

The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated
April 9, 2022
By Zoom

The regular Chapter meeting of The Portland (OR) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated met by Zoom on April 9, 2022. President, Kimberly Matier, presided and Secretary, Sylvia Welch was present. The meeting **began at 10:05 AM** and **adjourned at 12:05 PM**. There was a **quorum**.

Present on call: President, Kimberly Matier, Links Harriet Adair, Estella Brame, Karin Edwards, Linda Harris, Kymberly Horner, Kimberly Mack Ireland, Lakecia Gunter, Maria Jackson, Carla Penn-Hopson, Jocelyne McAdory, Margie Cooper Stanton, Miaya Griffin Stevenson, Rhonda Thomas, Krishna Walker, Sylvia Welch, Serena Stoudamire Wesley, M. Yvonne Williams Alumna, Betty Cabine, Rene DuBoise, Marian Gilmore, Barbara Thoms, Barbara Ward
Guest: Link Felicia Wasson who recently moved to Portland

Linkspiration – Link Lakecia – A celebration of the new Supreme Court Justice, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson

Adoption of the Agenda – Yes, and filed without objection after the following changes were made: 1) The Healthy Moment presentation was changed. Link Linda gave it in Link Yvonne’s stead. 2) New Business was removed as was the Leadership Moment that will resume next month. Motion to adopt the Agenda by Kimberly Matier and seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from the March 12, 2022 Chapter Meeting – Yes, without objection and filed.

Officer’s Reports

President – Report presented and will be emailed to members.

Correspondence – Link Maria - Report presented and will be sent to Links if requested. The request for the Chapter to be part of a research project of a Black woman from California on issues of community will be looked into and reported back to the Chapter.

Finance – Link Rochelle Hunter-James – Report presented - No checks received.

Treasurer – Link Kimberly Mack Ireland – Report Presented. Dues deposited and report submitted. Will be filed **Note:** Re: money leftover from the Western Area Conference will be moved to the Fundraising account after the pending issues are rectified. Link Carla stated she can help with this,

The topic of sending a Portland History book to the newly formed Western Area Chapter, Southern Metroplex, in Texas, using funds from our budge was put in the form of a motion by

Link Carla and seconded “That the Portland Chapter provide a Portland Chapter History Book to the Southern Metro Chapter utilizing funds in our budget”; Motion carried with one objection.

To be brought to the Finance Committee is the \$175 for the video and ad for the National Assembly.

Membership – Link Karin – Report presented – Introduction of Link Felicia Wasson from Atlanta; next candidate orientation is Tuesday May 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM. The one after that is Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Please attend and meet the candidates; “So Glad You’re My Sister” nominations are still needed; Core Value this month was Courage. Breakout groups reported back on how we demonstrate “Courage”; Result of poll: the most votes go to a year end celebration with “Pinot and Prose” on a weekend.

Healthy Moment – Link Linda – April is “Donate Life” Month. Information regarding this is in the April newsletter.

Standing Committees

Program – Link Linda –The Umbrella Project was presented. Students are engaged and it’s going well with the Candidates and the students from Jefferson. The next session for the Umbrella Project is May 11, 2022 (note that this is a date change.)

Scholarship – Link Kymberly Horner – Report presented - We awarded 5 scholarships, White Rose awarded 3 scholarships, 1 student was not awarded a scholarship (application incomplete).

Announcements – A6 website has been rebranded and can be found at A6awareness.org A6 has been awarded a \$50,000 grant. Please see the April Chapter Newsletter for information on registering for “Donate Life”.

Courtesy/Social - Acknowledged Link Serena Stoudamire Wesley’s upcoming birthday, April 13, 2022.

Reminders: Please join Link Carla on April 29, 2022 on “Why I Vote”. 8:00 PM CST; National and Western Area do not support Zelle. They support PayPal and Eventbrite; Still under COVID-19 restrictions; \$5.00 from each Link for gift for National President is to be sent to Link Kimberly Mack Ireland by the May Chapter meeting; Review Candidates so we can recommend our choices; Leadership Academy applications are due April 15, by 5:00PM (our time). The cost is \$250 and the age criterion is over the age of 45; National Assembly is June 29 – July 3, 2022 in Baltimore. It’s a hybrid Conference (virtual for all Links other than Delegates, Alternates, Executive Council, Foundation Board); Dr. Keith Dempsey, April 3, 2022, 6:00 PM

Sylvia Welch, Secretary