**The Links, Incorporated**

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**27 April 2024**

**Call to order:** The meeting for the Tacoma Chapter convened at 10:00 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 La’Tonja Hunter: Attendance sheet is attached**.

Tacoma Active Members Present **25**

Total Absent **11**

Total Present Alumna **2**

**Guests in attendance:** 0

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Motion to adopt the agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Madam President, Link Mentha Hynes-Wilson to accept the minutes. The minutes were adopted as presented.

***Officers' Reports:***

**President** Link Mentha Hynes-Wilson presented verbally and encouraged Link sisters to continue the great work for the rest of the year and upcoming program year.

**Vice President** Link Stephanie McGriff presented verbally and reminded Link sisters to register if interested in attending the upcoming National Assembly as well as Workshop 3. The Workshop will be held at St. Martin’s University in Lacey on Sunday 28 April at 2pm. Induction and luncheon will be held on 4 May at Tacoma Country Club and Golf in Lakewood at 12N. Members will set up at 11am. Attire unbroken white.

**Recording Secretary** Link La’Tonja Hunter presented verbally and reminded Link sisters to notify the Recording Secretary if any changes needed for contact information such as email addresses.

**Corresponding Secretary** No report.

**Financial Secretary** Link Kirsten Watts presented verbally in detail and was received.

**Treasurer**Link Denita presented verbally in detail and was received. The chapter bank statements, and chapter operations budget were thoroughly reviewed.

***Standing Committee Reports:***

**Hospitality Report** Link Mary presented verbally and was received. April birthday and anniversary cards have been sent to Link sisters and Connecting Links.

**Audit** No report.

**Bylaws Committee** No report.

**Ethics** No report.

**Fundraising/Fund Development** Link Tracy Flood presented verbally and received. Link sisters were reminded to pay their assessment of $510.00 to the Financial Secretary if they do not plan on attending the Spring Fling on Sunday May 19, 2:30 - 5:30pm at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma. A minimum of 8-9 tickets should be sold to cover assessment (tickets are $60 each). Link Tracy requested the names of those attending by May 12, if payment was not entered into Brown Bag to have a complete list for registration and paddle assignment. Volunteers needed for set up and take down of the event.

**Organizational Effectiveness** No report.

**Scholarship Committee** Link Christine Turner verbally presented and received. The Chapter gave a round of applause for Link Chris Turner and Link Dorothy Williams for their leadership and the committee for all their hard work. Roses were presented to Madam President for her support and monetary support that increased scholarship amounts. Committee members, Link Kirsten Watts, Link Mary Green, Link Lisa Shyne were also acknowledged for their work on the committee and their personal monetary contributions as well to make sure that all eight students would receive $1,500 scholarships each. The final EOY report will be given in May.

**Strategic Planning** No report.

**Technology** Link Stephanie verbally presented and was received. The process of selection and bios of companies that applied for a new Webmaster was reviewed in detail. The committee recommended Web Design Glory as the company of choice due to the thorough vetting that aligned and met all the chapter technology needs, such as having a dedicated team member to manage the chapter website. The cost would continue to be $286 a month for website maintenance. The recommendation was tabled until there is a Quorum (⅔ of the total chapter members) in attendance at a chapter meeting or a special meeting can be called if necessary.

**Black Collective** No report.

**Program Report** Link Tanya Smith-Brice and Link Alyce McNeil Co-Chairs, presented verbally and was received. No program related activities are planned as the program year winds down. The chapter is positioned well for programming in the upcoming new program year.

**Arts** No report.

**HHS** Link Angela Walker presented verbally and was received. The programming at Bethlehem Baptist Shelter continues the third Wednesday of each month from 12:00-2:00pm. A local comedian has been invited for a performance in May for Mental Health Awareness Month. If attended, Link sisters asked to wear green for a photo that can be sent to the National Assembly.

**National Trends & Services** No report.

**International Trends & Services** Link Barbara Lane verbally presented verbally and was received. The Tacoma Links Inc., chapter will be recognized at the upcoming National Assembly for the chapter donation to Jamaica ???. The chapter has partnered with the Tacoma Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Inc., in the program Across the Miles. Both organizations have sponsored Elizabeth Weis who has graduated and has been accepted into college. The new student sponsored is Maureen Kanini??The chapter continues to make a difference locally and globally.

**Services to Youth** Link Tracy Flood Harris verbally presented and was received. The Chapter was reminded to continue contributing and supporting the Food Closet. On October 5, 2024, the Youth & Law Program will be held, chapter asked and reminded to attend and support.

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

**Unfinished Business** None.

**New Business** International Trends and Services recommend the chapter to partner with the Seattle ITS to support a three-year project in Ghana for students. The chapter would be responsible for buying books or providing monetary support for the purchases of books for the students. Link Fran suggested the chapter contacts the Regional Parliamentarian regarding Bylaw language that constitutes a quorum to ensure the chapter is aligned and clear as to what a quorum is according to our Parliamentarian rules.

**Announcements**

**Notes**

Meeting Adjourned: 12:13pm

La’Tonja Hunter

Recording Secretary

Date of approval

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