

The Detroit (MI) Chapter of The Links, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2023

Call to Order: 6:47 pm by President Patricia White

Linkspiration: “Back to School” fall themed membership moment was conducted by Link Lauren Sanders.

Hymn followed by Pledge

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as corrected.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

Attendance / Roll Call: Taken by Link Yolanda Bates. A quorum was established. All active members were present except: Tamira Chapman, Deborah Ford, Allison Wheatley Martin, Joanna Wells Masten, Judith McNeeley, Gladys Ayala Prempeh, Roshunda Price, and Khalilah Spencer.

President’s Report - Link Patricia White

- The report of the President was received in the September 2023 Reports and placed on file.
- Meeting requirements are back in effect. You must attend five of eight meetings during the program year. One retreat can count as a meeting.
- In order to vote, you must be in good standing. You must have all your financial obligations met.
- The Metro Detroit Chapters are collaborating on National Impact Days. Each chapter will volunteer to take the lead on a program.
- You must rsvp by the rsvp deadline, if you want a meal at the meetings.
- Link Kimberly Keaton-Williams was accepted into the Links Leadership Academy.

Vice-President’s Report - Link Kimberly Keaton-Williams

- The report of the Vice-President was received in the September 2023 Reports and placed on file.
- We have 48 members. Five members are on leave of absence. One member is on an attendance sabbatical. Five members are eligible for alumna status.
- In May of 2024, it is projected that we will have 45 members, seven of which are Daughters of Links.

- There are 22 spots open in our Chapter.
- Everyone in our Chapter is eligible to sponsor a candidate.
- The Membership Committee's recommendation is that we have a membership intake this year.
 - Link Marcia Holland Turner moved that we accept the Membership Committee's recommendation to have membership intake. The Motion was properly seconded. The Motion passed. Yes: 27 No: 4
- We will present candidates at the October meeting. We can post candidate profiles on the "Members Only" section of the website.

Treasurer's Report - Link Tyra Evans

- The report of the Treasurer was received in the September 2023 Reports and placed on file.
- Upcoming financial obligations have all been met. The bonding fee has been paid. The 990 and IRS filings are complete. The internal audit is complete.
- Link Tyra went over the deposits and expenses in our unrestricted banking account from May 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023. Our unrestricted account has a \$14,543.35 balance.
- Link Tyra went over the deposits and expenses in our restricted bank account from May 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023. We have a \$30,740.49 balance in this account.
- The National mandate is that chapters digitize. Our Chapter is ahead of the curve as we are already using QuickBooks and PayPal.

Programming - Link Kristi Stepp

- The report of the Programming Chair was received in the September 2023 Reports and placed on file.
- Link Kristi went over the Programming calendar.
- Our goal is to do less with excellence.
- The first collaborative event with the Metro Detroit Council of The Links will be "Walk for a Healthy Living." It will take place on Saturday, September 30th from 10 am to 12 pm at Normandy Oaks Park in Royal Oak. You can bring family and friends to walk with us.
- The next collaborative event will be the Black Wellness day on March 16th.
 - Link Katrina Marion - Our STEAM event is next Saturday from 8 am to 2 pm. The Detroit Chapter is facilitating the arts. We need members to show up and support the students. You can do a morning or afternoon shift.
- The Focus: Hope March 4 Hope event is Sunday, October 8th from 1 pm to 2 pm. Members get two service hours for participating.
- The Jamaica Mission Trip is January 24th - 27th.

Audit - Link Angel Austin

- We met all of our filing deadlines and financial requirements. Everything was good for the 2022 audit.

Operational Updates

Archives Committee - Link Michele Peterson

- We will display our history at the Detroit Historical Society from July 27, 2024 to October 14, 2024.
- We will have an event to celebrate the opening of the exhibit.

Strategic Planning - Link Patricia White

- We had our strategic planning retreat in August. We focused on four areas - fiscal responsibility, membership/friendship and engagement, programming and community service, and leadership development and organizational excellence.
- Link Allison Wheatley Martin will cover next steps at a future meeting.

Old Business

- Link Katrina Marion informed us that we will be able to streamline the business of the Chapter with the tools available on the new website. The login is the same, but there will be an email coming out soon on how to reset passwords.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Link Yolanda Bates
Recording Secretary
The Detroit (MI) Chapter of The Links, Inc.

Date of Approval