Detroit Chapter of the Links Inc.

October 10, 2018

Meeting Minutes

**Link-to-Link Activity**: Completed

**Hostesses**: Briana DuBose and Shauna Ryder- Diggs

**Call to Order**: Meeting called to order by Link Michele, 1st V.P. followed by the hymn and pledge.

**Attendance/Roll Call**: Done by Link Mearon Lewers and a quorum is present.

**Call for Acceptance of Consent Agenda**: All the officer's report has been loaded to the website. A motion was made and properly seconded to accept the consent agenda. The motion passed.

**1st VP Report: Link Michele**

We will now have a projector and screen at each meeting to display the meeting materials. This will replace the binders on each table.

**Up-coming events**:

1. Link Sheila Finney - Breast Cancer Awareness at the Interim House, on Friday, October 19th. It will take place from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, which will include art therapy. There is also an evening session and volunteers are needed; especially for the evening (see the program report section for more details).

2. Standing Committee assignments: Have been posted to the website.

3. The upcoming 2019 STEAM collaborative. For the past 4-5 years we have been part of Metro Detroit Chapter. Link Ruth was our Chairperson. We have two new Co-Chairs, Link Regine and Link Marlin. They have asked that each chapter secure 1-2 new ambassadors to work with them. Three volunteers from our chapters are, Links Jennifer Fuller, Robbie Archer and Sandra Bulger. There will be a kick-off conference call on Monday, October 15th at 8:00 pm.

4. Link April has been kind enough to take time to put together a summary of our Bio's. She doesn't want us to forget to send in our bio with a photo as soon as possible. As of today, she only has 12 bios. Ten Link Sisters committed to sending their bio by the end of the week.

**Other:**

Please review the President’s report posted on the website.

Alumna Outreach program: Link Michele asked for those who have reached out to provide a summary of the discussion at the end of the meeting.

On October 18th Link Nettie Seabrooks will receive the Theresa Maxie Award. We purchased a table and Link Denise will reach out to those who volunteered to attend.

The Renaissance Chapter fundraiser "Bejeweled" is Saturday, November 3rd.

Metro Detroit Links Friendship month, Fur Fun & Fabulous scheduled for Friday, November 16th, from 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm. The payment of $30 is due today. Please turn in your money to Link Iris, or you can mail your payment to her by the end of this month. Make checks payable to: Detroit Chapter of Links, Inc.

**Treasurers Report**:

Link Carol provided a brief overview report, reminding everyone, her report can be found on the website. Our dues of $575 will be due by the March meeting. Link Carol will have a propose budget for 2019-20 in November. The annual report can be found on the website.

**Financial Secretary Report**:

Link Iris reminded us, our dues of $575 are due March 2019.

**Program Report**:

Link Lesley reported, she has represented the chapter on a couple of conference calls. It was suggested that we include resources from the community in our programs. As we are planning other facets for this year, we should come up with ways to collaborate with other community organizations. These groups are also a good source for marketing support to boost attendance at our events.

We have two initiatives this month, both geared towards Breast Cancer and Health awareness. Link Lesley reminded us to mark our calendar for October 19th at the Interim House. Two times are provided for you to volunteer, 10 am-12 pm and 5:30 pm -8 pm. October 30th is the Hat Strut.

Link Sheila talked about Breast Cancer and health awareness on October 19th at the Interim House and the focus will be on Art Therapy. The mothers and their children will be involved. We have a total of 30 children participating that day.

Hat Strut on October 30th at the DIA. Mr. Richard (Rickey) Welch will provide furs from Silver Fox Furs. VIP breakfast will begin at 8:15 am.

**Bylaws Vote- Change to Leave of Absence Language**:

We talked about a bylaw language change last month. It concerns, "Leave of Absence." We currently have 3 people on leave. We can only allow one more person at this time (no more than 10% of the chapter membership can be on leave). Presently, a leave of absence must be requested in writing and given to the membership chair, no later than February to be presented to the chapter at the March meeting for a vote. We want to modify the language for Leave of absence, giving us more flexibility for our chapter members. The change would allow a member to request a leave for extenuating circumstances at any time. The executive board would review the request and if approved, bring it to the next chapter meeting for presentation and a vote. Link Portia made a motion to change the bylaw language for "Leave of Absence." it was moved and properly seconded by Link Glenda. Motion passed.

Link Michele stated that since the motion has passed, we have a request from Link Sharon Harper, for a leave of absence. Link Michele read Link Sharon's request letter to the chapter. If supported, Link Sharon will be on leave with us from October 1st until April 30th. After much discussion, Link Carol made a motion to honor Link Sharon's request and it was supported by Link Glenda. We voted to grant Link Sharon a leave of absence (all members voted yes). Link Sharon is officially on leave of absence and will be notified by Link Michele.

**New Business**:

Link Lauren announced, she has been asked to participate in the Rainbow Push Global Automotive project conference coming up November 2nd. Also, she has been asked to participate in the National Black Women Lawyers association. They are hosting an event in June and Link Lauren has been asked to participate to take them to the next level.

Link Lauren announced she is happy to be our new social media publicity manager. She will only post flattering posts.

Link Corri talked about attending the Professional Black Caucus last month in Washington, D.C. She attended the Links Legislative Luncheon. There was a panel discussion about the upcoming midterm elections.

Alumna Outreach Reports:

Link Sheila talked about her experience with her outreach Alumna person. It was very nice.

Link Gail shared her wonderful experience as well, she and Link Sheila had the same alumna Link sister.

Link Christina talked about her lovely time with Alumna Link Lorna Thomas.

Link Norie also had a delightful experience.

Link Roshunda talked about her exchange with Alumna Link Inez Allen. She talked about how she went by Link Inez's house and they talked for 3 hours. She left her home at 1:30 am. She plans to attend the hat strut.

Link Doris also shared, she had a wonderful conversation with Link Liddell.

Link Sandra's Alumna person is Link Trudy Archer. She called Link Trudy, she wasn't at home. She left her a voicemail message and followed up with an email. She explained to her about the outreach program and she will be reaching out to her every month.

Link Alecia reached out to Link Johnna Treadwell.

Link Robbie reminded everyone she is up for re-election. She is asking for our support. She mentioned she does have more yard signs.

Link Portia talked about Anika Goss Foster, who is an Heir-o-link. Her mom, Carol Goss, is a member in the Oakland County Chapter. She wants to join our Detroit Chapter.

Link Portia talked about Focus Hope and the "Hope Walk" scheduled for Sunday, October 14th starting at 12 noon. Judge Archer will march with us. She invited everyone to come out and join them. It will end at 2 pm and there will be entertainment. There will also be activities for the children.

Link Portia also invited us to a fundraiser for Gretchen Witmer and Garland Gilcrest at the home of a Link sister from the Renaissance Chapter on October 22nd.

**Amenities**:

Link Glenda Price has a birthday today.

Link Doris Son, Barrett, who is an endourologist at DMC. He just attended the world endourologist conference in Paris about his latest research.

Link Portia gave a shout out to Link Kimberly Keaton Williams, who celebrated her birthday yesterday.

Link Michele was recently promoted to Senior Vice President.

Link Sandra shared, she and Link Kimberly, share the same wedding anniversary dates.

We all sung Happy birthday to Link Glenda and Kim

**Adjourn**: Meeting adjourned by Link Michele at 8:00 pm