

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

Linkspiration: Link Anika Goss-Foster facilitated an interactive and engaging Christmas carol Linkspiration.

Call to Order: 6:25 pm by President Patricia White

Motion to Approve November Meeting Minutes: Link Denise Brooks-Williams moved to approve the November Meeting Minutes. It was properly seconded by Link Christina Clark. The Motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Hymn followed by Pledge

Attendance / Roll Call: Taken by Link Yolanda Bates. A quorum was established. All active Members were present except: Links Lesley Fairrow, Denise Lewis and Michele Peterson.

President's Report - Link Patricia White

- The Area Leadership is looking for volunteers for committees.
- Please complete part 2 of the Black K.A.R.E. Facilitator Course. We are aiming for 100% participation.
- Link Shirley Mobley-Woods will host a webinar for those who haven't completed the Ethics and Standards training.
- Members interested in taking Alumna Status are asked to submit the Alumna Request Form as soon as possible. It must be submitted by February 1st.
- Please let us know if there is anyone that should be nominated for Platinum Status Membership.
- The Archives Committee is requesting Chapter history items for our exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum. The items are needed by December 15th.

Treasurer's Report - Link Tyra Evans

- We are up and running with Zelle now, and there are no fees.
- The beginning balance in the operations checking account was \$12,050.26. There were \$6,565.67 in deposits and \$751.00 in withdrawals.
- There was no activity in the restricted bank account. The beginning and ending balance was \$30,740.49.
- Link Tyra shared the proposed budget for the 2024/2025 program year.

- There will be a Chapter budget meeting via Zoom in January to go over the proposed budget.

Programming Report - Link Kristi Stepp

- The Linkage to Life Donor Sunday MOTTEP Sounds of Saving Lives Concert was held on November 12th at Hartford Church. The Black K.A.R.E. Committee participated in the event.
- On December 5th, the National Trends Facet Committee facilitated an amazing workshop at the DIA focused on teaching the girls how to handle themselves around police.
- The Black K.A.R.E. Committee is hosting a family holiday celebration at the Davis Aerospace Technical High School on December 19th. Volunteers are needed.
- Most of the Alumna Members have received poinsettias.
- The Chapter retreat will be January 20th.
- Link Kristi handed out the Hat Strut Proposal and gave an overview for the Chapter. The proposed luncheon will be in honor of Link Shelia Finney and will be held in October of next year.
- The International Trends Facet Chair Link Anika Goss-Foster announced that the International Trends Committee will be going to Jamaica in February. It is not a Chapter wide activity; however, if you have a serious interest please reach out to Link Anika. The cost is \$2,200 per room / \$1,100 per person for four days.
- Link Kristi distributed the Joint Black Wellness Expo Proposal and gave an overview for the Chapter.

Technology Report - Link Katrina Marion

- Link Katrina invited Members to join the STEAM Committee. The event will be in the fall.
- Calendar integration will be here in 2024. Executive Council Members and Facet Chairs will be able to put their events on the Chapter calendar. Members can subscribe and the events will go directly to their personal calendars.
- Link Patricia White announced that Link Katrina Marion was appointed to the Area Technology Committee.

New Business

- No.

Old Business

- Link Patricia White - Save-the-Date: Our Chapter staycation will be February 2nd - February 4th. Information will be forthcoming within the next few weeks.

Announcements

- Link Mearon Lewers read Link Robbie Archer's card thanking the Chapter and Members for their expressions of love following the passing of her brother.

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

- Link Beverly Norell-Aitch has been reinstated.
- Link Beverly's daughter will be voted on as a Daughter of a Link.
- The holiday party will be on December 30th. Link Marcia Holland Turner has secured the Brinker Family Loft at the Pistons Practice Facility for the event. We need 50 people to sign up to fund the event.
- We have a \$900 surplus from the Friendship Month Activity that we will use as seed money for next year.

New Member Vote

- Links Allison Martin, Shirley Mobley-Woods, Jennifer Fuller, Alecia Ashford-Taylor, Lauren Sanders, Aida Owens and Marcia Holland Turner were the tellers. Link Allison Martin was the lead teller.
- Link Kimberly Keaton-Williams gave an overview of the election rules.
- Confidential voting ballots were passed out.
- 10 of the 12 Candidates were voted in during the first round of voting. The following candidates were voted in: Markisha Williams, Lynn Marine Adams, Cassandra Willis-Abner, Jenice Mitchell Ford, Carla Burney-Jones, Denise Fair Razo, Shanna Johnson, Kimberly Trent, Dr. Rose Moten, and Kea Norrell-Aitch.
- Two candidates were voted on in a second round but did not make it through.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date of Approval