



**The Links, Incorporated
Arlington (VA) Chapter Meeting
ZOOM Online
May 8, 2021
MINUTES**

The Arlington Chapter held its monthly Executive Board meeting by ZOOM online platform on Saturday, May 8, 2021. Link Diane Harley, President, presiding.

Call to Order: President Link Diane Harley called the meeting to order at 11:00a.m.

Attendees: Attendance Roster Attached:

Quorum established:

Linkspration: Link Chery Coleman Hall (Passing the Baton)

Protocol Pearls: Link Erni Bridges
What is Protocol?

Parliamentarian Points: Link Paula Coates

Governing Documents: National Bylaws, Chapter Bylaws, Roberts Rules of Order 12th Ed. (and/or RONR In Brief), Chapter Handbook

Adoption of Agenda (attached):

The agenda was adopted with one change. Added a presentation after item XI State Of the Chapter Report

Welcome: President Link Diane Harley

Welcome new Links Member Ashley Flakes and her mother Link Glorietta Flakes

Adoption of Minutes: The minutes were provided in advance and adopted as presented.

Officer Reports:

President: Link Diane Harley

Summary:

National Updates

- Virtual Job Fair with M Financial Group was Thursday, April 29, 2021, 5-8 p.m.

- Executive Briefing with the Biden Administration was Wednesday, April 21, 2021, Links and The Boule'
- Congratulations to Dr. Johnetta Betsch Cole and the entire production team, including our 17th National President, Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, on winning an Oscar for the Pixar movie, *SOUL*, the first black-led animated feature film by Disney! Dr. Cole and the NCNW and Links team served as Cultural Advisor for the film.
- President's Fireside Chat was Thursday, April 29th.
- No in-person meetings or gatherings will occur in the name of or on behalf of The Links, Incorporated or The Links Foundation, Incorporated, effective now through July 31st, 2021. Further, all national meetings, area meetings, chapter meetings, and social gatherings will be facilitated virtually. Community service will continue to be provided in small group settings with no more than six members at a time, appropriate social distancing, and masks in place regardless of respective state or local ordinances, directives, and/or guidance. Service guidelines also include phased short-term shifts to ensure member safety.

Area Updates

- 46th EA Conference, April 15-17, 2021, 42-chapter members registered to attend; complete post-conference survey; platform remains open until May 17th
 - View the Link Pavilion Hall for key information on EA Program and Operations Committees
 - Select documents for your "swag bag" from the Pavilion Hall and Conference Library that you can download now
 - Visit the Legacy Museum
 - Shop at the Vendors
 - Tour our Corporate Sponsor Booths
- President's Roundtable, Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Chapter Updates

- 46th EAC Resolutions Report
- Need to review/revise Golf Classic endowment plans
- Inter-Service Club Council Meeting, Friday, April 30, 12:00 p.m., Women's Club of Arlington (meeting is in person)
- Next Executive Board Meeting – TBD
- Next Chapter Meeting – Saturday, May 8, 2021 (uninterrupted white)

Vice President: Link Michelle Jones

Summary:

Current Membership: 72

Leave: Link Maia McCuiston (2nd year), Links Sharon Bland, and Felecia Philips Welch

Arlington Platinum: Link Isabell Fant and Link Rose Boyd

Arlington Past National President: Link Pauline Ellison

Pending Transfers: None

DOLs: 21

Welcome New Member: Link Ashley Flakes

MYOM-Manage Your Own Membership

- Service Hours: New Program Year May 1, 2021, → April 30, 2022
- The transfer period opens May 1, 2021 and closes December 1, 2021.
- ***New Form ***Dual Residency*** Members requesting this status must now complete a form each program year.
- The New 1:5 period extended to 2023

Membership Goals May 1, 2019-->May 8, 2021

- Enhanced Chapter Meeting Experience
 - Themed Monthly Meeting (when meeting in person)
 - Assigned Hostesses to greet members
 - Friendship activities during the meeting
- **Variety of Friendship Activities**
 - Dine around Cooking Class
 - Movies Literary Links Book Club
 - Vision Board Workshop
- **Outreach to Alumna Members**
 - Established a subcommittee, and each member was assigned a 4-5 Alumna Members to keep in touch with cards, calls, email and text messages
 - Monthly Card Shower
 - Alumna Tea
- **Mentoring of New Members**
 - Conducted mentoring sessions for new members
 - Each new member was assigned a mentor in addition to their sponsor
- **Friendship Month**
 - **Service Project** -Reestablished a partnership with Dr. Charles Drew Elementary School. Drew's Closet 2019 (Chapter members donates coats, hats, and gloves), Drew's Pantry (Chapter members donated over 4000 in gift cards and nonperishable 4000 in food)
 - **Activity**-2019 Movies and each member was encouraged to mail a card to a link sister, 2020 Friendship Tea
- **Chapter Member Outreach**
 - Thinking of you cards and birthday cards sent to each member
 - Emails, calls, and cards to members that have missed 2 consecutive meeting

