

The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
May 8, 2021
By Zoom

Call to Order: The regular meeting of The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was held by Zoom on May 8, 2021. The meeting began at 10:03 AM and was adjourned at 11:48 AM. The presiding officer was Past President, Serena Ashley and Secretary, Sylvia Welch was present.

Members on the call: President, Kimberly Matier, Harriet Adair, Serena Ashley, Estella Brame, Karin Edwards, Kymberly Horner, Kimberly Ireland, Carla Penn-Hopson, Kelly Michael, Yvonne Williams, Linda Harris, Stephanie Montgomery, Natalie Hooper, Maria Jackson, Miaya Stevenson, Rochelle Hunter-James, Kizmet Mills, Adriel Person, Rhonda Thomas, Jocelynne McAdory Alumna: Jackie N. Brown, Johnnie Stokes, Pat Walker, Barbara Thoms, Barbara Ward, Rene' DuBoise, Betty Cabine, Rochelle McElroy

Quorum: Yes

Linkspiration: Link Serena Ashley - Happy Mother's Day to all who have mothered whether it be by birth or nurturing, fostering, or caring for someone in need.

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

Approval of the 4- 10-2021 Chapter minutes – Yes, without objection and filed.

President's Update – Presented and placed on file. New officer's transitions should take place before June 9, 2021; MVP Awards submission deadline is May 7, 2021; Request for transfer and alumna status begin June 2, 2021; in-person gatherings to be reassessed July 31, 2021

Correspondence – Link Maria – The report was presented.

Finance – Links Karin/Kelly – The report was presented and placed on file. The assessment fee is in the White Rose Account. Link Kelly asked Link Johnnie Broadus for a check. Nike donated \$5,000, 30% discount on website for registrants, and 4 \$50 gift cards to be used at our discretion; 2 regions of Kaiser Permanente went together to give \$5,000.

Membership - Link Natalie – gave a recap of the Core Values. Links Karin and Natalie will meet for a smooth transition of the position of VP; Links Barbara Thoms and Barbara Ward are now Alumna members; Link Margie's missing Link items that come with membership are being investigated; The Chapter Workshop is being held August 21, 2021. More to come.

Healthy Moment – Link Linda - There is a Link's mental health link on the National Website that can be found under Toolkits; Topic: Busy doing nothing – the Norwegian concept of Niksen (Niksa)

Program – President, Kimberly Matier – The Strategic Plan was updated. Goals: 1) advancing Black Leadership in the community, 2) Elevating the Link's brand in Civic Engagement 3)

Fundraising strategies (audits filed on time, annual review, 100% of members trained to cultivate a major donor), 4) Use umbrella Project to achieve our goals.

New Business – It was agreed that those who wanted to give toward the \$50 going to the Western Area Director’s gift could bring whatever amount they want to give, to Link Carla’s house. The money is to be put in a yellow envelope that will be available as we are videoed for our dance.

Audit committee (for 2020 – 2021 audit) – Link Miaya is chair. Links Stephanie, Barbara Thoms, Adriel, and Sylvia are committee members. September 15, 2021 is the deadline. However, the audit needs to be completed well before then. Link Kelly will check out the rules regarding the need for an outside audit.

Western Area Slate of Officers:

Western Area Director – Lorna Hankins
Western Area Vice Director – Karen Cole
Western Area Secretary – Theresa Brewton Lyons

Western Area Nominating Committee -
Sandra Jackson Alridge
Rosaland Guidry Anderson
Mitzi S. Willis

Western Area Foundation Representative – Wendolyn Washington

It was moved by Link Carla and seconded to accept the slate presented of all unopposed candidates. The motion passed unanimously. This slate will voted by the Delegate/Alternate.

The Pacific NW Cluster consists of Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Alaska, Tri-cities, Spokane and was formed for a sharing of ideas. There’s a want to revise the Cluster.

Announcements – Social/Courtesy, Scholarship (Reception to follow), NTS (the link to purchase items for the service project will be available for another couple of weeks), Facilities (awaiting State’s protocol for opening PCC campus to continue our meetings there), Healthy moment (continue 75 million steps and attend the Health Pavilion at the WA Conference)

Sylvia Welch, Secretary _____ Date _____