



Columbia (MD) Chapter
The Links, Incorporated
Chapter Meeting
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2018
The Hotel at Arundel Preserve

Call to Order

The chapter meeting of The Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was called to order Saturday, September 8, 2018, at 9:10 am. Link Rochelle Michaux-Conway, Vice President, presided and Link Myra J. Smith, Recording Secretary was present. The presiding officer affirmed the quorum.

Linkspiration – was shared by Link Laura Crandon

Introduction of Guest

Link Rochelle Michaux-Conway, Vice President, introduced our guest, Link Shauna Tucker-Sims, Eastern Area Vice Director, speaker for our chapter retreat.

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was published electronically by Link Lenaye L. Lawyer, President and without objection the agenda was adopted as presented.

Approval of the Minutes of the May 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The May 12, 2018 chapter meeting minutes were recorded by Link Myra J. Smith. Link Myra J. Smith moved that the May 12, 2018 meeting minutes be accepted with corrections. The motion was properly seconded and the minutes were adopted with corrections.

Correspondence

Link Tanya Sellers-Hannibal, Corresponding Secretary shared correspondence of which were published electronically: notes of thanks from scholarship recipients and information regarding the Nairobi Ballet Dancers.

President's Report

The report was shared by Link Rochelle Michaux-Conway, vice president included: an update about the DMV Health Walk noting that volunteers are needed for the Health Walk, and that Platinum members were recognized at the 2018 National Assembly.

Vice President's Report

The report of the Vice President, Link Rochelle Michaux-Conway was received and placed on file. Link Rochelle Michaux-Conway's shared these highlights: The Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated has grown exponentially and there is a need to connect and work cohesively as a chapter. The Membership Committee recommends no membership intake for the 2018- 2019 program year. Link Regina Clay moved that the Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated does not conduct new membership intake for the 2018-2019 program year. The motion was properly seconded and was adopted.

Favor = 41 Oppose = 0 Abstention = 0

The goal this program year is to connect with each other and Link Rochelle Michaux-Conway presented numerous opportunities for Link Sisters and Connecting-Links to get to know each other.

Financial Secretary's Report

The reports of the Financial Secretary, Link Vivian M. Lawyer, were received and placed on file. The following collection of funds for May, June and July 2018 were reported:

May \$13, 340.00

June \$14, 051.00

July \$23, 214.06

Link Vivian M. Lawyer moved to accept the reports subject to audit. The motion was approved and properly seconded.

Treasurer's Report

The reports of the Treasurer, Link Cestaine Glover, were received and placed on file. Link Cestaine Glover shared the following account summaries:

May 2018

Wells Fargo \$14,723.30 7138 (Special Restricted)

Wells Fargo \$58,906.81 1040 (Regular Restricted)

M & T \$61,124.35 1645 (Operating)

June 2018

M & T \$56,948.90 1645 (Operating)

July 2018

M & T \$58,611.53 1645 (Operating)

Wells Fargo \$53,906.81 1040 (Regular Restricted)

Wells Fargo \$68,630.11 6054

Link Vivian M. Lawyer moved to accept the Treasurer's reports subject audit. The motion was approved and properly seconded.

Committee Reports

Audit Committee

Link Wanda Nelson, Chairman, report was received and placed on file. It was reported that the committee convened, July 7, 2018, there were no major discrepancies, and that there are some recommendations to consider for improvements. Furthermore, the September 15, 2018, completion deadline will be met.

Fundraising Committee

Link Judy Smith's verbal report noted: seven new sponsors for the Jazz Brunch, the goal is to retain 100% of last year's sponsors, the chapter assessment, \$1000.00 is due today.

Strategic Planning Committee

Link Shavon Arline-Bradley's report was presented and placed on file: the request for Facet and committee chairman to submit plans including milestones and dates. The Strategic Plan will be updated October 2018.

Services to Youth

Link Diane Martin shared a verbal report regarding: change of venue for, *For Girls Only* (Hammond Middle School); the scholarship video is completed, and MESA continuing to convene at Jeffers Hill Elementary School.

National Trends

Link Valda Clark Christian shared a verbal report regarding 4 actions to support the community: voter registration, work with seniors, Beaverbrook Assisted Living, and Grassroots. For Grassroots: the request is that Link Sisters donate blankets, support a kid birthday party celebration quarterly, and provide a dinner.

New Business

Link Lisa Loury-Lomas shared her desire and the endorsement of the chapter as she seeks the office of Eastern Area Vice Director. Link Veronica Morrow moved that the Columbia (MD) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated endorse Link Lisa Loury-Lomas' candidacy for Eastern Area Vice Director. The motion was properly seconded and unanimously approved.

Favor = 40 Oppose = 0 Abstentions = 0

Joys and Concerns

Link Donna Robinson- Company celebrating 25 years

Link Regina Clay – accepted position, Democratic Central Committee

Link Vivian Lawyer – appointed, Howard Community College Foundation Board; son Stanton is engaged

Link Robin Steele- Link Roslyn Brock to be honored; and Link Robin Steele and others established a scholarship fund at the University of South Carolina

Link Lindiwe Burrison – happy to be back, baby boy went to kindergarten and daughter to Hampton University

Link Diane Martin – Son appeared on the Love Connection & Discovery channel; celebrating her retirement from Howard County Public School System, October 1, 2018 and will be appointed the new director, Howard County Head Start program

Link Jessica Lucas – fully recovered from head injury

Link Cathy Bell – daughter created a foundation to help employees become homeowners

Link Lisa Harbor Carter – supported artists in Africa

Link Harriet Beckham Lee – oldest son moving to Los Angeles, CA for an amazing job

Link Laura Crandon – son is the national Alzheimer's essay winner, received \$5,000 scholarship

Link Rosalyn Brock- nephew graduated from the Navy Nuclear School

Link Allyson Owens – son submitted film to film festival and the film will premier in New York

Meeting Adjourned: 10:17 am

Link Myra J. Smith

Recording Secretary

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