

The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
Chapter Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2021
By Zoom

Members on Zoom – President, Kimberly Matier, Links Harriet Adair, Estella Brame, Karin Edwards, Linda Harris, Miaya Griffin, Natalie Hooper, Rochelle Hunter-James, Kimberly Ireland, Maria Jackson, Kelly Michael, Kizmet Mills, Carla Penn-Hopkins, Adriel Person, Margie Cooper Stanton, Rhonda Thomas, Rosemarie Thompson, Sylvia Welch, Krishna Walker, Yvonne Williams Alumna, Johnnie Broadous, Jackie N. Brown, Betty Cabine, Marian Gilmore, Rochelle McElroy, Pat Walker, Barbara Ward

The Regular Chapter meeting of The Portland Chapter Meeting of The Links, Incorporated met by Zoom on September 11, 2021. President, Kimberly Matier, presided, Recording Secretary, Sylvia Welch was present. The meeting began at 10:15 AM and was adjourned at 12:55 PM.

Quorum – Yes

Linkspiration – President, Matier – Poem, “Don’t Quit” and a prayer by President Matier and a moment of silent prayer for the survivors of “911”.

Adoption of agenda – Yes, without objection and filed.

Approval of June 12, 2021 Chapter Meeting minutes – Yes, without objection and filed.

Officer’s Report – Presented and filed.

Local – The bonds of friendship, “All Links In”

Area – Western Area Conference

National – Diamond Jubilee. There was a recommendation to approve \$175 for an ad. This has to be approved by the Finance Committee. In light of a time constraint, and as there were no objections, and being that it has the approval of the Executive Board, it was decided that upon the consideration of the Finance Committee, the ad could be purchased; 5th Annual Legislative Summit is September 15, 2021; Annual meeting of the Links Foundation is September 12, 2021 at 8:00 PM EDT; No Link gatherings until December 31, 2021 or further notice.

Correspondence – Link Maria – Report presented

Finance – Links Rochelle Hunter-James/Kelly Michael – Reports presented and placed on file. Check requests are due on the 15th of the month and will go out the next month. Link Harriet gave her Western Area refund of \$1,000 to the Chapter and the check will clear in October and then the Western Area Conference account will be closed. Alumna Barbara Ward is reconciling a mistake by the IRS that is affecting us. She is involved in this as the issue occurred while she was Treasurer.

Membership – Link Natalie for Link Karin – Ceremonies to be on line; next event on November 14, 2021 at 11:00 AM. More to come; update your information in the MMS; Track your hours forward.

Western Area – Link Carla – Report presented and filed. Reported and commented on two critical issues: the Texas Abortion Law and “Eyes Wide Shut”, the Decriminalization Law that Oregon is trying to pass.

History/Archives – Links Linda, Yvonne, and Maria – the reveal of the “History of Portland” Book. The book can be purchased for \$243 and some change. Link Maria is able to collect names of those wanting a book and with 10 Links making a purchase, a discount is possible.

Constitution/By-Laws – Link Krishna – There was a resolution to reduce the number of members on the Executive Board. Currently there are 29 out of 38 members on the Board. Not everyone on the Committee is able to attend and that makes it hard to do business if there’s not quorum. Not in compliance with other goals. Call for changes to By-Laws has gone out. More to come.

Recommendation: To accept the rationale for changing the number of members on the Executive Board from 29 to 10 in order to align with the National goals and to include the following: 1) President, 2) Vice President, 3) Recording Secretary, 4) Corresponding Secretary, 5) Treasurer 6) 7) Financial Secretary, 8) Organizational Effectiveness Chair, 9) Strategic Planning Chair, 10) Fund Development Chair

Moved by President Kimberly and seconded. Yays 24 Nays 0

Anyone can attend the Executive Board meeting should they want to.

Programs – Link Linda – sent to Breakout rooms for discussions on Facets, Integrated programs, amd Umbrella Project. Pros and cons will be mulled over and the results presented at next Chapter meeting.

Social/Courtesy – Birthdays acknowledge

New Business – Facet sign-ups accomplished

Announcement – Link Yvonne – acknowledgment of steps turned in and a reminder for the virtual “Walk” on September 25, 2021

Sylvia Welch, Secretary
September 11, 2021