

Chapter Meeting Minutes of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of
The Links, Incorporated
Cinzetti's Restaurant Overland Park, KS
September 15, 2018
Meeting Start Time: 11:09 a.m.

Call to Order:

The September Chapter Meeting of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the Links Inc. was held at Cinzetti's Restaurant Overland Park, KS. The meeting began at 11:09 a.m. President Everlyn Williams presided. Link Mary Barnes was present as the Recording Secretary.

President Everlyn Williams opened the meeting with greetings and a meditation. Next, the members recited the national pledge. Link Betty R. Anderson led the chapter in the national song. Link Everlyn called for the adoption of the agenda and she allowed space for Link Laurie Shanderson to address the chapter. She expressed her gratitude to the chapter for all of their support and encouragement provided to her during her recovery from surgery.

Members in Attendance:

The following chapter members were present: Ann Johnson, Bernie Winston, Bernie Winston, Betty R. Anderson, Carla Williams-Evans, Cassandra Savage, Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Christina Starks, Collette Grimes, Danadra Jean-Noël, Donna Watson, Doris Royals, Everlyn Williams, Joanne Bluford, Juana Hishaw, Karla Houston Gray, Laurie Shanderson, Linda Murray, Malika Simmons, Marsha Griggs, Marshaun Butler, Mary Barnes, Melanie Miller, Mia Madison, Natalie Banks, Pat Mitchell, Patricia Rowles, Phadra Kee, Phaedra Lombard, Phyllis Chase, Phyllis Washington, Rebecca McKeel, Rhonda Beene, Rhonda Reddick, Sheilan Davis Wyatt, Sherri Leeks, Sheryll Myers, Tammy Edwards, Terri L. Redden, and Vicki Young.

Approval of the Minutes:

Link Mary Barnes moved for the approval of the September Chapter Meeting Minutes. They were approved as written with no noted corrections.

Officer's Reports:

President

The Report of the President was provided by Link Everlyn Williams. She began by stating that she and Link Rebecca McKeel attended the 41st national assembly during the summer. One of the amendments that we voted, "yes" on did not pass. It was for Stepdaughters to be recognized as a DOL. Conference attendance was numbered at 1,780, the lowest attendance at a national conference in a number of years.

One of the philanthropic initiatives will provide \$50,000 toward the support of women in their medical school education. Also, one million was donated to St. Jude in Memphis, TN

Lastly, Link Everlyn concluded by asking that each member purchase a \$50.00 ticket for the wellness summit. The goal is 150 people in attendance.

Vice President

The Report of the Vice President was provided by Link Rebecca McKeel. She stated that the goal of membership is to “Recruit, Engage, and Retain members.” Next, Link Rebecca highlighted our chapter by laws. She also mentioned the new links and their mentors as the following:

Link Natalie Banks – Link Tammy Edwards

Link Rhonda Beene – Link Anne Lambert Johnson

Link Phadra Williams-Kee – Link Betty R. Anderson

Financial Report

Link Mia Madison emphasized the use of our P.O Box for sending financial payments instead of sending it to a Link’s home address. The P.O. Box is 8521, Kansas City, MO 64114.

The financial reports for the period of June 1 – August 31, 2018, were given by Link Mia Madison and Link Joanne Bluford. The total income and deposits were \$2,067.07. Total Disbursements and Debits were \$4,000. The Fundraising Account has an ending balance of \$8,715.00, the Community Account has an ending balance of \$49,292.25 and the savings account has an ending balance of \$4,000.02. The total income for the month was \$5,343.47. (See Reports online for additional information.)

Parliamentarian

There are 15 proposals to the National bylaws. Amendments that passed and those that did not were highlighted.

Corresponding Secretary

Link Mia Madison reported on behalf of Link Michel Burris. She reported the following:

(1) Kansas City, MO Chapter of the NAACP has sent an invitation to the chapter to the annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

(2) A Thank You note was received from Link Natalie Banks.

Facet Reports

Link Phyllis Chase, Program chair, stated that Services to Youth was hosting a school supply drive for the students at Troost Elementary. She also discussed transforming communities through sustainable programs.

The program team is introducing a new information format for this program year. The facets will provide a combined report each month that will highlight the current month's activities as well as its upcoming activities. Each month one facet will present, during chapter meeting, regarding their facet. This will provide additional background on the facet and the opportunity to learn more about each of our facets and their corresponding activities.

This month's facet focus is the Arts.

Arts:

Link Melanie Miller, chair, shared with the chapter its history within our chapter. Also, a play at the Coterie Theater titled "Becoming Martin" is directed by Heir of Link Chip Miller. You can receive a discount on tickets by using the promo code Chip. Lastly, Hamilton is coming in June 2019 and through the Theatre League there are 100 tickets on reserve. She also highlighted that we will have an Heir of Link perform in "Christmas Story" this year.

Health and Human Services:

(See online for details)

National Trends

(See online for details)

International Trends and Services

(See online for details)

Services to Youth

(See online for details)

Courtesy Committee

Link Doris Royals reported the following:

- Pray for Link Laurie Shanderson for her continued recovery from surgery.
- Link Dana Nelson is recovering from eye surgery. Shanda Fowler's Mom is in the hospital. Also, congratulations to Link Dana new appointment as national chaplain for Jack and Jill of America, Inc.
- Congratulations to Link Danadra Jean-Noel on her promotion at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.
- Congratulations to Link Donna Watson on passing the Missouri Bar exam.

- Congratulations to Link Dineo Khabele for being awarded the 2018 Overcome Heroes Award in Houston, TX. and for helping to host the Health and Wellness Summit in partnership with KU.
- Congratulations to Link Cheryl Harrison-Lee for the city of Gardner's receipt of a 2018 Certificate of Excellence in Performance Management from the International City/County Management Association.
- Link Carla Evans appeared in 435 Magazine for an event she helped host for a non-profit board that she is on.
- Link Cassandra Savage was featured on KCTV5 for Red Friday and the donations made to the Ronald McDonald House.

Public Relations Committee

No Report

Fundraising Committee

Link Pat Mitchell highlighted the Fundraising report. Please see the report online for full details and recommendations.

Ethics and Standards Committee

No Report

Vision 20/20

No Report

Contributions Committee

Link Juana Hishaw reported that we received a request for a donation from the Alpha Phi Alpha – Beta Lambda chapter to sponsor a college student for their spring college tour.

Technology Committee

Link Pat Mitchell stated that reports are due the Sunday prior to Executive Board and Chapter Meeting.

She also stated that national office wants to have website photos for each member's profile.

Nominations Committee

No Report

Protocol Committee

No Report

Retreat 2018

No Report

HBCU

No Report

Announcements

Please consider attending the upcoming KC Friends of Alvin Ailey Race Place Diversity Dinner on Monday, October 29, 2018.

Unfinished Business

Link Everlyn Williams thanked the September hostess committee (Links Shelly Cooper, Michel Burris, Marshaun Butler, Sheilan Davis-Wyatt, and Tammy Edwards). Also, she highlighted the Alumni members in attendance: Links Collette Grimes and Sherri Leeks.

Link Rebecca McKeel showed the plaque that was presented to the chapter from the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Beta Omega chapter's Ascend program for allowing their girls to attend many theatre league performances over the years.

New Business

Please attend the upcoming wellness summit at KU Medical Center.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m. by Everlyn Williams, chapter President. Recording Secretary, Link Mary Barnes.