

The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
November 14, 2020
By Zoom

The regular meeting of The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated met by Zoom on November 14, 2020. President, Serena Ashley presided. Secretary, Sylvia Welch was present. The meeting began at 9:24 AM and was adjourned at 11:43 AM.

Present at virtual meeting: President, Serena Ashley, Links Harriet Adair, Estella Brame, Karin Edwards, Lakecia Gunter, Linda Harris, Natalie Hooper, Kimberly Horner, Kymberly Ireland, Maria Jackson, Terry McCray-Hill, Kelly Michael, Kizmet Mills, Carol Johnson, Adriel Person, Miaya Stevenson-Griffin, Rhonda Thomas, Rosemarie Thompson, Barbara Thoms, Sylvia Welch, Serena Wesley, Yvonne Williams Alumna: Jackie N. Brown, Betty Cabine, Rene' DuBoise, Elaine Hartzog, Johnnie Stokes, Pat Walker, Barbara Ward

Call to Order at 9:24 AM

Quorum: Yes

Linkspiration – “Thriving in Uncertain Times” – A call for Prayer during these trying and uncertain times we find ourselves in.

Adoption of the Agenda – Without objection, the Agenda was adopted and placed on file.

Approval of the October 10, 2020 Chapter Meeting Minutes – Without objection, the Minutes were approved and placed on file.

Officer's Reports

President's Report was emailed prior to this meeting. The report has been placed on file. The quiz for Financial Officers is scheduled for December 4, 2020.

Corresponding Secretary – Link Maria- Report presented. Oregon Black Pioneers seeking donations.

Financial – Karin Edwards/Kelly Michael – Report presented and placed on file. Link Kelly sent an email requesting all Officers and Committee Chairs to submit a proposed budget and an outline of their activity/project. Link Carol suggested we communicate to U.S. Bank our reason for pulling our account. President Serena will get with Link Carol to draft a letter to outline our reasons.

Recommendation: Moved by Link Natalie and seconded “To move our Operation Account from U. S. Bank to Unitus Credit Union”. The motion carried unanimously

Membership – Link Natalie – Core Value presentation. Today's Core Value was Service (The rent you pay for room on this earth”); November is Friendship Month; “Comfy/Cozy event planned

for 6:30 PM on Friday, November 20. An email was sent to members; New members highlighted in Western Area Booklet as well as Alumna and Platinum members (an update email has been made available); Poll taken for \$12 gift exchange. 95% yes, 5% no; needy families selected and given needed aid; Log your hours; "Donate for Life" link to be sent by Link Yvonne (re: Organ donor sign-up).

Western Area Representatives – Link Miaya – Report presented. Barbara Thoms – Wrapping up "care calls" to Alumna and Platinum members.

Healthy Moments – Link Yvonne – "Linkages to Life" - Donor Sabbath highlights, yearly, the need for Organ donors especially for African Americans needing transplants.

Standing Committees

Programs – Link Linda – Report sent by email, presented, and placed on file. New deadlines were expressed in the presentation and email. The new deadlines will be reflected on the applications. The possibility of high school Juniors and Seniors will be brought to the Executive Board.

Special Committee – Social/Courtesy – Birthdays celebrated – Links Harriet Adair, Jackie N. Brown, Linda Harris, Barbara Ward, Pat Walker. Prayers requested for Links and Link families affected by illness, deaths, and difficult circumstances.

Unfinished Business – Chairs needed for the following Committees: Social & Courtesy, Arts, BLM, and Scholarship

New Business – Founder's and Friendship Ceremonies – carried out before Business meeting.

Announcements – 45 Western Area Conference, President Serena and Link Natalie (Responsible for Host party, decision regarding Virtual or in-person Conference to come), Legal and Legislative Issues - Link Carol, The Arts – Link Johnnie Stokes (attended viewing of Black History quilt at Portland Art Museum), Health & Human Services – Link Yvonne (send steps), Constitution & ByLaws – submitted.

Sylvia Welch, Secretary _____ Date
