

Minutes of General Membership Meeting - November 23, 2015

A meeting of the general membership of the Parthenon Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was called to order at the Goodwill Training Center on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 6 pm CST by the President of the Parthenon Chapter of The Links, Incorporated with Link Carolyn Qualls, President, in the Chair and a quorum with the following members were present: Cheryl Adams, Stephanie Bellard Chase, Cathy Bender, Ora Latrice Bransford, Phyllis Crawford Cain, Marcya Carter-Sheats, Paula Coates, Yvonne Current, JoAnn Davis-Davis, Lacie K. Dunn, Rhonda Cantrell Dunn, Daphne Ferguson-Young, Ann T. Green, Gwendolyn Harris, Ann Hellum Haynes, Wendy Belinda Hellum, Saletta Holloway, Genma Holmes, Nedra Clem Jackson, Barbara A. Jones-Bah, Portia T. Jordan, Glory T Scretchen Jubilee, Joy Yvette Kimbrough, Charlotte Ann Mann, Virginia Wilson McClain, Valencia McShan, Veonie T. McKinnie, Patricia Mitchell, Sharon Peters, Sheila R. Peters, Carolyn Piphus, Judith A. N. Presley, Karen E. Shaw, Christie H. Sheats, Jan-Née B. Sheats-Mathis, S.Simone Sheats, Linda Coleman Spears, LoLita Toney and Janice Woodard.

MEDITATION PRAYER AND ACTIVITY - Link Saletta Holloway - "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." - Colossians 3:15

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Link Carolyn Qualls - No defined report shared.

MINUTES - Link Carolyn Qualls - A motion was made by Link Carolyn Qualls and properly seconded to accept the October minutes. The motion carried and were approved with the following provisions:

- Link Genma Holmes requested to update the minutes to reflect that the Autism walk was cancelled.
- Link Carolyn Qualls requested to reflect the Foundation update in the minutes.

AMENITIES - Link Veonie McKinnie

- Card sent to Link Alice Strong Simmons for condolences for the passing of her husband, connecting Link Dr. Charles Simmons.
- Congratulations card to Link Judith Presley on her recognition locally and nationally as a Breast Cancer survivor.
- Card sent to Link Dr. Marquette Faulkner for being named Dean of the school of medicine and Senior Vice President for Health Services at Meharry Medical college.
- Card sent to Link Cathy Bender for being inducted into the Vanderbilt Sports Hall of Fame.
- Let us keep Link Cheryl's parents in our prayers. Both are incapacitated.

- Sympathy card to Connecting Link Jimmy Sheats for the loss of his brother.
- Link Shindana wrote the book "*We Have Such In Common*" which has been accepted by the collection's department of the Nashville Public Library and will be presented at the Tennessee Library Association's upcoming conference on April 8, 2016. Librarians from all over the state of Tennessee will attend the conference.

CORRESPONDENCE - Link Nedra Clem Jackson

- Kappa Zeta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Clarksville, TN invites you to attend their annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship gala on Friday, January 15, 2016 at 6pm at the Riverview Inn Grand Ballroom. Tickets are \$45, full page ad \$100, ½ page ad \$50 and ads are due by December 15, 2015. Contact Michael Copeland at 615-868-1822 or email michael.copeland88@yahoo.com with questions.
- Parthenon Chapter of The Links, Incorporated partnered with the Music City Chapter to co-host an event for Heir-O-Link and Connecting Link Jamaal Sheats at Tinney Contemporary. The event was enjoyable and was well attended by both chapters ([Exhibition: Topography // Tinney Contemporary](#)).
- National Hook-up of Black Women in the Tennessee Tribune features some of our members ([National Hook-Up of Black Women will sponsor Literacy Events](#)).
- Letter from Link Barbara A. Jones-Bah expressing her thanks for the expressions of sympathy upon the passing of her Aunt.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT - Link Jan-Née B. Sheats-Mathis

- Leadership Summit - Link Jan-Née B. Sheats-Mathis and Link Paula Coates
- The Leadership Summit was held in Houston and lasted a day and a half. Both ladies enjoyed the opportunity to meet fellow members and focus on "Linkdom" on a larger scale. The intimate setting featured a round table with all 4 past presidents and the current president discussing how to best deal with an organization of women, a session on branding and a session on "The Mean Girl" (ie. Bullying) to name a few. The National chapter is really focusing on brand management and becoming strict about the brand.
- Link Jan-Née B. Sheats-Mathis shared the Leadership Summit tagline, "Everyone has baggage, but you have no idea what's in the bag." With this comment, she gave everyone an empty bag and shared her wish for members to place nothing but love, care and sisterhood in the bag.
- Friendship Activity - Link Patricia Mitchell - Getting to know your Link sisters.
- Link-to-Link pairing: Send Link Jan-Née B. Sheats-Mathis an email if you want to get paired.

