

**The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated**  
**January 11, 2020**  
**Portland Community College**  
**Terrell Hall, Room 112**

The Regular Chapter Meeting of The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated met on January 11, 2020 at Portland Community College in Terrell Hall, Room 112. The President, Serena Ashley, presided and Corresponding Secretary, Rene' DuBoise, minute taker on behalf of Sylvia Welch. The meeting was convened at 10:15AM and was adjourned at 12:21PM.

**Members present** – President, Serena Ashley, Links, Harriet Adair, Estella Brame, Rene' DuBoise, Dr. Karin Edwards, LaKecia Gunter, Linda Harris, Natalie Hooper, Rochelle Hunter-James, Rev. Terry McCray-Hill, Dr. Kimberly Matier, Kelly Michael, Carla Penn-Hopson, Adriel Person, Maiya Stevenson-Griffin, Barbara Thoms, Barbara Ward; Alumna, Jacqueline N. Brown, Elaine Hartzog, Marian Gilmore, Rochelle McElroy, Johnnie Stokes, Patricia Walker, Platinum, M. Yvonne Williams. **Quorum**: Yes

**Linkspiration** – by Link Rene' – “My Wishes For You In 2020”

**Adoption of meeting Agenda** – Yes, it was adopted without objection and placed on file.

**Approval of 12-14-2019 Chapter Meeting Minutes** – Approved without objection and placed on file.

**Approval of December Executive Meeting Minutes** – Approved without objection and placed on file.

**Correspondence** – Link Rene – report presented. A card received from the Oregon Black Pioneers, fundraising dinner March 14, 2020 (information on file). Cascade Aids Project Advancing Equity 2019 Annual Report (information on file).

**Mental Health Moment** – Link Yvonne – Report presented – Key elements that contribute to “Your Well Being.”

**Finance Reports** – Links Karin Edwards and Barbara Ward – Reports presented and filed for audit.

**Nominating Committee Vote** – Link Serena Ashley – Nominees: Sylvia Welch, Karin Edwards, Barbara Thoms, Jocelyne McAdory and Miaya Stevenson-Griffin. It was Moved by Link Terry McCray-Hill and Seconded by Link Carla Penn-Hopson to accept the nominees slate as listed. Unanimous vote (quorum 17) to accept the slate as the new Nominating Committee. Link Miaya Stevenson-Griffin volunteered to be the Chair of the Nominating Committee and with no objections from the floor, approved by the active members present.

**Membership Report** – Link Natalie – Prospective candidate letter (11) mailed by Link Natalie. First orientation session to be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Portland Community College, time 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Members encouraged to attend. Link Danielle Outlaw has accepted a new

position in Philadelphia as the new police commissioner. Link Rhonda Thomas, requesting visiting status with the Links Monroe-Grambling Chapter. Link Rene' DuBoise has requested alumna status.

Link Natalie still needs "member profile survey" completed. This is a request from the national office. A follow-up email to be sent with the appropriate link to complete survey.

Strategic Planning - Link Lakecia Gunter – Review of the Chapters updated strategic plan with the key elements and deliverable a focus. Members to review document handout and update information by February 28<sup>th</sup> to Link Lakecia.

Program Report – Link Kimberly Matier – December Program Report submitted. Overview of "Gen-Lead" application process (created by Link Maria Jackson). Chapter members who have not been able to participate in previous work sessions, assigned to one of the interdisciplinary facet teams.:

1. Know and Manage Self Workshop (Link Carla, Link Pat and Link Elaine).
2. Lead Through Influence Workshop (Link Kelly and Link Jackie).
3. Navigate Community Systems Workshop (Link Mariam, Link Rochelle M and Link Rene').
4. Make Things Happen Workshop (Link Adriel and Link Terry)

Scholarship – Link Carla – Applications on line and deadline to complete is February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Services to Youth – Link Natalie - The Portland Chapter remains active in the NSBE program, but for 2020 there will be no students.

Health & Human Services – Link Yvonne – Walk for Healthy Living – 75 Million Steps Challenge overview. Handout to chapter members. Actions needed by Chapter Members: Report monthly step totals to Link Yvonne. Report November and December steps. Steps to be reported by February 25. Challenge ends May 2020.

Courtesy/Social – Link Rochelle Hunter-James. Birthdays were celebrated.

Announcements - Link / Dr. Terry McCray Hill – Awarded a project grant from the Louisville Institute, focus "From whence we've come: The development of black religious life and culture in the pacific northwest.

Link/ Dr. Karin Edwards – President candidate finalist at Clark College in Vancouver, Washington.

Link Linda Harris – Martin Luther King Jr. Day at Highland Christian Center, January 20, 2020. Please arrive for your designated table coverage time.

Rene' L. DuBoise (for Sylvia Welch), Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_