Alumna Betty Cabine and Geneva Jones (100 years old).

**Unfinished Business** – Social/Courtesy, Arts, BLM, and Scholarship Chairs needed.

**New Business** – Nominating Committee consists of: Links Barbara Thoms, Barbara Ward, Sylvia Welch, Karin Edwards, Estella Brame. Sylvia Welch, Chair.

**Motion: Link Carol Johnson moved and it was seconded to accept the slate of 5 candidates for the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **Announcements**

Link Sylvia is sending the Code of Ethics and Standards Form. It is to be filled out and emailed or scanned back to her. All member forms must be turned in by September 30, 2020 so please send them as soon as possible.

Link Estella will send an email with information about the way the Links October pictures are to be taken. Antonio Harris will take them at his house, outdoors, on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Check out the Chapter website for reports, calendar, 1N5, and Track it Forward!**

Sylvia Welch, Sectary \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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