- Membership will vote in January for the following 4 candidates to join our chapter: Deborah Broadwater, Jenean Davis, Fredericka Ford and Phyllis Hildreath. All members present reviewed the candidate profiles.
- **Reminder: Members must complete their "1 in 5" by 2017.**

TREASURER REPORT - Link LoLita Toney - The treasurer report was distributed. Each facet has \$750.

FOUNDATION REPORT - Link Cathy Bender - The Jazz Brunch will be held on December 1, 2015 from 11am - 2pm at the Sheraton Music City Hotel. 44 tables have been sold so far. Special thanks to Link Barbara A. Jones-Bah who will sell 4-7 tables a year. The planning meeting will take place next Wednesday, December 2, 2015. For the members who wish to assist with set-up, please arrive at the hotel no later than 8:30am. We will try to arrange a photo to be taken with all members.

PROGRAM REPORT - Link Christina Coleman

- Each facet chairs will own the activity calendar.
- **Preparing for College Series - Link Sharon Peters – January 2016 activity**
 - Part 1 - Accessing Money for College and Training Programs at Rocketown (White Building) on January 16, 2016 from 11am - 1pm. Address 601 4th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203. Committee should consider reaching out to the radio stations or TSAC to see if they are willing to sponsor the event. Also consider other avenues for sponsorship and advertising. Make sure that this activity addresses the National goals for Services to Youth. This is a great event for the Ridley Temple Foundation to support. Plan for weather contingency. Make a motion at the Executive Committee to allow the Foundation to bankroll this event.
- HHS
 - National Donor Sabbath - The annual observance of National Donor Sabbath seeks to encourage people to sign up in their stated registry as organ, eye and tissue donors. Please be a symbol of hope for those who are waiting for donors and pass out flyers at church, school, work, etc. They are trying to increase education, awareness and participation from African-Americans to become organ, eye and tissue donors.
 - The Caldwell itinerary was passed out to the team and they will review to identify potential opportunities to host/support an activity.
 - The team is trying to identify an activity related to the mission of Link Shindana Feagins' book with a goal to encourage young girls to be healthy.
 - Link S.Simone Sheats has submitted a grant that will focus on young girls becoming Cancer ambassadors.

- THE ARTS - Link S.Simon Sheats - Completed the Tinney Contemporary art show and the team will look to continue to partner with Heir-O-Link and Connecting Link Jamaal Sheats.
- ITS Update - Link Charlotte Ann Mann
 - The committee decided to focus on Linking with Haiti initiative, because this was the Central Area initiative. They will organize collecting and distributing survival Kits.
 - An additional focus could be programming around education that would have both a sustainable and a long term impact on the country. Link Marcya Carter-Sheats has a friend named Jiesha Perkins who resides in Haiti who shared the following with Link Charlotte and Marcya:

"There is an organization that helps to pay tuition for future doctors, lawyers, engineers, etc. They are helping to educate the future leaders of the country. Haiti has a 90%+ unemployment rate that puts a high value on education, but since jobs are so scarce you can be a part of that. It is a small organization that is looking to expand the number of students sponsored in 2016. The goal is to sponsor 12 students for each of the 10 states in Haiti for a total of 120 students. Average annual cost of tuition is \$2000/year. We are looking for donors to help sponsor as many students as they are able."

- STY Update - Gwendolyn Harris - The committee will continue to partner with Daughters of Destiny and they are excited to work with Yolanda since she is returning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Link Genma Holmes

- "Fit by 50" campaign is on 2 publications.
- The "31-days" survivorship is up for 1 award.
- "Sheroes" received more media attention than "31-days".
- The next campaign is "Go Red" which will partner with the American Heart Association and will take place during the month of February.

- Looking to market your business? Now you can!!! Link Up Magazine will soon allow members to share their businesses with Links globally.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50pm.

Submitted by Marcy Carter-Sheats - Recording Secretary

2016 UPCOMING WEBINARS & ACTIVITIES

- January 16th Accessing Money for College and Training Programs - 11am - 1pm - Rocketown & Sixth Avenue Skatepark. Sign up for a shift by RSVP'ing on Track it Forward at [Event Sign Up Sheet | Track It Forward](#)
- January 13th Social Media Matters: Aligning The Links Brand on Social Media - 8pm [Meeting Registration](#)
- January 20th Introducing the National Oral Health Initiative Targeting Both Children & Adults - 8pm [Meeting Registration](#)

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