**The Links, Incorporated**

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**23 September 2023**

**Call to order:** The meeting convened at 10:11 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 Joan Ray**

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

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| Total Active Members Present | | 18 | |
| Total Absent |  | |  |
| Total Present Alumna | | 0 | |
| Members Excused | | 15 | |

**Guests in attendance:** 0

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Without objection the agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** May Minutes were not included in 10 Day Notice email and there was no functional technology in that meeting room. May Minutes will be emailed later and will be approved at October meeting,

Officers' Reports:

**President**–Madam President. Report was sent in email dated 8 Sep 2023

**Vice President** -Madam Vice President. The need for new membership was discussed. Madam Vice President Kay Wilson Kirby moved that the chapter have an Induction for the 2023-2024 term. Motion carried.

**Recording Secretary –** Link Gina Hatcher – No report

**Corresponding Secretary**--- Link Christina Abby– Gave a verbal report.

**Financial Secretary**: Link Barbara Lane in lieu of Link Sharon, collected checks for the Food assessment. Presented a verbal report. Written report posted on the website.

**Treasurer**–Link Denita Harden Patton---Presented a verbal report. The written report was posted on the website.

Standing Committee Reports:

**Hospitality Report – No report**

**Audit**- Link Pamela Jones Hadley in lieu of Link Christine Turner, gave a verbal report.

**Bylaws Committee** – No report

**Ethics-**.No report.

**Fundraising/Fund Development** – No Report

Grant Committee---Link Christina Abby in lieu of Link Thelma Jean Crovello reported that T’wina Nobles, CEO of Black Futures Cooperative has granted a $100,000 grant to the Tacoma (WA) Links Chapter of The Links Incorporated. This year $50,000 has been given to support the Arts Facet and Education. The grant will give $10,000 to the chapter for the next 5 years to support the Chapter and its programs. The Arts Facet will be honored at the Empowerment Awards on 20 Oct.

**Organizational Effectiveness** --- Noreport

**Scholarship Committee** --- Noreport

**Strategic Planning** --- Noreport

**Technology** Link Kirsten Watts reported that the website is available for members to pay their Food Assessment payments online at the website. Paying online does include a small convenience fee. All items to be posted to website must be **EMAILED** to [TechnologyChair@tacomalinksinc.org](mailto:TechnologyChair@tacomalinksinc.org). The items must be sent **NOT LATER THAN** the **Tuesday** before the monthly Chapter meeting**. Late** submissions will not be accepted.

**Black Collective Link** No report.

**Program Report** Link Alyce McNeil reminding facets the Program Report period is 1 May to 30 April. Reports are due to National on 1 Feb 2024 but due to Link Alyce on **30 Jan** 2024. The umbrella theme is “Linking the Community to s Brighter Future”

**Arts Links** Link Christina Abby. (See the Grants Committee Report).

**HHS** Link Angela Walker.

17 Oct is next Bethlehem Shelter Presentation. These presentations are the 3rd Tuesdays of the month from Noon to 2 pm.

30 Sep is Annual Healthy Walkathon from 9am to 5pm

6 Jan 24 Community Health Fair at Star Center

Link Angela moved to sign a contract with Star Center for Community Health Fair for 6 Jan 2024. Motion carried.

**National Trends & Services** Link Gina Hatcher. NTS will continue to support the homeless at the Tacoma Rescue Mission and Bethlehem Baptist Church. NTS will support the umbrella program by having financial forums, speakers and workshops for children, adults and families, and will also include more support for homeless veterans.

**International Trends & Services** Link Barbara Lane presented a verbal report

**Services to Youth** Link Tracy Flood Harris reported on their upcoming workshop for middle school aged youths being introduced to the justice system with positive access. Their program is 14 Oct 9am – 4pm

**Legislative Issues & Public Affairs** No report.

**Unfinished Business---Madam President opens discussion about the chapter still needs a Spring Fling equivalent fundraiser. Link Tracy moved that the chapter have a Spring Fling equivalent fundraiser. Motion passed.**

**New Business—Links Kirsten and Stephanie brought up the need for better and more professional head shots or a group photo of chapter members on the new website. The cost to do this is expensive, typically~$1,500. A date is needed for photos. Suggested cost between $0-1,000 for photos. Madam President moved that the chapter obtain a proposal for professional photos or headshots by next chapter meeting to be voted on at the Oct meeting. Motion passed.**

**Announcements**

**Meeting adjourned: 12:27 pm**

**Gina Youngblood Hatcher**

***Recording Secretary***

Date of approval