



DETROIT (MI) CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INC. Consent Agenda for April 8, 2026

- I.** Let's Mingle- Links Arrive & Socialize (5:45 p.m.)
- II.** Membership Moments Activity (6:00 p.m.)
- III.** Welcome & Call to Order - Link Kim (6:30 pm)
- IV.** Chapter Pledge and Hymn (6:32 p.m.)
- V.** Roll Call - Link Khalilah (6:35 p.m.)
- VI.** Call for Approval of April Consent Agenda – Link Kim (6:38 p.m.)
 - Approval of March Meeting Minutes
- VII.** President's Update - Link Kim (6:40 p.m.)
- VIII.** Vice President's Update – Link Kristi (6:48 p.m.)
- I.** Treasurer's Update – Link Tyra (6:53 p.m.)
- II.** Program Chair's Update – Link Roshunda (6:55 p.m.)
- III.** Election of Chapter Officers – Link Michele (7:05 p.m.)
- IV.** Technology Chair's Update – Link Katrina (7:20 p.m.)
- V.** Protocol Pearl – Link Judy (7:25 p.m.)
- VI.** New Business (7:30 p.m.)
- VII.** Amenities (7:35 p.m.)
- VIII.** Adjourn Meeting - Link Kim (7:40 p.m.)



March 11, 2026 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Chapter President Link Kimberly Keaton Williams called the meeting to order around 6:30 p.m.

Hymn followed by Pledge.

Attendance/Roll Call: Link Khalilah Spencer took roll call. A quorum was established. All active members were present except: Link Allison Martin, Link Shauna Diggs, Link Nichelle Mayberry, Link Kristi Stepp, Link Marcia Turner, Link Linda Parker, Link Portia Roberson, Link Jeanne Wardford, Link Deborah Ford, Link Anika Goss- Foster, Link Lauren Sanders, Link Tyra Evans, Link Patricia White, Link Christina Clark, Link Sherri Pierce, Link Jennifer Fuller, Link Katrina Turnbow-Marion, Link Shirley Mobley-Woods, Link Denise Lewis, Link Tamira Chapman, and Link Cassie Willis-Abner.

Approval of Consent Agenda and Minutes: Motions to approve the Consent Agenda and February Chapter Meeting Minutes passed by the body with no hesitancy or abstention.

President's Report: Link Kimberly Keaton-Williams provided a written report and gave a brief oral report. The one National Assembly update was that the cost of the National Assembly would be released in the next week to 10 days. Host chapter members will have a discount on registration. Host hotels are MGM, the Marriott at the Renaissance Center, Westin Book Cadillac, the AC Hotel, and the Marriott Courtyard.

Notably, Link Kimberly spoke about how National would not allow the Little Free Library (LFL) project to proceed at Marygrove because of concerns regarding control over content and various anti-DEI policies. Accordingly, the recommendation is that we place our LFL at Developing K.I.D.S.– a non-profit organization in Detroit that services its community through four areas: Youth Development, Family Engagement, Community Support and Workforce Development. Link Kea Norrell-Aitch is serving as the chair of this initiative. Link Kea gave a brief description of the organization and discussed a recent visit to the facility to meet with the CEO and Founder and kids who received tutoring services and after school program. United Way will be engaged to build a little free library for us and there will be an initial \$1,500 investment to go towards books and reading materials.

Link Kimberly also mentioned that the Chapter conduct a memorial ceremony for Link C. Beth DunCombe's visitation on March 18th and all Link Sisters should arrive by 6 p.m.

Lastly, Link Kimberly discussed the new chartering of the Greater Southeastern Michigan chapter which is centered in Sterling Heights with a thirty mile radius. She stated that limited information was shared about this new chapter.



Important Upcoming Dates

- **March 10, 2026: HAPPY 75th ANNIVERSARY DETROIT CHAPTER**
- **March 11, 2026:** Detroit Chapter Meeting. *Iroquois Club*
- **March 21, 2026:** Black Family Wellness Expo, *Northwest Activities Center*, Detroit
- **April 8, 2026:** Detroit Chapter Meeting. Vote on Chapter Officers. *Detroit Golf Club*
- **May 13, 2026:** Detroit Chapter Meeting. *Detroit Golf Club*
- **June 23, 2026:** Links Leadership Dinner hosted by the Metro Detroit Council, *CH Wright Museum*
- **June 24-28, 2026:** The Links, Incorporated. 45th National Assembly

Vice-President's Report: Link Kristi Stepp provided a written report but was not in attendance. Notably, Link Kimberly noted from her report that we had over 4,500 hours of service.

