

**The Portland Chapter of  
The Links, Incorporated  
June 10, 2023  
Portland Community College, Terrell Hall Room 208**

The regular meeting of The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated met on June 10, 2023 at Portland Community College's Terrell Hall, room 208. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM and was adjourned at 12:10 PM. President, Kimberly Matier presided and Secretary, Sylvia Welch was present.

**Members in attendance** - President, Kimberly Matier, VP Krishna Walker, Kimberly Ireland, Kymberly Horner, Jocelyne McAdory (Gilyard), Carla Penn-Hopson, Margie Cooper Stanton, Maria Jackson, Natalie Hooper, Karin Edwards, Felicia Wasson, Jackie Dillon, Serena Ashley, Melanie Harris, Anisha Abdul-Ali, Cheryl Proctor, Kizmet Mills, Estella Brame, M. Yvonne Williams, Linda Harris, Shemeka Johnson, Sylvia Welch Alumna, Barbara Ward, Jackie N. Brown, Betty Cabine, Rene' DuBoise, Pat Walker, Elaine Hartzog

**Quorum** – Yes

**Linkspiration** – President, Kimberly Matier – Poem, “Hey, Link Sister’ (in the style and rhythm of “Hey Black Child”. The message is that we are change makers.

**Adoption of the Agenda** – It was moved by Link Natalie and seconded to adopt the amended Agenda without objection. The amended Agenda added Archives under announcements and filed.

**Approval of the May 13, 2023 Chapter meeting minutes** – The minutes were approved with the correction of the spelling of Link Kymberly Horner's first name from Kimberly to Kymberly without objection and filed.

**President's Update** – President, Kimberly Matier – Report presented. The Western Area Conference in Los Angeles, California provided inspiration and was about the coming season being one of transformation. The National President stressed true bonds of friendship and looking at the hearts of members and their purpose rather than their jobs.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Link Felicia – Report presented – Note from Link Karin stating her appreciation for the show of love from her Link Sisters regarding her eye surgery and an email that will be forwarded to President Carla for information on how it is to be answered.

**Finance/Treasurer** – Link Kimberly Ireland – Her report was given and has been filed for audit. The report will be updated to add the names of those who submitted checks. The checks will be deposited and a check will be cut for our accountant, Fred Carter.

**Membership** – Link Krishna – The new member project was presented by Links Anisha, Cheryl, and Melanie. The name of their project is “Career Mentoring Project.” The project will begin with Middle School students. They gave an overview of the project and spoke on its mission/vision, programming, activities, assumptions, external factors, short-term and mid-term goals, and that there would be an

evaluation. With this project, the participants will learn about the career options open to them; many options presented will be under-represented careers that aren't readily apparent to students.

**Healthy Moments** – Link Rochelle McElroy's presentation gave us a look and a better understanding of Sickle Cell disease.

**Programs** – Link Linda – Links received information on A6 as it relates to Black health matters. The information included observation days, and testing centers.

**Unfinished Business** – President Kimberly passed the gavel to the new President Of The Portland Chapter (OR), Link Carla Penn-Hopson. The change has been made in the MMS.

**Leadership Moments** – Link Serena Ashley – Topic: Facets and our involvement in the leadership and participation in the Facets and Standing Committees. It takes a willing spirit to lead; a commitment to community and a willingness to learn about an organization and what it takes to make it work.

**Announcements** – Social – Link Natalie – Birthday wishes and song for Alumna, Rochelle McElroy; a survey is forthcoming

White Rose – Link Linda – We will have a broader conversation regarding White Rose at another meeting.

Chapter plans/dates – President, Carla – June 11 Executive Committee working planning session at President, Carla's home at 11:00 AM; Executive working meeting on August 18, 2023 by Zoom and on August 19, 2023, there will be an in-person meeting at a venue to be named at a later date.

Sylvia Welch, Secretary  
June 10, 2023