



Tacoma (WA) Chapter Business Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2020 10:00 AM

Zoom meeting

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am

Pledge

~ Link Frances Davis

Song

~ Link Dorothy Williams (recording)

Inspiration

~ Link Joan Ray

Roll Call

~ Link Alyce McNeil

Links in Attendance:

Madam President Frances Davis present; Recording Secretary Alicia Stephens present; Christina Abby, Victoria Fletcher, Sharon Freeman, Tracy Flood Harris, Mary Green, Gina Hatcher, Latonja Hunter, Mentha Hynes-Wilson, Joann Jones, Barbara Lane, Constance Lassiter, Carolyn Lee, Stephanie McGriff, Alyce McNeil, Kasaundra Moody, Dorris Okoro, Denita Patton, Joan Ray, Denise Robinson, Lisa Shyne, Stephanie Tisby, Chris Turner, Anne Wade, Angela Walker, Iris Williams West, Dorothy Williams, Stephanie Croom Williams, Kay Wilson Kirby

Alumnae: Ella Williams, Vera Marks, Roz Woodhouse

Agenda adopted after the addition of Allen AME donation under New Business

October 2020 Minutes approved after addition of Link Stephanie McGriff to the attendance roster

Officer Reports

President

~ Link Frances Davis

Report submitted and placed on file. Madam President encouraged all members to engage in self-care in December and limit Links work. This guidance is coming from the National President.

Our support for the WA Conference is now to provide a DJ – not a live band for Thursday night. More details will follow.

Vice President

~ Link Mentha Hynes-Wilson

Report submitted and placed on file. Link Mentha thanked members for their help with our Founder's Day service project. All new member induction requests are due by Nov 20th, 2020. We will be voting on the nominees at our January business meeting. There are no changes to 2021 Membership fees. The fees remain \$2250.00. Our Winter virtual social, "Jingle and Mingle", is scheduled for Dec 19th, 2020 at 6 pm.

Correspondence Secretary

~ Link Alyce McNeil

Combined October and November report submitted and placed on file. There were donations sent in honor of Link Mary Wilson totaling \$270.00.

Recording Secretary

~ Link Alicia Stephens

No report.

Financial Secretary

~ Link Kimberly Green

Report submitted and placed on file.

Treasurer

~ Link Mary Green

Report submitted and placed on file.

Standing Committee Reports**Hospitality Report**

~ Link Mary Green

Report presented and placed on file. Verbal report shared with chapter.

Scholarship

~ Link Christine Turner

Report submitted and placed on file. Link Christine reported the scholarship application is on the website for students to access. Link Stephanie Williams reported the 2020 final scholarship report is completed and was sent to the chapter.

Bylaws

~ Link Stephanie Williams

No Report. We are waiting on approval of our Bylaws report from the WA.

Fund Development/Fund Raising

~ Link Carolyn Lee

Report submitted and placed on file. Link Carolyn reported there are different phases involved in Fund Development. Phase I is grant writing and Link Roz is advising this phase. The committee is trying to locate grants so please send any ideas to Madam President or Link Roz.

OE

~ Link Dorris Okoro

The OE committee has launched "Our Sister's Keeper" program. The committee is reaching out to sisters via cards and phone calls. The committee and chapter members had a wonderful time at the happy hour/family feud hosted by the OE committee on Nov 13th, 2021.

Technology Committee

~ Link Gina Hatcher

Report submitted and placed on file. Link Gina thanked her committee, along with new committee members, for their wonderful support and assistance. The committee was thanked for all their hard work supporting all the chapter events.

Poet Laureate

~ Link Christina Abby

“Hold my mule (Shouting John)” Shirley Caesar

Programming

~ Link Carolyn Lee

Report submitted and placed on file. Link Carolyn gave an overview of the facets activities.

Facet Reports

Health & Human Services

~ Links Victoria Fletcher/Alicia Stephens

Report submitted and placed on file. Chapter members reminded to turn in steps for 75 million step challenge.

~Health Moment

~Link Alicia Stephens

Link Alicia continued the presentations for the AARP family caregiving series.

International Trends and Services

~Links Joan Ray/Barabara Lane

Report submitted and placed on file. Update given on the “I Can Fly” Butterfly house and the sponsorship of a young girl in Kenya.

National Trends and Services

~Links Gina Hatcher/Constance Lassiter

Report submitted and placed on file. Link Gina reported that donations are still being taken for the homeless drive for the Tacoma Rescue Mission. The deadline is today; however, Link Gina is willing to continue to pick up items if members have donations. Donation checks can also be sent to Link Gina for the Mission.

Services to Youth

~Link Tracy Flood Harris/Kimberly Green

Report submitted and placed on file. Link Tracy reported the facet will be presenting another virtual program for youth in February focusing on Black engineers.

New Business

Allen AME Christmas House Donation

A motion was made by Link Mary Green to donate \$200 to Allen AME Christmas House. Second by Link Joan Ray. Vote taken and Motion passed.

Announcements

1. Link Anne Wade thanked the chapter for their support. Link Mary Wilson now has her headstone in place and it reads "Everyday is a blessed day".
2. Link Dorothy has been invited by Palmer Scholars to be a scholarship application reader. The reading period is Dec 4th, 2020 to Jan 6th, 2021. She encouraged other members to apply to be readers.
3. Link Mary Green reports she has a Palmer Scholars mentee who attends SOTA. Link Dorothy reported Brooklyn Hose, the chapter supported Palmer Scholar, is doing well and studying from home.
4. Link Stephanie Williams announced that CL Dwight Williams is retiring and there will be a virtual celebration for him on December 7, 2020. Please let Link Stephanie know if you would like to participate.
5. Link Denise announced that her daughter has finished at Spelman and will be applying to law school.
6. Link Angela will be spearheading an Ad Hoc committee on a Debutante/Cotillion as a fundraiser for the chapter.
7. Link Christina thanked the chapter for their love and support during her bereavement.
8. Link Fran announced her niece, Lakeisha, had contracted Covid-19 but is doing well. Please keep her in your prayers.
9. Link Joann thanked the chapter for their support of her and her two nieces.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.