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

Goodwill Industries

**Monday, June 27, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

13 A meeting of the Parthenon Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was called to order on
14 Monday, June 27, 2016 at 6:00 pm CST by the Parthenon Chapter President with Link
15 Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis, President, in the Chair, and Link Marcya A. Carter-Sheats,
16 Chapter Secretary, present.

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18 A quorum of the following chapter members were present: Links Cathy Bender, Carolyn
19 Piphus, Carolyn G Qualls, Charlotte Ann Mann, Cheryl Adams, Daphne Ferguson-Young,
20 Deborah Broadwater, Fredericka Ford, Harriet Vaughan-Wallace, Janice Woodard,
21 Jenean Davis, JoAnn Davis-Davis, Karen E Shaw, Linda Coleman Spears, LoLita Toney,
22 Marquette L Faulkner, Ora Latrice Bransford, Patricia Bailey, Paula Coates, Paulette
23 Coleman, Phyllis Hildreth, Portia T Jordan, Rhonda Cantrell Dunn, Saletta Holloway,
24 Sharon Peters, Sheila R Peters, Shindana Feagins, S.Simone Sheats, Veonie T
25 McKinnie, Virginia Wilson McClain, and Wendy Belinda Hellum.

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27 President, Link Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis opened the meeting and welcomed the chapter
28 members to the meeting.

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30 The Chapter recited the Links Pledge then sang the Links Song.
31 Link Carolyn G Qualls provided the Linkspiration.

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33 **OLD BUSINESS** – President, Link Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis

- 34 - President, Link Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis shared that the purpose of this
- 35 meeting was to discuss the nominating report, vote for Vice President, and
- 36 discuss 2016 proposed bylaws.
- 37 - President, Link Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis asked for a motion to add a section
- 38 to the agenda to discuss the Links Day on the Hill report prepared by Link
- 39 Paulette Coleman.
 - 40 o Saletta made a motion to add the Links Day on the Hill report prepared by
 - 41 Link Paulette Coleman.
 - 42 o The motion was seconded.
 - 43 o The motion passed.
- 44 - **Links Day on the Hill** – Link Paulette Coleman
 - 45 o Reviewed Links Day on the Hill report prepared by Link Paulette Coleman.

- 1 ○ The report was distributed to all members and contained the following:
2 planning, scheduled activities, venues, observations and issues for more
3 thought and future consideration.
4 - **Nominating Committee Report** – Link Virginia McClain
5 ○ After the last meeting where the election for Vice President was put on
6 hold, Link Rhonda Cantrell Dunn asked for an inquiry. After a second
7 review, Naia Wood, National Membership Services, determined that Link
8 Rhonda Cantrell Dunn attended 2 Area Conferences in 2007 and 2015 as
9 well as the 2012 National Assembly. Archives were reviewed and it was
10 revealed that Link Rhonda Cantrell Dunn served as the 2008 Recording
11 Secretary and the 2009 Co-chair of the event committee. Thus Link
12 Rhonda Cantrell Dunn meets the requirements per the bylaws to be on the
13 ballot for Vice President.
14 ▪ Link Virginia McClain made a motion to have Link Rhonda Cantrell
15 Dunn serve as Vice President of the Parthenon Chapter of The
16 Links, Incorporated.
17 ▪ The motion was seconded.
18 ▪ The motion passed.
19 ○ Link Rhonda Cantrell Dunn is the Vice President of the Parthenon Chapter
20 of The Links, Incorporated.
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22 **NEW BUSINESS** – President, Link Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis

- 23 - 2016 Proposed Amendments to National Bylaws Review
24 ○ Committee recommended that we add Granddaughter to the bylaws.
25 ○ Amendment 5 – reorganization of new articles.
26 ○ Amendment 16 – reorganization of new articles.
27 ○ Amendment 19 – reorganization of new articles.
28 ○ Amendment 21 – reorganization of new articles.
29 ○ Amendment 16 – temporary absence would still fall into 10% of people on
30 leave. Not recommended.
31 ○ Amendment 7 – locality vs boundaries.
32 ○ Amendment 8 – recommended.
33 ○ Amendment 9 – we could bump transfers to another chapter if a chapter
34 had 60. Not recommended.
35 ○ Amendment 10 – putting hours in writing.
36 ○ Amendment 11 – alignment of leave of absence.
37 ○ Amendment 12 – military installation.
38 ○ Amendment 13 – Language to change Alumnae eligibility for induction.
39 ○ Amendment 13 – 80% of time has to be traveled.
40 ○ Amendment 14 – provisory leave to include doctor’s visit and annual
41 update.
42 ○ Amendment 17 – reinstatement is from September to November.
43 ○ Amendment 18 – changing language to give granddaughters, step-
44 daughters and adopted daughters the same privileges as DOL.
45 ○ Amendment 20 – Officer can live beyond Chapter boundaries and
46 commute. Not recommended.
47 ○ Amendment 21 – reorganization and chapter establishment.
48 ○ Amendment 22 – added National (e.g. Chapter and national obligation.
49 ○ Amendment 28 – nominating committee added.
50 ○ Amendment 29 – details deleted and moved to election procedures
51 section.
52 ○ Amendment 30 – area election committee.
53 ○ Amendment 31 – have meetings remotely.
54 ○ Amendment 32 – chair of nominating included in bylaws.
55 ○ Amendment 33 – reorganization.

- 1 ○ Amendment 34 – 2 members of the same chapter cannot be a national
- 2 officer at the same time or directly after. Delete rule that they cannot be a
- 3 national officer directly after.
- 4 ○ Amendment 35 – duties of parliamentarian.
- 5 ○ Amendment 36 – duties of president.
- 6 ○ Amendment 37 – aligns other officers.
- 7 ○ Amendment 38 – elected position.
- 8 ○ Amendment 39 – reorganization.
- 9 ○ Amendment 40 – to be on the national election committee one has to have
- 10 to attend a National Assembly. Not recommended.
- 11 ○ Amendment 41 – elects chair of nominating.
- 12 ○ Amendment 42 – elects chair of nominating committee in case tie.
- 13 ○ Amendment 43 – meet all requirements prior to ???
- 14 ○ Amendment 44 – national election committee oversees chair of national
- 15 nominating committee.
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17 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Link Sisters

- 18 - President, Link Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis still has some appointments to make.
- 19 - Retreat is tentatively scheduled from 9am – 4pm on Saturday, August 13th.
- 20 - Meeting with Area and Vice Director while in Vegas. May have to schedule
- 21 - President, Link Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis, is the chapter delegate and
- 22 Recording Secretary, Marcya A Carter-Sheats, is the alternate delegate in
- 23 Vegas.
- 24 - Trying to schedule a breakfast and mixer so let the President, Link Jan-Née B
- 25 Sheats-Mathis know if you will be in Vegas.
- 26 - Congratulations to Link LoLita Toney for being selected into Leadership
- 27 Tennessee Class IV and Marcya for being appointed to the TNCPE Board of
- 28 Examiners.
- 29 - Link May Alice Ridley is at the Signature Facility on Wedgewood and really
- 30 appreciates the support received.
- 31 - Link Sharon Gentry June 29th live online interview with The Tennessean
- 32 editorial board at 10am, NOAH forum, July 13th 6:30pm at St. John AME,
- 33 Canvassing every Saturday 11-4 – those interested in phone banking to
- 34 contact Vesia Hawkins(Vesia@comcast.net)
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37 After closing remarks from President, Link Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis, the meeting
38 adjourned at 6:44pm.

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Link Marcya A Carter-Sheats
Parthenon Chapter Recording Secretary