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

Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center

**Monday, April 25, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

13 A meeting of the Parthenon Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was called to order on
14 Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:00 pm CST by the Parthenon Chapter President with Link
15 Carolyn G Qualls, President, in the Chair, and Link Marcya A. Carter-Sheats, Chapter
16 Secretary, present.

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18 A quorum of the following chapter members were present: Links Ann Hellum Haynes, Ann
19 T Green, Carolyn Piphus, Charlotte Ann Mann, Cheryl Adams, Daphne Ferguson-Young,
20 Debra Tillery, Genma Holmes, Glory T Scretchen Jubilee, Gwendolyn Harris, Harriet
21 Vaughan-Wallace, Ingrid Frazier Collier, Janice Woodard, Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis,
22 JoAnn Davis-Davis, Joy Smith Kimbrough, Judith A N Presley, Karen E Shaw, Kim A
23 Smiley, Lacie K Dunn, Linda Coleman Spears, Marquette L. Faulkner, Nedra Clem
24 Jackson, Ora Latrice Bransford, Patricia Mitchell, Paula Coates, Paulette Coleman, Peggy
25 J. Cockerham, Phyllis Crawford Cain, Portia T Jordan, Rhonda Cantrell Dunn, S. Simone
26 Sheats, Saletta Holloway, Sharon Peters, Sheila R Peters, Shindana Feagins, Stephanie
27 Bellard Chase, Valencia McShan, Veonie T McKinnie, Virginia Wilson McClain and
28 Yvonne Current.

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

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33 The Chapter recited the Links Pledge then sang the Links Song.
34 Link Portia Jordan provided the meditation.

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

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40 **CORRESPONDENCE** – Corresponding Secretary, Link Nedra Clem Jackson

- 41 - June 30th 7-8am event at Fisk.
- 42 - Thank you for the grand opening of her practice.
- 43 - She has been nominated for several awards.

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1 President, Link Carolyn G Qualls requested a motion to move the New Business up on the
2 agenda.

- 3 - Link JoAnn Davis-Davis made the motion to move the new business up in the
- 4 agenda.
- 5 - The motion was seconded.
- 6 - Corresponding Secretary, Link Nedra Clem Jackson opposed.
- 7 - The motion passed.

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9 **NEW BUSINESS** – Link Virginia Wilson McClain

10 **Nominating Committee – Election of Officers**

- 11 - Link Virginia Wilson McClain – The general membership will be voting to elect
- 12 members for the following positions: President, Treasurer and Recording
- 13 Secretary.
- 14 - President, Link Carolyn G Qualls appointed the following members as the teller
- 15 committee to process the votes: Links Patricia (Pat) Mitchell (Chair), JoAnn
- 16 Davis-Davis, Sharon Peters, and Judith (Judy) A N Presley. Link Genma
- 17 Holmes will serve as interim Parliamentarian while Link Paula Coates assists
- 18 with the vote.
- 19 - Parliamentarian, Link Paula Coates asked for a membership count and
- 20 confirmed that 40 members were present. Based on that number, anyone
- 21 running for office will need to secure 21 votes to win the election.
- 22 - Link Genma Holmes took over as Parliamentarian at 6:34pm.

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24 **PRESIDENT’S REPORT** – President, Link Carolyn G Qualls

- 25 - Executive Committee met on Thursday, April 21, 2016.
- 26 - The 40th National Assembly registration deadline was extended until today,
- 27 Monday, April 25, 2016. After today, members who register will be subject to a
- 28 late fee.
- 29 - This year there will be an election for National Officers and you can see those
- 30 candidates on the [national website](#).
- 31 - There will be over 30 changes to the national bylaws.
- 32 - The Links Foundation, Incorporated Annual Meeting will be held on
- 33 Wednesday, June 29, 2016 from 8:30am - 10:00am. Everyone is welcome but
- 34 please RSVP.
- 35 - If members have not submitted their dues for the 2016-2017 year, they will be
- 36 charged a late fee of \$25 for Nationals and another \$25 for the Links,
- 37 Incorporated Foundation.
- 38 - Continue to pray for our Link sisters and the community in Flint.
- 39 - Planning has begun for the Central Area Conference which will be held
- 40 Indianapolis, Indiana in 2018.
- 41 - The Central Area is officially the “Mighty 69” as Central Missouri became the
- 42 newest chapter.
- 43 - During the last Executive Committee meeting we had two recommendations to
- 44 bring to the general membership regarding an internal membership matter.
- 45 ○ Recommendation #1: Link Ingrid Frazier Collier’s letter was read to the
- 46 chapter and the request was to waive the 2015-2016 meeting requirement
- 47 due to personal and family issues that resulted in her missing one meeting.
- 48 The Executive Committee accepted the request and President, Link
- 49 Carolyn G Qualls requested a motion for the general membership to accept
- 50 this request.
 - 51 ■ Link Virginia Wilson McClain made the motion to accept the
 - 52 proposal.
 - 53 ■ The motion was seconded.
 - 54 ■ The motion passed.

