

The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
Executive Board Meeting
September 8, 2021
By Zoom

Members on call: President, Kimberly Matier, Secretary, Sylvia Welch, VP Karin Edwards, Estella Brame, Linda Harris, Margie Stanton-Cooper, Rhonda Thomas, Krishna Walker, M. Yvonne Williams

The Executive Board Meeting of The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated met by Zoom on September 8, 2021. The meeting began at 6:07 PM and was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Linkspiration – President, Kimberly Matier presented a poem titled, “Don’t Quit”. “Rest if you must, but don’t quit”.

The Agenda was adopted without objection and placed on file.

The May 26, 2021 Chapter meeting minutes were approved without objection and placed on file.

Facets/Standing Committees – Action Items Only. The Program Chair will check in with members to see who has action items.

Committees that will report at the September 11, 2021 Chapter meeting:
President’s Update, Correspondence, Financial, Western Area Update, Membership, Fundraising, Programs, Fund Development, Constitution and ByLaws, Legislative Affairs, Scholarship update, History/Archives (a surprise), Courtesy/Social

Committees that will not report – Strategic Planning, HBCU, Black Women Empowering Black Women, Ethics and Standards, Facilities, Publicity

Announcements – Link Yvonne - Virtual Walk, September 25, 2021; Steps due to Link Yvonne, now.

Financial Report –Links Rochelle Hunter-James/Kelly Michael - Update on Western Area Conference; Save the date - 75th Jubilee, November 4 -9, 2021. The recommendation to do an 8 x 11 ½ ad for \$175 is needed; League of Minority Voter’s event on October 28, 2021 to be further discussed regarding sponsorship and buying tables; 5th Annual Legislative Summit is September 15, 2021 at 11:30 AM; Links Foundation meeting 9/12

Programs –Link Linda - A vote is needed to decide whether the Chapter engages in an Umbrella Project, Individual Facets, or an Integrated Program,

Membership – Link Karin – topics - Directory updates (please make any necessary changes; will do intake this year; Fundraising (dates and collaborations); Strategic Plan to align our Programs/events with National; Reinstating PODs in some fashion; Planning and protocol for November ceremonies (Link Rhonda will be on the Protocol committee; Link Stephanie’s departure.

Constitution and ByLaws – Link Krishna – Recommended: changing ByLaws to streamline the Executive Board. The idea is to reflect Strategic work and promote member engagement. The data from the August 2021 Workshop data is the motivating factor. The presentation of the change and the vote can happen at the same meeting. Link Maria will send out the text in the ByLaws related to changing the make-up of the Executive Board.

Unfinished Business – Links Serena Ashley and Natalie Hooper - The completion of the business of the Western Area Conference

New Business – Facet and Standing Committee sign- ups

Sylvia Welch, Secretary
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