

The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
December 12, 2020
By Zoom

The regular meeting of The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was held by Zoom on December 12, 2020. The President, Serena Ashley, presiding and Secretary, Sylvia Welch was present. The meeting began at 10:03 AM and was adjourned at 11:59 AM.

Present on call: President, Serena Ashley, Links Rosemarie Thompson, Maria Jackson, Linda Harris, Karin Edwards, Natalie Hooper, Kelly Michael, Rochelle Hunter-James, Adriel Person, Terry McCray-Hill, Barbara Thoms, Serena Stoudamire Wesley, Margie Cooper Stanton, Estella Brame, Kizmet Mills, Miaya Stevenson-Griffin, Jocelynn McAdory, Carol Johnson, Kimberly Matier, Kymberly Horner, Carla Penn-Hopson, Yvonne Williams, Barbara Ward. Alumna, Rene' DuBoise, Betty Cabine, Johnnie Stokes, Jackie N. Brown, Pat Walker, Rochelle McElroy

Quorum: Yes

Linkspiration – Link Terry – “Your Dream is Possible and Your Star, Reachable”. “May you all be Blessed this Season”.

Adoption of Agenda – The Agenda was adopted without objection and placed on file.

Approval of November 14, 2020 Chapter Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved without objection and placed on file.

Officer's Report

President's Update – President, Serena Ashley – The Western Area Conference will be a virtual conference. There will be more information to come after Christmas break to state what that looks like; i.e. truly virtual or a type of hybrid with the Western Area Team onsite; Links were advised to take a break from Link activities from December 22 through January 2, 2021 to be with family.

Correspondence – Link Maria – Report presented. She requested art and other appropriate mediums to be presented on the Chapter Meeting notice.

Finance – Links Karin and Kelly – The reports were presented and placed on file. The set up for our Unitus account will be completed on December 21, 2020 by President, Serena Ashley and Link Kelly Michael.

Membership – Link Natalie – Core Values, Legacy and Respect, were presented by slides and videos. Surveys were taken regarding the Chapters feelings about how we are doing with these two core values. Break out Zoom rooms for two or three Links in each were provided to give us time to get to know each other better. Thanks given to participants of the “Cozy Hour” event.

Healthy Moment – Link Linda – HIV and AIDs Awareness information presented.

Programs/Facet Reports

Programs – Link Kimberly Matier – Presented a recommendation

Link Jocelyne moved and it was seconded “to postpone the umbrella Program to the next Program year due to COVID-19”.

The motion was passed Unanimously. Note: The Program will remain for High School students.

Health and Human Services – Link Yvonne – Report presented. 11 Links submitted steps to the 75 Million Step Campaign. The report was timely submitted.

Standing Committees

Western Area Conference – President, Serena and Link Natalie – The Conference will be virtual. A deck is being put together for sponsors. More to come. All Link attendees are to be given a bag. That’s what’s wanted by Western Area. Portland Black Business list is needed.

Special Reports

Western Area Representative Update – Links Carla, Miaya, Barbara Thoms – Reports presented.

Link Carla presented on webinar for writing Program reports.

Unfinished Business

Arts, Social, and BLM, each are still looking for a Chair.

Birthdays acknowledged and the Birthday song was sung.

Announcements – An email will be sent by President, Serena for us to sign up for 1 facet and 1 Standing Committee. Please do so. It’s part of our commitment as Links; The Archivist, Link Linda needs the Art, pictures, and information of students we sponsored (Lyric Branch and Sydney Rawls) and the work of Sierra Ashley, for the Multnomah County Library Project; Track it Forward today and Link Natalie will get an award.

Sylvia Welch, Secretary _____

Date _____

