

The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
March 12, 2022
By Zoom

The regular Chapter meeting of The Portland Links, Incorporated met by Zoom on March 12, 2022. The meeting began at 10:04 AM and adjourned at 12:20 PM. President, Kimberly Matier presided and Secretary, Sylvia Welch was present.

Members on Call: President, Kimberly Matier, Links Serena Ashley, Estella Brame, Karin Edwards, Lakecia Gunter, Kymberly Horner, Linda Harris, Natalie Hooper, Kimberly Mack (Ireland), Rochelle Hunter-James, Maria Jackson, Kizmet Mills, Carla Penn-Hopson, Adriel Person, Rhonda Thomas, Miaya Griffin Stevenson, Krishna Walker, Sylvia Welch, Serena Stoudamire Wesley, M. Yvonne Williams Alumna, Betty Cabine, Marian Gilmore, Barbara Ward

Quorum: Yes

Linkspiration – Link Lakecia – “Women providing healing, giving hope”, a tribute to all women for a better life today and a brighter future; Texas Link, Jennifer Stinson was celebrated by the Advancement of the Sciences with a statue for her accomplishments. Quotes: The question is not who is going to let me but who is going to stop me.” “If you want something said, ask a man. If you want something done, ask a woman.”

Adoption of Agenda – It was moved by Link Sylvia and seconded to adopt the Agenda with the addition of the Legislative Update (announcement) and Electric payments under (New Business). Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the February 12, 2022 meeting minutes – Yes without objection and filed with the clarification of Link Kimberly Mack (Ireland) being referred to as such in the minutes for our records.

Officer’s Reports –

President’s Update – President Kimberly – Report distributed, presented, and filed. We received confirmation of the receipt of our Program Report submission; Regarding needing vouchers for financial transactions, Link Maria will put voucher forms on the Portland Link website as Links will need to use them per audit finding; there is no word, to date, on the National Assembly.

Corresponding Secretary – Link Maria – Report presented. DOJ forms will be filled out and returned by President Kimberly.

Financial Secretary – Link Rochelle Hunter-James – Report presented regarding monies taken in.

Treasurer's Report – Link Kimberly Mack (Ireland) will present the report later today or tomorrow. We are waiting for the issues with Unitus to be straightened out.

Membership – Link Karin – DC Link Felicia is transitioning to our Chapter; we have 2 candidates: Tracy Scott and Shemeka Johnson who continue with the orientation process. The next orientation meeting is the first Tuesday of April. The next, the first Tuesday of May. Please join if you can so the candidates can meet us.

Core value presented: Integrity and Honesty: attributes of these Core Values are gracious, respectful, honest, trustworthy, hardworking, responsible, helpful, and patient. “She who walks with Integrity walks securely. Break-out rooms assigned for discussion.

Healthy Heart Moment – Link Yvonne – March is Kidney Awareness Month: Get tested, reduce NSAIDS (over-the-counter pain killers), cut out processed foods, exercise regularly, control blood pressure and diabetes.

Standing Committees –

Programs – Link Linda – Presentation given on Umbrella Program and the Community Service Project showing the new candidate's project and the way each facet can be involved in H.E.R.; Poster Art deadline to be moved from March 31 to March 28 or 30 as National's deadline is March 31; Link Adriel and Link Linda to speak off-line about replicating H.E.R at Rosemary Anderson High School.

Fund Development – Congratulations to Link Margie for the success of the WHY Race event.

Leadership Moment – Link Serena Ashley – She spoke and presented slides on the duties and responsibilities of the position of Membership Vice President as part of Officer Insights and committee responsibilities. Link Maria will put the Candidates page on the member's page.

New Business – Regarding the use of Zelle - It was moved by Carla and seconded to utilize the National and Area platform, Zelle, as our form of payment. The motion carried unanimously. Rationale: You can use your existing account to pass money between people and there are no fees to be absorbed and figured out.

Regarding the Audit: It was stated that Link Miaya can be the Chair of the Audit Committee. Committee members are Links Carla, Lakecia, and Sylvia

Announcements – Protocol Pearls – Link Serena Ashley – Official Link pins are not to be worn on casual attire or at casual events. Pins are worn only at formal Link events (Chapter/Area/National Business

Scholarships – Link Kymberly Horner – 7 applications so far. Review of applications to begin soon.

Social/Courtesy – Link Natalie – Birthdays celebrated: Links Adriel Person, Marlene Fuller, and Marian Gilmore

Legislative Update – Link Serena Stoudamire Wesley – presented.

Sylvia Welch, Secretary
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