

The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
April 11, 2020
Chapter Meeting
By Zoom

Call to Order: The regular Chapter meeting of The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was held by Zoom on April 11, 2020. The meeting was convened at 10:11 AM and adjourned at 11:52 AM. President, Serena Ashley presided and Secretary, Sylvia Welch was present.

The Linkspiration was provided by Link Rene' – "Only God" ("can turn a mess into a message").

Members on Zoom – President, Serena Ashley, Estella Brame Rene' Duboise, Karin Edwards, Miaya Griffin-Stevenson, LaKecia Gunter, Linda Harris, Maria Jackson, Natalie Hoper, Kimberly Matier, Kelly Michael, Jocelyne McAdory Carla Penn-Hopson, Adriel Person, M. Yvonne Williams, Barbara Thoms, Barbara Ward, Sylvia Welch

Quorum confirmed – Yes

Adoption of Agenda – Yes, without objection and placed on file.

Approval of 3-27-2020 Chapter Meeting Minutes – Yes, without objection and filed.

Correspondence – Link Rene' - Scholarship letter to student returned to Links and sent to Link Barbara Ward to forward.

Finance/Treasurer – Links Barbara Ward and Karin Edwards – Report presented and placed on file. The final two payments from Candidates received. All payments now received.

Technology Report – Link Maria – Report presented. Link Maria researched Zoom security issues. We are doing what's needed to be protected. Zoom has addressed most issues. If access is needed to use Zoom account, we should speak with Link Maria.

President's Updates – Report presented and placed on file. We will continue with virtual meetings through June 2020 and then reassess.

Western Area Committee Reports – Link Carla – Western Area Committee – Western Area Greenhouse initiative to highlight Facets- a newsletter to show best practices; a safe place for Sisters. It will be sent to Link Maria.

Link Miaya – Western Area National Trends and Services - A letter went out to introduce team and initiatives, which are Voting and Homelessness. Link Linda is the contact for Voting Initiative. Looking into not having anyone called the "voting czar".

Link Barbara Thoms – Western Area Alumna & Platinum Affairs Committee – (to engage Alumna & Platinum members in the work of the Chapter). Will do a needs assessment.

Health and Human Services Presentation – Link Yvonne – Report presented – Hepatitis C

Membership – Link Natalie – Report presented – Core Values hinge on Confidentiality; a matter of trust, respect, friendship. Next Orientation April 23rd. May do virtual event to stay engaged. Link Sylvia will send Ethics and Standard information to Link Natalie for the Orientation.

Courtesy – A Call To Prayer – Link Miaya’s cousin, Delbert, passed away from the Coronavirus. Link Rhonda has been ill this week. Pray for all who are affected by the Coronavirus.

Western Area 2021 Conference June 2-6, 2021 – at the Hilton with overflow at the Duniway Hotel across the street from the Hilton (545 SW Taylor). Responsibilities: Host party (A sponsor and the band have been secured), Connecting Links and Heir-O-Links activity? Not responsible for anyone’s travel or for coordinating anyone’s travel.

New Business – Link Kelly was installed as Chapter Treasurer.

Link LaKecia needs updates for the Strategic Plan as soon as possible!

Sylvia Welch, Secretary
Date: April 11, 2020