



The Links, Incorporated BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES 28 January 2023

Call to order: The meeting convened at 10:05am Link Mentha Hynes-Wilson, President, presiding.

The Pledge was recited by all chapter members.

The Song was sung by all chapter members.

Linkspiration provided by Link Christine Turner

Roll Call Link Gina Youngblood Hatcher: Attendance sheet is attached.

Total Active Members Present	<u>24</u>
Total Absent	<u> </u>
Total Present Alumna	<u>1</u>
Members Excused	<u>12</u>

Guests in attendance: 0

Adoption of the Agenda: Without objection the agenda was approved with the following corrections: Change Audit name to Link Christine Turner. National Trends and Services change name to Link Stephanie Tisby. Motion by Link Christine Turner, seconded by Link Kirsten Brunson

Approval of Minutes: Correct spelling of Jamaica pg 1, adding Link Pamela seconded the motion made by Link Sharon in (Technology Committee) pg 3. In Announcements add Link Thelma Jean Crovello added to..” volunteer for grant writing team. Minutes were approved with motion by Link Joan Ray and seconded by Link Christina Abby

Officers' Reports

President –Link Mentha Hynes-Wilson, report presented in boardroom and posted online.

Vice President -Link Kay Wilson-Kirby, report presented in boardroom and posted online. Link Kay Wilson informed the chapter that Western Area was 3 months behind in the Induction process and this also included National. National review of presented area candidates concludes 30 January 2023. She stated she doesn't believe the chapter can't do the Intake for this year because the timeline is too short and it would be too difficult to process in time. The chapter isn't in position to go forward. Members decided that it isn't in compliance to go forward and therefore will not. Link Mentha Hynes Wilson motion the chapter will not move forward for induction in 2023. Seconded by Link Stephanie McGriff. Link Mary Ingram volunteered to be on Membership Committee.

Recording Secretary – Link Gina Hatcher – no report

Corresponding Secretary--- Link Christina Abby – no report

Financial Secretary--- Link Samantha Black-Parker report is submitted on the website. She was also seeking those who hadn't paid their Food Assessment. Unpaid members will be sent an invoice for payment.

Treasurer –Link Denita Harden-Patton presented report with a walk through of the monthly reconciliation reports, budget and W.A. Summary of 2022-2023 Dues & Fees. She presented that National Dues are now \$550. Member wanted explanation given that Local dues \$475 + National dues increase of \$20 and Foundation dues increase of \$20 totals \$515. Upon rechecking, she confirmed the dues are \$515 not \$550. Technology Committee Budget was listed significantly higher than what they proposed to the Finance Committee. Link Denita Harden-Patton explanation was it was padded somewhat for possible unforeseen situations. Discussion brought many questions into light. Link Mentha Hynes-Wilson stated that there will have to be another meeting to clarify the questions. There can't be a vote or approval of the budget today. Another budget meeting will be scheduled via Zoom.

Standing Committee Reports:

Hospitality Report –Link Christine Turner presented and posted the report online. The committee handed out Valentine treats to all members.

Audit- Link Christine Turner is seeking additional members to join the committee.

Bylaws Committee –No report

Ethics-Link Sharon Freeman sent email to members who didn't complete the required Ethics training. The training will be today via Zoom at 2pm. Link Sharon will send the link individually to those in the email. Link Mentha Hynes-Wilson stated that National strongly encouraged this mandate. Failure to comply will result in rendering that member inactive.

Fundraising/Fund Development – Link Angela Walker, no report

Organizational Effectiveness --- Link Stephanie Tisby reported the upcoming Umbrella Project activity will be on Saturday 25 February at First United Methodist Church, serving the Power of Two 1 to 2pm. HHS will be donating teddy bears, NTS will donate oranges and healthy snacks. This activity follows the February Chapter Business Meeting so Link Mentha Hynes Wilson state members may wear the Links Tee-Shirts at the meeting.

Scholarship Committee Link Christine Turner: reports a virtual reception for recipients schedule for 13 April. In-person events currently are cost prohibitive in that the expense reduces the amount given to the students. Some recommendations for less expensive venues included, churches, county school boards, YMCAs and Family Resource Centers. Another suggestion was to survey students on how they might want to spend their time in this celebration. Mentha Hynes-Wilson also volunteered UWT as a possible venue.

Strategic Planning Link Kim. No report. Link Mentha Hynes-Wilson stated the plan from National was only recently released.

Technology Link Stephanie McGriff reported that she and Link Kirsten Watts have been very busy in December. They received the contract, met with the Web Developer, the Legal Links (Links Stephanie Croom Williams, Tracy Flood-Harris) and discussed the contract, web maintenance agreement and Conflict of Interest form. That form must be reviewed by National and Western Area. A Zoom meeting will be scheduled for that review. Track It Forward problems was brought to Link Stephanie McGriff's attention and she as the administrator is taking action. It was noted that although that software is recommended it is not mandatory to use it. There are alternative methods of tracking your hours, but it is imperative that you do. That data allows the Treasurer to submit dues to National.

Black Collective: No report

Program Report Link Joan Ray reported that National Programs is asking all chapters to hold a Black Family Wellness Expo on Saturday 18 Mar. Link Mentha Hynes-Wilson motioned for the chapter to host the event pending the support of the Facets. Link Kirsten Bunson seconded. The motion passed by consensus.

Arts: Link Christina Abby. No report.

HHS Link Angela Walker reported that February is Heart Health Month. She spoke of the event that was mentioned by Link Stephanie Tisby earlier about the event being held at First United Methodist Church on 25 February from 1 to 1pm.

At this point Link Mentha Hynes-Wilson motioned to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

National Trends & Services Link Stephanie Tisby presented the posted report from the website

International Trends & Services Link Joan Ray, no report

Services to Youth, no report

Legislative Issues & Public Affair, no report

Unfinished Business: Grant Writing team, Chapter needs to decide when to have memorial rituals for the recent losses our chapter has experienced recently.

New Business

Announcements: Link Alyce McNeil announce Black Collective's celebration of Black History month with Black Food. This event will be via Zoom and NTS is donating spices in supporting this event.

Notes

Meeting adjourned at 12:36pm

Gina Youngblood Hatcher

Recording Secretary

Date of approval