- 1 ○ Recommendation #2: In order to get through all of the bylaws, the
2 Executive Committee is recommending a “Special Call” meeting on
3 Monday, May 16, 2016 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at the Matthew Walker
4 Comprehensive Health Center. If the members agree to this meeting,
5 everyone will be asked to bring their own snack. President, Link Carolyn G
6 Qualls requested a motion for the general membership to vote to add this
7 meeting.
8 ▪ Link Lacie K. Dunn made a motion to schedule this “Special Call”
9 meeting.
10 ▪ The motion was seconded.
11 ▪ Link Paulette Coleman opposed.
12 ▪ The motion passed.
13 - President, Link Carolyn G Qualls read a letter from the Ethics Committee and
14 shared that Central will hold sensitivity training and conflict session for
15 members which will be scheduled in late July or early August 2016.

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17 **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT** – Vice President, Link Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis

- 18 - The inductees had a wonderful service project on Saturday, April 23, 2016.
19 - About 20 boys participated in a series of workshops:
20 ○ Conflict management led by Phyllis Hildreth
21 ○ Finances led by Jenean Davis
22 ○ Daily living habits led by Fredericka Ford
23 ○ Careers led by Deborah Broadwater
24 - Members will be able to see their presentation at the induction ceremony.
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26 **NEW BUSINESS** (cont.) – Link Virginia Wilson McClain

27 **Nominating Committee – Election of Officers**

- 28 - The teller committee returned at 6:45pm and Link Paula Coates returned and
29 took over again as Parliamentarian. In order to win the election, the Link
30 nominated will have to receive at least 21 votes.
31 - Link Patricia Mitchell, Teller Committee Chair, read the Teller report at 6:47pm.
32 ○ For President, Link Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis received 38 votes out of 40
33 ○ For Recording Secretary, Link Marcya A Carter-Sheats received 36 votes
34 out of 40
35 ○ For Treasurer, Links Linda Coleman Spears received 12 votes out of 40,
36 Lacie K Dunn received 11 votes out of 40 and Daphne Ferguson-Young
37 received 18 votes out of 40
38 - Parliamentarian, Link Paula Coates, clarified that the minimum required votes
39 is 21; therefore, members will need to re-vote for the two candidates with the
40 highest number of votes, Links Daphne Ferguson-Young and Linda Coleman
41 Spears.
42 - President, Link Carolyn Qualls read the teller committee report into the record:
43 ○ For President, Link Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis received 38 votes out of 40,
44 receiving the required number votes to become President elect of the
45 Parthenon Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.
46 ○ For Recording Secretary, Link Marcya A Carter-Sheats received 36 votes
47 out of 40, receiving the required number votes to become Recording
48 Secretary of the Parthenon Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.
49 ○ There are 3 candidates running for Treasurer: Links Linda Coleman
50 Spears, Lacie K Dunn and Daphne Ferguson-Young. Linda Coleman
51 Spears received 12 votes out of 40, Lacie K Dunn received 11 votes out of
52 40 and Daphne Ferguson-Young received 18 votes out of 40.
53 ○ A revote will occur for Treasurer between top two candidates with the
54 highest number of votes, Links Daphne Ferguson-Young and Linda
55 Coleman Spears.