Corresponding Secretary: Link Kim Parker Pinder

Correspondence:

Thank you for condolences - from Link Suzanne Walker

Thank you – Link Ann Pruitt

Financial Secretary: Link Evelyn Gee

- Report for April 1 – 26
\$2026.35 transferred from PayPal to Operations Account
\$252.81 Restricted to Treasurer

Treasurers Report: Link Aleta Johnson

Summary:

Restricted/Special Account - April 1 – 30, 2021

Balance Forward	\$68,530.64
Total Income	\$17,071.81
Total Balance Fwd + Income	\$85,602.45
Expenses	\$3,840.93
Bank Balance	\$81,761.52
Book Balance	\$54,752.66
Outstanding Checks	\$27,008.86
Reconciled Bank Balance	\$54,752.66

Other Restricted/Special Accounts – April 1 – 30, 2021

Certificates of Deposit	
Wells Fargo CD	\$30,348.62
Industrial Bank	\$20,235.95
Links Foundation	\$96,295.73
Reserve Funds	\$59,132.00
Available Balance	\$26,819.73

MOTION FROM FINANCE TEAM: Link Aleta moved that the CD at Industrial Bank that matures on May 21, 2021 be cashed out and transferred/deposited to the Links Foundation account.

Motion approved: (Poll vote) 35 Yes, 2 No

Programs (Transforming Communities) : Link Marietta Palmer

2029-2021 – Final Meeting was April 21

Recap of Program Activities:

ARTS – Link Karen Hughes

Young Masters - Mentor fee \$200; Having trouble connecting Mentor and Mentee

National Trends and Services - Link Tameka Tunsil

Report Attached

Summary:

- NoVA Coalition Partnership and GoTV Activities: The coalition meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month.
- Two GoTV activities: “Adopt a Precinct” Voter Engagement and Registration Activity. Voter Engagement and Education Forum
- The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Partnership
- Voter Forum: partnership with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated – May 15, 2021
- GoTV Adopt A Precinct: contact voters ahead of June Primary – April/May 2021
Postcard packs are available for pick up now and up through Saturday May 15th. They are divided into packs of 25. We ask that you mail the cards by Friday the 21st, which is ahead of the early vote deadline.
- Complete NTS transition folder, close out program, reconcile remaining receipts.

Health and Human Services: Link Yolanda Holmes

American Heart Association Move Day was last week.

Services to Youth: Link Rachel English

Donated \$3175.28 Grant to Drew Elementary\ \$2091.88 spent for books for the STEM Library – Donated 172 books – 38 are picture books.

Will put stickers in books that they were donated by the Arlington (VA) Chapter.

\$1083.38 remaining for the supplies for maker space activities.

Bylaws Committee: Link Paula Coates

Revision ongoing – Bylaws committee meetings weekly on Tuesdays at 8p.m.

Golf Classic: Link Erni Bridges

Committee meetings on Monday evenings. Great progress – Day party will be terrific.

Come Join Us Campaign ongoing

Former Ambassador Andrew Young will be the keynote at the Day Party

Scholarship: Link Erni Bridges

Selection and notification forthcoming.

State of the Chapter Report: Link Diane Harley

Complete Report Attached:

- Challenging Year
- Remembering losses of chapter members: Link Margo Holland, Link Carol Johnson, and Link Robin Barclay and Connecting Link Fant
- Focus on Fiscal Responsibility
- Highlights: Acquired storage unit, credit card for due payment, Friendship activities included New Year's Party, Halloween Party, Holiday Party in person 2019, virtual 2020, Arts Facet at Arena Stage
- Pivot due to pandemic – Monte Carlo cancelled, Virtual Golf Tournament a success
- Retreat: Black Girl Magic!

Installation of Officers: National President Link Kim Jefferies Leonard leading

Link Suzanne Walker, President

Link Aleta Johnson, Vice President

Link Anita Walker, Recording Secretary

Link Evelyn Gee, Financial Secretary

Link Cheri Larkins, Corresponding Secretary

Closing Remarks and Adjourn, Link Suzanne Walker

Link Suzanne Walker

Recording Secretary

Date: _____