Detroit Chapter of Lijnks, Inc.

 Monthly Meeting Minutes

 December 12, 2018

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

**Hostessess**: Marcia Holland Turner, Charmaine Johnson, Karen Keaton williams and Brenda Kee

**Call to Order**: Meeting called to order by Link Denise, followed by the hymn and pledge. Completed.

**Attendance/Roll Call**: Done by Link Mearon Lewers and a quoroum was established.

**Call for Acceptance of Consent Agenda**: A motion was made to approve the consent agenda. It was moved and properly seconded to accept the consent agenda. Motion passed.

**President's Report**: Link Denise, asked 1st V.P. and Membership Chair, Link Michele, to explain the voting process for this evening.

**1st V.P. Report**: Link Michele explained the voting process for this evening. She also read highlights for both heir-o-link candidates: Angel Austin and Anika Goss Foster. She also mentioned Link Beverly Norrell-Aitch, sent a letter expressing her interest to be re-instated back into Links, by May 1, 2019. Link Norie provided more information about her daughter, candidate Angel Austin.

Link Michele shared there will be one full day of new member orientation for the two candidates only. The orientation will take place in March or April. Link Beverly does not have to attend the orientation. Induction will take place at the May meeting.

The voting process was explained for the two candidates and one re-instatement. A majority vote is required, which means, one half vote plus one. Present at the meeting this evening, is thirty-three members. Majority votes required for this evening is, seventeen or more.

**Link Denise** reminded us, how important it is to write a response on your ballot. Ballot choices are, 'yes, no or abstain.' Please choose one.

During discussions, Link Roshounda made a motion, that the candidates are voted in by acclamation. It was seconded. After much discussion. Link Carol suggested that we vote by secret ballot, in lieu of our discussion, at the November meeting, regarding the sharing of information outside of our chapter meetings. Link Roshunda withdrew her motion.

Membership committee passed out thirty-three secret ballots. Link Michele cautioned everyone about discussing information outside of chapter meetings, because it is an ethics violation. Membership committee passed out and collected ballots to count.

Link Denise asked Link Carol to give her Treasurers report, while we wait for the results of our vote.

**Treasurer Report**: Link Carol presented the 2019-20 budget which can be found on the website. Link Carol walked us through operations and program budget and she answered questions. We will vote on the budget at the February meeting.

**Media Report**: Link Lauren talked about Social Media and how it will take the Detroit Chapter of Links, Inc. to the next level. She made a proposal, of how we can gain media presence. She suggested we invest in a new Ipad and a new Dropbox account for our photos. The purpose, to brand us and highlight our great works. Link Denise suggested, we invest, but not to exceed $400 for the Ipad and pay no more than $30 a month for a Dropbox account.

Someone mentioned the privacy laws regarding our girls. Link Joanna said, we do have permission from DIA to photograph and place photos of the them on social media. We just need to check with the Interim House for an approval.

A motion was made approving, Link Lauren and the Social committee permission to purchase an Ipad and have a monthly Dropbox account.

 **Membership Report**: Link Michele gave the results of the two Heir-o-links and one Link Sister re-instatement. All three were approved by a majority vote. Link Michele will notify each of them and add Link Beverly back into the system.

**Financial Secretary Report**: Link Iris recommened, we suspend mailing her checks throughout the month of December. Start back, after the first of the new year. She does not want any checks getting lost in the mail.

**Gift Exchange**: Completed by Link Lesley and Link Denise.

**Program Report**: Link Joanna reported, she and Link Lesley gave two families $100 gift card to Kroger in November for Thanksgiving dinner. Another two families were also given a $100 gift card for December. The full details of her report is on the website.

**New Business**: Link Robbie Announced, it's my birthday!!! We song happy birthday to her and afterwards, we song the same to Link Sisters who have birthdays in December and January.

**2nd V.P.** Link Patricia polled Link Sisters, for the best Saturday date in January for a retreat. After much discussion, we decided on Saturday, January 12, 2019. Time: 12-4 pm. Link Denise said we will receive a formal invitation in one week through Whozin.

**Amenities**: **Link Lauren** announced that her high school senior has received his first of many more college acceptance letter, from Georgia Tech. He will major in music.

**Link Michele's** Son has a summer internship, sponsored by Colegate.

**Link Denise** also mentioned her oldest daughter was selected by Detroit Public Schools to film a documentary titled, "A Day and the Life of a Teacher." Superintendant Vitti visited her classroom. Link Denise bragged, both of her daughters, now share her Sorority.

**Link Christina** shared how thankful she feels this holiday season.

**Link Shirley** told us about her daughter moving back home. She will be starting a new job with channel 4.

**Link Gail Perry-Mason** is a new God-Grandmother to a new baby boy.

**Link Sandra** inquired about an induction gift she received in May. There wasn't a name on the card. She never knew who gave her the gift. She asked, does anyone remembers, giving her a Link pin? Link Roshunda confessed. Mystery solved!

**Adjourn**: **Link Denise** wished everyone the happiest of holidays and blessing in the New Year!