



Tacoma (WA) Chapter Business Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2021 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, Tracy Flood Harris, Sharon Freeman, Mary Green, Gina Hatcher, Latonja Hunter, Mentha Hynes-Wilson, Barbara Lane, Constance Lassiter, Alyce McNeil, Kasaundra Moody, Dorris Okoro, Denita Patton, Joan Ray, Denise Robinson, Stephanie Tisby, Chris Turner, Iris Williams West, Dorothy Williams, Stephanie Croom Williams, Kay Wilson Kirby

Alumnae: Melva Copes, Thelma Jean Crovello, Helen Henderson, Vera Marks, Edna Stone

Agenda adopted after addition of Black Collective Report

March 2021 minutes approved after correction of Link Victoria announcement

OFFICER REPORTS

President

~ Link Frances Davis

Report submitted and placed on file. Madam President announced that 75% of members have already registered for the WA conference. The next National Assembly is in Baltimore in 2022. The next WA conference is scheduled for 2023 in Los Angeles.

Vice President

~ Link Mentha Hynes-Wilson

Report submitted and placed on file. Link Mentha announced we have two new Platinum members. Congratulations were extended to **Link Mary Green and Link Edna Stone for achieving Platinum Status**. Link Denise has applied for Alumna status.

Our chapter Induction ceremony has been moved to May 15th at 2 pm after the chapter meeting. Addresses of new members will be sent to the chapter.

Correspondence Secretary

~ Link Alyce McNeil

Report submitted and placed on file. Thank you card from the Link Christina was read.

Recording Secretary

~ Link Alicia Stephens

Necrology report for CL Milton Jones has been submitted to the WA.

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. June Social is scheduled for June 12th.

Hospitality Recommendations for 2021-2022 were presented to the chapter. Vote taken and recommendations passed.

Scholarship

~ Link Christine Turner

Report submitted and placed on file. Link Chris reported scholarship reception will take place tomorrow, Sunday April 25th at 3 pm. Link Fran announced Link Hosanna, a former scholar reached out to her and is going to law school.

Bylaws

~ Link Stephanie Williams

Report submitted and placed on file. The recommended changes from the Bylaws committee for our Standing Rules were reviewed. Motion by chair to accept changes to the Standing Rules. Vote taken and recommendation passed.

OE

~ Dorris Okoro

Link Dorris thanked everyone for attending the Old School Party on April 16th.

The committee's recommendations for Link Raynola's 100th birthday celebration were presented. A budget of \$500 was proposed with money coming from unused committees/facets budgets and \$100 from the contingency fund. A discussion followed regarding the addition to our Standing Rules regarding special occasion 100th birthday celebrations for Link Sisters. This will be considered and reviewed by the Hospitality committee.

Recommendation made by committee for \$500 Link Raynola's 100th Birthday celebration. Recommendation voted upon and passed. The celebration will be in compliance with Washington state's COVID-19 guidelines.

Technology

~ Gina Hatcher

No report. Link Gina thanked committee members for all they do. She also thanked the chapter for the sympathy cards, messages, and prayers sent to her.

Black Collective Liaison

~ Barbara Lane

Report submitted and placed on file.

Poet Laureate

~ Christina Abby

"Mama prayed for me"

PROGRAMMING

~ Link Lisa Shyne

Report submitted and placed on file.

Facet Reports

The Arts

~Links Latonja Hunter/ Christina Abby

Report submitted and placed on file.

Health & Human Services

~ Links Victoria Fletcher/ Alicia Stephens

Report submitted and placed on file. Reminder for Link Sisters to report steps by April 30th.

Health Moment

~ Link Stephanie Williams

AARP Family Caregiving series completed.

International Trends and Services

~Links Joan Ray/Barbara Lane

Report submitted and placed on file.

National Trends and Services

~Links Gina Hatcher/Constance Lassiter

Report submitted and placed on file. Reminder from Link Gina to take pictures and send to Link Kasaundra when making donations at the Tacoma Rescue Mission.

Services to Youth

~Links Tracy Flood Harris/Kimberly Green

Report submitted and placed on file. Link Tracy reported the facet will meet in May to discuss August Backpack event for school on JBLM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The contract for the DJ services for the WA Social in the amount of \$300 was finalized. Motion for approval of DJ contract for \$300 was made and seconded. Vote taken and motion passed.

The WA has asked \$100 from each chapter to support the homeless project at the WA Conference. Motion made and seconded to contribute \$100 to WA homeless project. Vote taken. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Link Gina announced that Link Jay Riley is now the Vice President of membership at the Denver (CO) chapter. She is also the Chair of Education for the Colorado Symphony and Liaison from the Denver chapter to the Symphony.
2. Link Melva announced her mother is turning 105 next month and is doing well.
3. Link Vera thanked the members who went on the webinar for Platinum/Alumnae members.

4. **Congratulations to Link Mary and Link Edna on achieving Platinum Status. Link Mary, Link Edna, and Link Connie will all be recognized as Platinum members at the 2022 National Assembly.**
5. Link Kassandra announced the Arts Facet will have an activity on May 21st. Information will be forthcoming.
6. Link Denise is traveling to Spelman next month for her daughter's graduation. Her daughter is applying to law school.
7. Link Victoria announced Link Roz is at Swedish Cherry Hill. She will be transferred to a rehab facility to continue her recovery.
8. Link Mary thanked the Link Lisa for the program activity calendar. Link Mary also announced that the service for CL Milton Jones will be held Friday, April 30th at St Francis Cabrini, 11 am. 200 people can safely attend.
9. Link Tracy announced the NAACP is sponsoring a virtual session with the Washington State Patrol. The session is scheduled for April 30th. An email will be sent with further information.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.