Treasurer's Report: Link Tyra Evans provided a written report but was not in attendance.

Program Chair's Report: Link Roshunda Price provided a written report. She also reiterated the need for volunteers for the Black Family Wellness Expo on March 18th at Northwest Activity Center from 12 to 3 p.m. We also need to spread the word and invite five people each to increase participation.

Nominating Committee Update: Link Gladys Ayala-Prempeh gave update and nominations for elections in April on behalf of Link Patricia White, Nominating Committee Chair, and the committee. The slate for 2026-2028 officers is as follows: President – Kristi Stepp; Vice President – Marlo Roebuck; Recording Secretary – Lesley Fairrow; Corresponding Secretary – Mearon Lewers; Treasurer – Nichelle Mayberry; and Financial Secretary – Angel Austin

Amenities: Link Markisha Williams shared that she is moving to California for new opportunities and to be closer to her daughter. Link Rose Moten thanked the chapter for the well wishes and thoughtful gestures during her recovery from surgery. We also congratulated Link Marlo Roebuck on her firm retirement. Link Michele Peterson acknowledged her supportive Link sisters, who have been patronizing her new business, Woofies. Link Robbie Archer acknowledged Link Debbie Ford for her recognition from the Black Women Lawyers Association. Link Robbie also said that March 18th would mark 20 years for her on the bench. Link Mearon Lewers talked about meeting former Link Sister Betty Parker. Link Glenda Price shared that Link Denise Lewis had broken her foot.

The chapter also acknowledged March birthdays.



Chapter 75th Anniversary: Link Sandra Bulger organized everyone for Chapter photographs. The chapter also shared a toast to our 75th Chapter Anniversary led by Link Kimberly. Link Kimberly also had a surprise guest singer, Chiara Clayton who sang “*That’s What Friends are For.*”

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Link Khalilah Spencer, Recording Secretary.



**April 2026 President’s Report
The Detroit (MI) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated**

National Strategic Priorities

- Priority 1:** Amplify our culture of friendship and engagement.
- Priority 2:** Amplify our culture of transformational community service.
- Priority 3:** Amplify our culture of fiscal sustainability.
- Priority 4:** Amplify our culture of operational excellence and alignment.
- Priority 5:** Amplify our culture of brand awareness.
- Priority 6:** Amplify our culture of leadership and professional development.

Preparation for the 45th National Assembly (June 24-28, 2026)

- **The Call to Assembly** was sent via email on April 1st.
- **Monday, June 22nd:** The Little Free Library ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 12 noon at Developing K.I.D.S in Detroit. Madam National President Ethel will attend. The LFL planning committee will coordinate details with Developing K.I.D.S. and United Way, in addition to media and refreshments.
- **Tuesday, June 23rd:** The Metro Detroit Council will host a dinner at the Charles H. Wright Museum for the Links leadership team. Please join us. Tickets will go on sale in April/early May.
- The Metro Detroit Presidents Council has engaged support from the other Michigan Chapters (Greater Southeast Michigan, Flint, Lansing/E. Lansing, Tri-City, and Kalamazoo) to supplement “on the ground” resources for the following committees: Marketplace, Transportation, Greeters, and Protocol.

Chapter Officer Elections

- At the April 8th meeting, we will vote on Chapter Officers for the upcoming 2 program years.
- Link Michele Peterson serves as our Elections Chair and will facilitate the election process.

Strategic Plan

- Madam Operations Chair will submit our updated 2025-2030 Strategic Plan in the Links Portal by April 30th.

Thank you Detroit Links Executive Committee

- My heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our hardworking Executive Committee who has served our chapter diligently for the past two years.

