

The Detroit (MI) Chapter of The Links, Inc Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2024

Call to Order: 6:28 pm by President Patricia White

Motion to Approve the February Meeting Minutes: Link Alecia Ashford Taylor moved To approve the February Meeting Minutes. It was properly seconded by Link Judith McNeeley. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Attendance / Roll Call: Taken by Link Mearon Lewers. A quorum was established. All active members were present except Links Robbie Archer, Yolanda Bates, Sandra Bulger, Tamara Chapman, Shauna Ryder Diggs, Deborah Ford, Kimberly Gill, Anika Goss, Beverly Green, Gail Perry-Mason, Joanna Masten, Sherri Pierce, Lauren Sanders, and Corri Lynn Wofford.:

President's Report - Link Patricia White

- \* The President's Report was received and placed on file.
- \* Black K.A.R.E. Training Madam President asked all that haven't completed the Training, please do so.
- \* Kudos to Links Chrystal Wilson and Yolanda Bates on their leadership with Black K.A.R.E. Wellness Bags Assembly and distribution to dialysis patients.
- \* Developing K.I.D.S. Speed Mentoring workshop took place on March 6, 2024, Under the leadership of Chairs: Links Shirley Mobley Woods and Allison Vaughn.
- \* Exhibit and Follow-up The Exhibit Dates are from July 27th - October 13, 2024. The Fundraising co-chairs recommended that the chapter host an opening/ribbon Cutting reception for the chapter and alumni members on July 27, 2024, including Media release, and a formal fundraiser in the fall to close out the exhibit.  
  
The July 27th Ribbon-Cutting is being led by Links, Denise Brooks-Williams, Allison Wheatley Martin, and Marcia Turner. The fundraising chairs will present A formal recommendation regarding a fundraiser at the April meeting for the chapter Vote.
- \* Hat Strut we are looking for someone to lead this in October. If you are interested In leading this committee please come forth and reach out to Link Patricia White.
- \* Summer Solstice - Thursday, June 20, 2024. Madam President asked in lieu of our June induction and July exhibit opening, would we be open to deferring in 2024?

#### Volunteers Needed:

- \* National Day of Impact Collaborative
- \* Black Family Expo - Saturday, March 16, 2024  
The Chairs: Links Kristi Stepp and Chrystal Wilson

#### STEAMM:

- \* Area Chair: Link Katrina Turnbow-Marion  
Volunteers are still needed

#### Vice President Report - Link Kim Keaton Williams

- \* Link Kim gave a membership update. We currently have 48 members with 5 Link Sisters on Leave of Absence: Links Beverly Norrell-Aitch, Tiffany Gunter, Jeanne Wardford, Doris Anderson, and Jacqueline Johnson.
- \* Link Doris Anderson's Alumna request for FY24-25 was approved By our Links Executive Director.  
We will conduct the Alumna Ceremony for Link Doris at our May Chapter Meeting.
- \* Link Anika Goss-Foster's request for LOA for FY24-25 was approved by our Chapter.
- \* Link Joanna Masten's request for an Attendance Sabbatical for FY24-25 was Approved by our chapter.
- \* FY24-25: 56 Chapter Members with 1 Link Sister on Leave of Absence (includes 10 candidates)

#### Links Service Hours

- \* Active members of the Links are required to accumulate a minimum of 48 hours Of service per fiscal year to the organization during the fiscal year of May 1st - April 30th.
- \* All Detroit Chapter Service Hours have been recorded in the Links Portal.
- \* Congratulations to the Detroit Chapter for 3,830 service hours, an average 89 Hours per Link Sister.

#### Treasurer's Report - Link Tyra Evans

- \* The Treasurer's Report was received and placed on file which includes the Program Expenses for May 1, 2023 through April 31, 2024, and Quarterly Statement of Activity Summary.

## Link Denise Brooks-Williams - Nominating Committee Report

- \*. She went over the Slate for the April election and nominating committee members Will be elected as well.

## Foundation Update - Link Marlo Roebuck, reported on the Foundation Campaign,

- \*. The "Let's Finish the Race" campaign, the Links Foundation wants to Raise, ten million Dollars. Five million has been raised already. Send in your Foundation donation by May 31, 2024.  
The foundation will recognize a twenty-five thousand endowment Donation at the convention.

Adjourn Link Patricia (7:20 pm)