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**Minutes of Parthenon Chapter General Membership Meeting
of
The Links, Incorporated**

Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center

**Monday, April 11, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

13 A meeting of the Parthenon Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was called to order on
14 Monday, April 25, 2016 at 5:30 pm CST by the Parthenon Chapter President with Link
15 Carolyn G Qualls, President, in the Chair, and Link Parliamentarian, Link Paula Coates,
16 present and recording the minutes on behalf of Recording Secretary, Marcya A Carter-
17 Sheats.

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19 A quorum of the following chapter members were present: Links Ann Hellum Haynes, Ann
20 T Green, Carolyn Piphus, Cathy Bender, Daphne Ferguson-Young, Genma Holmes, Glory
21 T Sretchen Jubilee, Gwendolyn Harris, Ingrid Frazier Collier, Janice Woodard, Jan-Née
22 B Sheats-Mathis, JoAnn Davis-Davis, Judith A N Presley, Karen E Shaw, Kim A Smiley,
23 Lacie K Dunn, Linda Coleman Spears, LoLita Toney, Marcya A Carter-Sheats, Marquette
24 L Faulkner, Nedra Clem Jackson, Ora Latrice Bransford, Patricia Bailey, Patricia Mitchell,
25 Paulette Coleman, Phyllis Crawford Cain, Portia T Jordan, Rhonda Cantrell Dunn, Saletta
26 Holloway, Sharon Peters, Shindana Feagins, Valencia McShan, Veonie T McKinnie,
27 Virginia Wilson McClain, Wendy Belinda Hellum and Yvonne Current.

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29 President, Link Carolyn Qualls opened the meeting and welcomed the chapter members
30 to the meeting.

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32 The Chapter recited the Links Pledge then sang the Links Song.
33 Link Portia Jordan provided the LINKSPIRATION.

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35 After the roll call, the agenda was adopted and since the minutes were not distributed, the
36 next topic of the agenda was discussed. In addition, the Treasurer was not present, so
37 there was no Treasurer report given or distributed.

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39 **CORRESPONDENCE** – Corresponding Secretary, Link Nedra Clem Jackson
40 - Announcements were read regarding the Inauguration of Meharry President,
41 Dr. James E. K. Hildreth.
42 - Saturday, April 30, 2016 the National Hookup of Black Women event will be at
43 the Maxwell House. Tickets are \$55.
44 - Fisk Gala will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2016. Tickets are \$250.

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- 1 **NEW BUSINESS** – Link Virginia Wilson McClain
2 Nominating Committee – Election of Officers
3 - Third and final call for nominations was made; there were no nominations
4 made from the floor.
5 - Names that have been submitted to make up the slate of candidates:
6 ○ President: Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis
7 ○ Treasurer: Lacie K. Dunn, Daphne Ferguson-Young and Linda Coleman
8 Spears.
9 ○ Recording Secretary: Marcya A Carter-Sheats

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11 **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT** – Vice President, Link Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis
12 - Leave request from Kim Smiley was read to the chapter. She will be the last
13 person who can take leave.
14 ○ Link Patricia Bailey made a motion to accept leave request.
15 ○ The motion was seconded.
16 ○ The motion passed.
17 - Letter of resignation from The Links, Incorporated from Link Pamela Sretchen
18 was read to the chapter.
19 ○ Link Ann T Green made a motion to accept resignation request.
20 ○ The motion was seconded.
21 ○ The motion passed.
22 - Letter of resignation from The Links, Incorporated from Link Christie H Sheats
23 was read to the chapter.
24 ○ Link Lacie K Dunn made a motion to accept resignation request.
25 ○ The motion was seconded.
26 ○ The motion passed.
27 - Vice President, Link Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis stated that we have lost 15% of
28 our chapter membership this year and that we have to do a better job of getting
29 them back:
30 ○ 5-Leave of absence
31 ○ 3-Resignation
32 ○ 1-Alumna
33 ○ 1-Provisory
34 - Membership Intake Process – The candidates met on Sunday, April 3, 2016 at
35 Link Cathy Bender’s home. They have selected to work with the Volunteer
36 Youth Academy of Gallatin for their Service Project. Their budget request is
37 \$655 which will be deducted from the money that they paid. Everyone has paid
38 their induction fee and the service project will be on Saturday, April 23, 2016.
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- 40 **CHAPTER BYLAWS** – Parliamentarian, Link Paula Coates
41 - Recording Secretary, Marcya A Carter-Sheats, starting recording the minutes
42 at 6:00pm.
43 - Parliamentarian, Link Paula Coates gave an introduction of the Bylaws
44 Amendments Adoption process.
45 - Vice President, Link Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis begin reviewing the bylaws.
46 ○ Section 1: Name and location
47 ▪ Article II: Title changes and content changes
48 • Parliamentarian, Link Paula Coates requested a motion to
49 be made to change the Article II title and content
50 • Link Genma Holmes made a motion to change the Article II
51 title and content.
52 • The motion was seconded.
53 • The motion passed.

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- Article III: Title change and content changes in both section 1 and section 2
 - Section 2D4: Recommend adding the original clarification sentences back: “The votes for each candidate are counted on an individual basis, and, therefore, may vary. Absentee voting is strictly prohibited...”
 - Section 2D5: Recommend adding back because you need to have verbiage in place for when a tie occurs. In the case of a tie vote, a separate vote will take place until the tie is broken. If after two ballots have been cast to break the tie and the tie is not broken, neither candidate who was tied will be selected for membership.
 - Section 31F: Recommend adding back since it was accidentally deleted: has made full payment of all financial obligations.
 - 3A1a. Active Member – change to mimic National chapter verbiage.
 - 33) ...An active member must register and attend at least one (1) Area Conference or one (1) National Assembly within every five (5) year period in order to retain her membership.
 - In revised bylaws, section C4 delete extra “and ten (10) 6...” from the sentence
- We will reconvene the bylaw discussion at next meeting.
 - Link Cathy Bender made a motion to move the next meeting to alternate location that can host us later in the evening.
 - The motion was seconded.
 - The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- Link Saletta Holloway stated on Wednesday, March 23, Meharry Medical College will host "The Critical Need for Men's Health Initiatives: Engaging Men and the Community".
- Congratulations to Links Patricia Bailey and Genma Holmes on being featured members of the Bordeaux-North Nashville Chamber of Commerce.

After closing remarks from President, Link Carolyn G Qualls, the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Link Paula Coates
Parthenon Chapter Parliamentarian and interim Recording Secretary from 5:30pm – 6:00pm.

Link Marcya A Carter-Sheats
Parthenon Chapter Recording Secretary from 6:00pm – 7:30pm.