Madam Vice President: Kristi Stepp	Madam Recording Secretary: Khalilah Spencer	Madam Corresponding Secretary: Mearon Lewers
Madam Financial Secretary: Yolanda Bates	Madam Treasurer: Tyra Evans	Madam Operations Chair: Michele Peterson
Madam Parliamentarian: Gladys Ayala Prempeh	Madam Program Chair: Roshunda Price	Madam Past President: Patricia White

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- **April 8, 2026:** Detroit Chapter Meeting. **Vote on Chapter Officers.** *Detroit Golf Club*
- **April 22, 2026:** The Arts Facet Activity. Marygrove H.S. 9:30-11 a.m.
- **May 13, 2026:** Detroit Chapter Meeting. **Installation of Officers.** *Detroit Golf Club*
- **June 22, 2026:** Little Free Library Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Developing KIDS, Detroit.
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In Friendship and Service,

Link Kim

Financial Secretary Report

The Detroit (MI) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

Monthly Report

March 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

INCOME	AMOUNT
National Conference	\$3,200
Chapter Dues	\$26,728
Meals	\$1,497
Total Income for March 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026	\$31,425



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Program Committee Report
April 7, 2026
Roshunda Price, Chair

Program Committee: HHS: Christina Clark* and Marlo Johnson Roebuck**; ITS: Gail Perry-Mason* and Dr. Jeanne Wardford**; STY: Angel Austin* Rose Moten** and Alecia Ashford Taylor**; NTS: Sherri Pierce* and Linda Parker**; Arts: Chrystal Wilson* and Kimberly Gill**
 *Chair; **Co-chair

Upcoming Activities:

- The Arts January Facet Activity at the School At Marygrove: “Find Your Rhythm, Color Your Calm”
 Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Completed Activities:

- Black Family Wellness Expo, Saturday, March 21, 2026, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Northwest Activities Center

Total Registrants	59
Interested in Free Health Screenings (Yes)	47
Not Interested (No)	10
Female	49
Male	8
Black or African American	53
Age Group Breakdown	
Under 18	1
18–29	4
30–39	2
40–49	2
50–59	11
60–69	15
70–79	10
80+	4
Age Not Provided / Non-numeric	10

Other:

Tri-City (MI) NTS Literacy Collaboration - “Knowledge is Power: Uplifting the Voices and Minds of our Youth,
Postponed until next club year

Facet Activities: This year, we will implement an umbrella program entitled “**Rise and Thrive – A LinkED Journey to Success.**” **SEE FACET ASSIGNMENTS BELOW**

Service Partner (**Where**): **The School at Marygrove****

Purpose (**Why**): To support ninth-grade students in their personal development and academic success through targeted, engaging activities that foster self-awareness and growth.

Participants (**Who**): Approximately **half of the ninth-grade class** (~65 students), both boys and girls, selected by teachers based on interest and potential benefit.

Types of Activities (**What**): Personality assessments; Workshops on self-discovery and identity; Additional enrichment activities (TBD)

Program Period (**When**): October 2025 – April 2026



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PROTOCOL PEARLS

April 2026

Link Ethel Isaacs Williams
National President

Link Vonda Rice
National Protocol Chair

Uninterrupted White for Ceremonies



Proper attire is required for admittance into inductions, chartering, and memorial services on the National, Area, and Chapter levels.

Uninterrupted white includes:

White dress, white dress suit or pantsuit, white dress shoes, white purse (conference/assembly bag is excluded, if attending ceremony during an Area Conference or National Assembly), The Official Links Pin of The Links, Incorporated (the only allowed pin), white pearls, white headgear, and hosiery (optional, but if worn, must be white or flesh tone).

Uninterrupted white does NOT include:

Casual shoes, thongs or flip flops of any type, gold or silver studded embellishments, including silver, gold or any other colored buttons, pins or exposed colored silver or gold zippers.

The Official Links Pins of The Links, Incorporated



Official Links Pin
10K Gold & 10K Gold Plated



Official Links Pin
75th Anniversary Commemorative

Acceptable Uninterrupted White Examples



Acceptable Uninterrupted White Footwear



Acceptable Uninterrupted White Jewelry



Unacceptable Uninterrupted White Attire

No colored buttons



No Flip flops



Off the shoulders



No Sheer or see-through fabrics



No gold or colored accessories



Off the shoulders



No exposed colored zippers front/back



No silver, rhinestones or clear accessories



No exposed zippers front/back





For Uninterrupted White Attire ceremonies, members are encouraged to bring a white business jacket, cardigan, shawl, or pashmina to maintain a polished, seamless appearance in keeping with the standards of The Links, Incorporated.