



The Links, Incorporated BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES 25 February 2023

Call to order: The meeting convened at 10:03 am Link Mentha Hynes-Wilson, President, presiding.

The Pledge was recited by members.

The Song was sung by members.

The Linkspiration was provided by Link Joan Ray with a prayer by Link Christine Turner

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

Total Active Members Present	<u>27</u>
Total Absent	<u>2</u>
Total Present Alumna	<u>2</u>
Members Excused	<u>13</u>

Guests in attendance: 0

Adoption of the Agenda: Adopted. Motion by Link Christine Turner.

Approval of Minutes: Adopted with corrections. Motion by Link Christine Turner.

Officers' Reports:

President: Report posted on website. President Mentha Hynes-Wilson

Vice President: President Mentha announced two members of the chapter will be leaving. Link Stephanie Tisby will be transferring to a chapter in Shreveport, LA and Link Kasaundra Moody requested Affiliate status.

Recording Secretary: Link Gina Hatcher reported that the Necrology Report for CL Joseph Green, husband of Link Mary Green, was sent to National.

Corresponding Secretary: Link Christina Abby received correspondence from Link Mary Green and Link Victoria Fletcher. For those who have tested positive for Covid, free services, food and other assistance is available during their isolation. Care can be accessed via Department of Health (DOH) at Care Connect Washington's webpage: doh.wa.gov/emergencies/Covid-19/care-connect-Washington.

Financial Secretary: Report posted on website. Link Samantha Black-Parker accepted checks for the payment of Chapter dues for 2023 in the amount of \$515.00.

Treasurer: Link Denita Harden-Patton presented the Budget Proposal for 2023-2024. Treasurer Denita presented the budget for Operations and Link Sharon Freeman presented the budget for Programs. Link Sharon Freeman explained that National very specifically directs that website costs are under Programs. Link Sharon Freeman stated that financial protocols are by the directions of the National office and the chapter should abide the National's directions. Link Mary Green moved to accept the Budget as presented and motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Hospitality Report: Report is on the website. Link Stine Armstrong thanked the chapter for their support with the loss of her daughter.

Audit: No report.

Bylaws Committee: No report.

Ethics: The result of the Chapter's Ethics Training.

1. 36 members required the Ethics Training
2. 31 members completed & will receive certificates.
3. Five members were excused.
4. 100% of chapter in compliance. Link Sharon Freeman, Chair.

Fundraising/Fund Development: No report.

Organizational Effectiveness: No report.

Scholarship Committee: Committee met to review applications. Reception is scheduled for Sunday 16 April at University of Washington-Tacoma at 2:30pm in Prince Hall. Link Christine Turner, Chair.

Strategic Planning: No report.

Technology: Status of website development posted on the website and Link Kirsten Watts announced that the committee will resume training sessions to members on using Google, social media and Microsoft Word and Excel.

Black Collective: No report.

Program Report: Link Lisa Shyne announced her last day as Program Chair will be 8 March. Program Reports were submitted on time by 8 February. Black Family Wellness Expo (BFWE)- Photos of our chapter's participation in the Power of Two and the First Methodist Church Community events will be submitted as the chapter's support of the upcoming BFWE event on 18 March. Forty-five percent of total chapters (136 chapters) are having this event.

It was announced that National wants chapters to focus on using Signature Programs for the Umbrella Program events.

Arts: Link Sharon Freeman was elected Vice Chair on the Symphony Tacoma Board and Link Christina Abby will be Narrator for the symphony performance of Peter and the Wolf on 7 May at University of Puget Sound (UPS). The goal for next year is to include Stanley Elementary School for this performance.

HHS: No report.

National Trends & Services: Report posted on website. Link Alyce McNeil announced that this was the last day for the Black Collective's "A Taste of History" event for Black History month. Link Stephanie Tisby, Chair.

International Trends & Services: No report.

Services to Youth: STY announced doing a Blanket, Socks Resource Drive at the Coffee Oasis. Flyers were distributed by Link Pamela Davis-Thompson.

Legislative Issues & Public Affairs: No report.

Unfinished Business:

New Business: New Chapter Handbook is on the website. Review and contact President Mentha directly for errors or corrections. She is considering combining some committees and relook at some committee assignments.

Western Area Regional Director Link Lorna Hanks term is ending. Members should individually send their monetary gifts of appreciation to her as there will not be a chapter check sent. In the Memo of the check write Tacoma WA Chapter.

Treasurer Denita made a motion to provide a stipend to Bethlehem Baptist Church (for appreciation), motion was withdrawn. It is suspected this action was already done and therefore tabled until it can be confirmed.

Announcements:

Notes:

Meeting Adjourned: 12:01 PM

Submitted:

Gina Youngblood Hatcher
Recording Secretary

Date of approval: