

Chapter Meeting Minutes of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of
The Links, Incorporated
Hereford House,
5001 Town Center Drive Leawood, KS
October 20, 2018

Members in Attendance:

The following chapter members were present: Betty R. Anderson, Natalie Banks, Rhonda Beene Joanne Bluford, Michel Burris, Marshaun Butler, Phyllis Chase, Shelly Cooper, Tammy Edwards, Valinda Fisher-Hobson, Shaunda Fowler, Barbara Graham, Marsha Griggs, Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Cokethea Hill, Juana Hishaw, Karla Houston-Gray, Danadra Jean-Noel, Patricia Jones, Dineo Khabele, Kelly G. Loeb, Mia Madison, Rebecca McKeel, Melanie Miller, Pat Mitchell, Linda Murray, Sheryll Myers, Dana Nelson, Terri Redden, Rhonda Reddick, Katrina Robertson, Madeline Romious, Pat Rowles, Doris Royals, Cassandra Savage, Laurie Shanderson, Malika Simmons, Cristina Starks, Gwendolyn Swoope, Phyllis Washington, Everlyn Williams and Bernie Winston. Alumna – June White

Call to Order:

The October Chapter Meeting of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the Links Inc. was called to order on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 11:11 a.m. at the Hereford House 50011 Town Center Drive Leawood, KS by presiding president Link Everlyn Williams.

Linkspiration – Link Natalie Banks provided inspiration from the topic what makes a chapter thrive.

Pledge and Song – All Greater Kansas City (MO) members

September Chapter Minutes

Correction: Add Link Phyllis Chase to the hostess list on page 5 under unfinished business

Motion: Link Everlyn moved for the approval of the September Chapter meeting minutes. The minutes were approved with the correction.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

- Candidate Form hosted by the NAACP and APRI October 25, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Bruce Watkins Cultural Center & Museum. GKC is a co-sponsor.
- Race Place & Diversity Dinner on October 29th honoring Michele Norris at 6:30pm. Link Tammy Edwards is on the committee.

Courtesy Committee

Link Valinda Fisher-Hobson reported the following:

- Happy Birthday to our October birthdays': Donna Watson, Evelyn Welton, Cokethea Hill, Sheilahn Davis-Wyatt, Phaedra Lombard, Sherri Leeks, Wanda Cain, Jessie Carpenter
- Condolences - Link Laurie Shanderson on the passing of her aunt
- Get Well – Link Dana Nelson recovering from eye surgery

Congratulations-

- NTS Facet on three successful events; Heartland Links Legislative Forum at Colonial Presbyterian Church, Wellness Summit and the Teen Summit was held this past Sunday at St, James United Methodist Church.
- Arts Facet on Becoming Martin with the young people at Allan Village and directed by Link Melanie Miller's son.
- Link Marshaun Butler on her promotion to Chief Diversity Officer for Children's Mercy Hospital.

Officer's Reports:

President

Link Everlyn stressed the need to take care of our breast health. Link Dineo and Link Natalie will have a presentation on breast awareness later in the meeting. In the meantime, thank you to everyone for wearing pink. If you are a breast cancer survivor you are encouraged to share your story with Link Dana.

Greater Kansas City will participate in the quilting project at the Area Conference. Link Terri Redden will be the lead. The cost is \$25. You will hear more about the project at the January meeting.

During the National President's Fireside chats, Link Kimberly stated she wants to make sure our service hours are service to the community. She has a committee reviewing our service hours.

Links National Day of Service is November 9, 2018. Link Rebecca will provide more information on the chapter's service project.

Link Everlyn stressed for members pay attention to the calendar in the monthly newsletters.

Thanks the facets for the great work performed over the past weeks.

Link Pat Mitchell was appointed assistant to the treasurer

Vice President

Link Rebecca McKeel reported for the membership committee with a theme of be kind to one another. Link Rebecca reported results from the 2018 chapter membership survey results. The chapter profile was complete. We have 52 active members 0 on leave and 27 alumna. The committee recommends we have membership intake and target new member in government, financial expertise, attorneys, and business owners/entrepreneurs and fundraising/event planning. Candidate forms by sponsors need to be in the National Web site by November 7th. Link Rebecca provided information on how to retain members.

Motion: Link Rebecca McKeel moved that GKC have membership intake in 2018 – 2019. Second by Link Juana Hishaw. Motion passed

For Friendship month we will have a friendship activity. Link Laurie Sanderson will send an email for members to list something interesting about themselves.

Link Pat Rowles provided information on the community service project on November 9th. The chapter will provide Comfort Bears to the metro police department on Linwood & Troost. Members can drop any type of stuffed bear at Link Shaunda's school by November 9th at 2:00pm. More information will be sent to the chapter.

Financial Report

The financial reports for the period of 9/1 – 9/30, 2018 were given by Link Mia Madison financial secretary and Link Joanne Bluford Treasurer.

Receipts will be distributed via email. If you pay via PayPal, PayPal will service as your receipt.

Reconciled Bank Balance \$18,629.39 (Operating Account)
Reconciled Bank Balance \$4,000.00 (Fundraising Account)
Reconciled Bank Balance \$44,377.66 (Community Account)
Reconciled Bank Balance \$4,315.36 (Savings Account)

Reconciled bank balance for all accounts \$71, 322.41

Report of Income 9/1 – 9/30 2018

Operating \$7,363.43

Community \$3,576.41

Total \$10,939.84

Motion: Link Everlyn accepted the financial reports for audit.

Program Reports

Link Phyllis Chase, the program chair, distributed the facet report and reported the focus facet this month is Health and Human Service. Link Rhonda Reddick is the chair.

Health and Human Services:

Link Rhonda Reddick thanked Link Barbara and Link Dineo for their hard work and reviewed the facet's events.

- Troost Elementary Colgate Dental Van on Sep 13th 144 students participated.
- Allen Village School program on Childhood Obesity.
- Thank you to link Phyllis Washington from donation from Liviliga
- Nov 8th at the Chiefs Sports Complex 9 – 12:30. Please contact Link Rhonda today if you can attend.
- February 28th at Benjamin Banneker School Lesson in a Lunch box on childhood obesity.

Breast Awareness presentation by Link Dineo and Link Natalie shared her breast cancer survivor story. Link Valinda provided gifts for breast cancer survivors

Arts:

Survey for an overnight arts field trip in Chicago in 2019 was distributed by Link Melanie. Link Everlyn thanked the facet for the Arts Newsletter.

National Trends

- Women's Empowerment Leadership and Legacy – Well : A Women's Health and Wellness Summit was September 20th
- Hartland Legislative forum on October 6th was a success.
- Teen Summit on October 14 had up to 100 participants.
- Meet & Greet with county chairman Ed Eilert on 10/23 at 5:30 at Lathrup and Gage.
- The chapter is adopting a polling place through Election Protection. If you can help with the polls contact Link Danadra or Link Pat Jones.

Fundraising Committee

Link Marshaun Butler provided options from the committee for a fundraiser or assessment. If you are interested in chairing the committee please reach out to Link Everlyn. The committee tried to budget \$30,000 for scholarship and 10,000 for programing. \$700 will be only \$27,000 for scholarship. This will give us more time to plan the Black and White if we skip a year and have an assessment for 2018-2019.

Motion: Link Madeline Romious moved that in lieu of a fundraising event for 2018-2019, that each member pay an assessment of \$700 to cover scholarships and programs and that the supporting budgets for those areas be modified as needed. The motion was seconded by Link Valinda Fisher- Hobson Vote: Yes 9 Apposed 15 Abstain 3. Motion Failed

Motion: Link Tammy Edwards moved that for the 2018-2019 the chapter have an assessment of \$500 per member due no later than the March, 2019. The motion was properly seconded by Link Melanie Miller. Yes 24 No 2 Abstain 3. Motion Carried

Parliamentarian

Link Kelly Lobe mentioned there are 15 amendments to the National bylaws. Eight were adopted and four require changes to our Chapter Bylaws. The proposed changes were emailed to members and are on the web site. The chapter will vote in November. Link Kelly provided the form for members who have changes to the Chapter Bylaws.

Contribution

Link Karla Houston-Gray stated the chapter will donate \$250 toward a student attending the college tour sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha. The committee also revised the guidelines and will report in the November meeting.

Communications

Link Dana stated she will submit breast cancer stories from Link June and Link Natalie to the Area. Please send Link Dana your friendship story on how another Link impacted your life We will take a group picture for the Area Holiday Message in the November chapter meeting. Please send your November 9th Care Bear pictures to Link Dana.

Christmas Party

Link Tammy Edwards stated the chapter Christmas Party will be December 14th at 7:00 at Deer Creek Country Club, Overland Park, KS. The cost is \$50 per person and includes dinner, drinks and dancing Pay on or before the November Chapter meeting.

Unfinished Business

Hamilton – Chapter paid the deposit to the Theater League. We cannot add seating to the chapter request. The wait list will be managed by Link Rebecca because there are no refunds.

- Link Everlyn thanked the October hostesses – lead Link Shaunda Fowler
- Link Everlyn read the thank you card from Troost Elementary for the school supply donation

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. by Everlyn Williams, chapter President. Drafted by Link Michel Burris, Corresponding Secretary