



The Links, Incorporated BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES 19 November 2022

Call to order: The Business Meeting of the Tacoma (WA) Chapter, first in-person meeting was held on 22 October 2022 at Bethlehem Baptist Church. The meeting convened at 10:05 am Link Mentha Hynes-Wilson, President, presiding.

The Pledge was recited by all chapter members

The Song was sung by all chapter members

The Linkspiration and was provided by Link Christine Turner

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

Total Active Members Present _____

Total Absent _____

Total Present Alumna _____

Members Excused _____

Guests in attendance: 0

Adoption of the Agenda: Without objection, the agenda was adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes: Without objection, the minutes of the 22 October 2022 meeting were adopted with the following corrections: fill in the blank underline with Gina Hatcher in the Computer Purchase Committee Report. Motion was made by Link Stephanie Croom Williams and seconded by Link Mary Greene.

Only the Member's Only section is available

Officers' Reports:

President –Link Mentha Hynes-Wilson, asked chapter members to review her report and to make note of special dates: chapter social, WA Leadership Summit, Jamacia Mission Trip, Platinum and Alumna applications.

The rest of her report is on file and posted to the chapter website.

Vice President -Link Kay Wilson-Kirby, reported the handbook is posted on the website and to inform her of any corrections. Seeking new members for the Audit committee. Membership activities: Link Kay wants to know if the chapter wants to have an intake process. Her personal recommendation is not to have an intake at this time. There was a motion by Link Mary Greene for the chapter to hold an induction in 2023. There was a second and the motion carried.

Recording Secretary – There was nothing to report from the Recording Secretary, Link Gina Youngblood Hatcher. The minutes from the 22 October meeting were submitted and posted on the website.

Corresponding Secretary--- Link Christina Abby

Link Christine Turner is applying for Platinum status. Link Iris Williams West is applying for Alumna status.

A Thank You letter was received from Jonathan Jackson from Palmer Scholars.

A Thank You note was received from Link Barbara Lane

Financial Secretary--- Link Barbara Lane's report is submitted on the website.

Treasurer – The report of the Treasurer, Link Denita Harden-Patton was received and placed on file. The account balance for the October Operations account was reported as: \$14, 813.10.

The account balance for October Program account was reported as: \$5,418.29.

Standing Committee Reports:

Hospitality Report –Link Alicia Stephens gave birthday recognition to Links Christine Turner, Stephanie McGriff, and Christina Abby. Anniversary recognition to Link Alyce McNeil and, CL Frank.

Bylaws Committee – No report

Fundraising Committee – Link Angela: Link Mentha Hynes-Wilson recommended that the Fundraising Committee and the Fund Development Committee come together and asked if Link Angela Walker would consider the Chair position.

Organizational Effectiveness --- Link Angela Walker reporting in lieu of Link Kasaundra Moody.

The Green & White Weekend Nov 10-12 is in direct conflict with the Western Area Leadership Conference. There were the same conflicts with other organizational activities that same weekend. Adjustments will have to be made and Link Mentha Hynes-Wilson wanted adjustments completed and announced to the chapter within 48 hours.

Scholarship Committee Link Christine Turner: The 2023 Scholarship Application Form will be released December 1.. Application will be available online.

HHS. Link Angela Walker: The Health moment was delivered via Zoom with guest speaker Rev. Melvin V Wade who is a bone marrow recipient. He told of his amazing story and how critical is the need for bone marrow donations to African Americans.

Finance Committee- Link Denita Harden-Patton. Report will be put on website. A committee meeting will be scheduled in December to work on the budget.

Strategic Planning. Link Mentha Hynes Wilson and Kimberly Greene will review the new information that has been released by the National Planning Committee and assemble a new committee.

Technology Committee. Links Stephanie McGriff and Kirsten Watts, the Website Project subcommittee, gave a detailed report on the timeline of this project and a comparative summary of all of the received bid proposals. The committee reviewed the proposals and recommended to the chapter to accept the proposal submitted by Dream Roots Creative to design and maintain the new Tacoma Links website. Extended discussion included clarifying the aim of the redesign, the call for proposals, and potential conflicts of interest. Link Sharon Freeman made a motion to for the chapter to accept the committee's recommendation and to proceed to the process to hire Dream Roots Creative. The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

Black Collective. No report.

Program Report. Link Lisa Shyne: Western Area has not met so there is no information to report from them. There will be a webinar on submitting Program Reports on 12 December. Annual reports are due 1 February 2023. Tacoma's Annual Reports score is good (80-90). Link Lisa Shyne is looking for improvements in the reports. She wants the reports to show better Facet integration of umbrella program and more data on the activities impact on community elements.

Arts Facet Homeless Umbrella activity in November impacted 162 people at the First United Methodist

Church

HHS & NTS: 3 December Christmas Dinner at Bethlehem Shelter

ITS: sponsoring 2 girls in I Can Fly, donated toilets, have 78 girls in Rescue Center

NTS: Power of Giving project collected clothing items to donate to Tacoma Rescue Mission in October and November. NTS made over 50 food kits to hand out to people at the First United Methodist Church in participating with the umbrella project supporting The Power of Two.

Facet Reports: Submitted and posted to the website

Announcements:

Chapter Social at LaQuinta Inn on 17 Dec. RSVP by 1 December, bring 2 canned food items

Links Sharon Freeman and Christina Abby volunteer for grant writing

Link Christina has 4 free tickets per Symphony Tacoma event to give to Links who want to attend

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Gina Youngblood Hatcher
Recording Secretary

Date of approval _____