

**The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated**  
**January 9, 2021**  
**By Zoom**

The regular meeting of The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated met by Zoom on January 9, 2021 with President, Serena Ashley presiding and Secretary, Sylvia Welch present. The meeting began at 10:04 AM and adjourned at 11:58 AM

**Present on the virtual meeting Zoom:** President, Serena Ashley, Links Harriet Adair, Estella Brame, Karin Edwards, LaKecia Gunter, Linda Harris, Natalie Hooper, Rochelle Hunter-James, Maria Jackson, Carol Johnson, Kimberly Matier, Jocelyne McAdory, Kelly Michael, Stephanie Montgomery, Carla Penn-Hopson, Margie Cooper Stanton Miaya Stevenson-Griffin, Rhonda Thomas, Barbara Thoms, Barbara Ward, Sylvia Welch, Serena Wesley, M. Yvonne Williams, Alumna, Betty Cabine, Rene' DuBoise, Johnnie Stokes, Pat Walker

**Linkspiration** – President Serena for Link Terry - “Through service, we are Linked” to the gift that keeps on giving.

**Adoption of the Agenda** – Adopted without objection and filed.

**Approval of December 12, 2020 Chapter Meeting Minutes** – Without objection and filed.

**Officer's Reports**

**President's Update** – President, Serena – Report emailed to members, presented and filed.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Link Maria – correspondence presented.

**Finance** – Links Karin and Kelly – Reports emailed to members, presented and filed. The Building Assessment for the Links inducted 3 years ago is due March 15, 2021. It is the Links' responsibility to send their fees. This has to be done or Link Kelly will be unable to send in the Chapter's dues. Please contact Link Kelly if you have questions.

**Membership** – Link Natalie - Membership meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM; report service hours. Links are to project hours through the end of our fiscal year. Please read the newsletter.

Breakout “rooms” - 10 break out rooms. 3 Links in each room to discuss what we want to accomplish and things we are looking forward to.

**Healthy Moment** – Link Rhonda – Mental Health Awareness, Coping with anxiety and stress. - Report presented. Talk to someone, take care of yourself, mindfulness, turn off tv and social media, pray stay connected.

**Programs** – Link Kimberly Matier – Report presented – February 1, 2021 is the deadline to submit reports. Link Kimberly Matier can assist.

**Scholarships** – Link Kimberly Horner – The Report was presented and filed Committee met for a general briefing and to discuss tasks to be accomplished. Link Kymberly Horner’s Link email address is: Link.khorner@gmail.com

**Fund Development** – Link Margie – "Whyrace" Organization wants to engage us. Link Margie will set up a meeting with them after hearing from President Serena.

### **Standing Committees**

45<sup>th</sup> Western Area Conference – President Serena and VP Natalie – The report was placed in the newsletter, emailed, presented and filed. Call to Conference February 15, 2021. Detailed information to come regarding the assessment, 1N5, further duties and responsibilities (Portland/Cluster), memory book, technology. Gift card and bags, sponsorship deck, Thursday’s events, Gospel Brunch on Sunday morning, Hospitality, band/DJ, Civic Honorees Reviewing special recognition for those who donate over and above the expected amount, etc.

### **Special Committees**

Western Area Representatives – Link Carla – working on reports, Link Miaya – Homelessness event with guest speakers and artists February 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM. More information to come. Portland Chapter is to draw up a plan to combat homelessness. \*The Conference Committee will inquire about a template. More information to come.

Host party team asked to convene within the next week or two. Technology to be a discussion point.

Birthdays celebrated

**Unfinished Business** – Still needed: Chairs for the Arts, BLM, and Social/Courtesy Committees

**Announcements** – Social/Courtesy, Health and Human Services (February 13, 2021, after Chapter Meeting is a “Red Dress Summit Luncheon) more to come, 45 WA Conference, Legal Issues and Legislative Affairs, National Trends and Services.

**NOTE: Link Kymberly Horner has approximately 100 \$500 gift cards left to be given out. 4 cards per household. Contact her at PCRHome.org**

Sylvia Welch, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