- 1 - Link Joy Smith Kimbrough stated that the number added up to 41 and not 40.
- 2 - Parliamentarian, Link Paula Coates, recounted the ballots and confirmed there
- 3 were 40 ballot received so the committee will need recount.
- 4 - The teller committee left to recount the votes at 6:50pm.
- 5 - At 6:57pm, the teller committee returned and Link Patricia Mitchell, Teller
- 6 Committee Chair, re-read the teller results.
 - 7 o For Treasurer, Links Daphne Ferguson-Young received 18 votes out of 40,
 - 8 Linda Coleman Spears received 12 votes out of 40 and Lacie K Dunn
 - 9 received 9 votes out of 40. We will need to revote for the top two Treasurer
 - 10 Candidates, Links Daphne Ferguson-Young and Linda Coleman Spears.
- 11 - Link Linda Coleman Spears withdrew her name.
- 12 - Parliamentarian, Link Paula Coates, clarified that the general membership still
- 13 had to vote for Link Daphne Ferguson-Young, because the candidate still has
- 14 to obtain 21 votes in order to secure the election.
- 15 - Link Genma Holmes took over as Parliamentarian at 7:03pm so that Link Paula
- 16 Coates could assist the Teller committee.

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18 **PROGRAM – UPDATES** – Program Chair, Link Janice Woodard

- 19 - The Program report was attached to the agenda and read.
 - 20 o On Wednesday, April 27, 2016 the national trends will partner with Dr.
 - 21 Bryan Wallace, Director of Physics Lab & Coordinator of Rocketry at Fisk,
 - 22 and host an event at Caldwell Enhanced Option Elementary school from
 - 23 8:30am – 9:30am.
 - 24 o On Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 12:00pm – 3:00pm, The Links Chapter
 - 25 will partner with Daughters of Destiny to host the annual Mother and
 - 26 Daughter Tea.
- 27 - Facet chairs to send their summary report to Program Chair, Link Janice
- 28 Woodard.

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30 **NEW BUSINESS** (cont.) – Link Virginia Wilson McClain

31 **Nominating Committee – Election of Officers**

- 32 - Link Virginia Wilson McClain said that the chapter is in a unique position with
- 33 three vacated offices: Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Financial
- 34 Secretary.
 - 35 o Corresponding Secretary, Link Nedra Clem Jackson clarified and said that
 - 36 she was appointed Corresponding Secretary and not elected.
- 37 - Link Virginia Wilson McClain said that for all three vacated offices, the second
- 38 call for nominees will be at the “Special Call” meeting on Monday, May 16,
- 39 2016, and the third and final call will be on Monday, May 23, 2016. At that
- 40 point, Link Virginia Wilson McClain will confirm with those nominated that they
- 41 approve of being placed on the ballot.
- 42 - The teller committee returned at 7:09pm and Link Paula Coates returned and
- 43 took over again as Parliamentarian.
- 44 - Link Patricia Mitchell, Teller Committee Chair, read the Teller report at 7:11pm.
 - 45 o For Treasurer, Link Daphne Ferguson-Young received 34 votes out of 39.
- 46 - President, Link Carolyn Qualls read the teller committee report into the record:
 - 47 o For Treasurer, there were 39 ballots received, 5 were blank and not eligible
 - 48 to be counted. Link Daphne Ferguson-Young received 34 votes out of 39,
 - 49 receiving the required number votes to become Treasurer of the Parthenon
 - 50 Chapter of The Links, Incorporated.

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

2 Chapter Bylaws

- 3 - Vice President, Link Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis read Article 3 from the bylaws.
4 ○ Corresponding Secretary, Link Nedra Clem Jackson asked Vice President,
5 Link Jan-Née B Sheats-Mathis to verify the dates in Article 3.
6 ○ Link Saletta Holloway made a motion to reject Article 3 as written.
7 ○ The motion was seconded.
8 ○ The motion passed.
9 - Link Genma Holmes asked when we should complete the bylaws.
10 Parliamentarian, Link Paula Coates said by May 2016. Link JoAnn Davis-Davis
11 asked Parliamentarian, Link Paula Coates, to confirm the date with the chapter
12 in writing.

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14 **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – President, Link Carolyn G Qualls for Link Veonie T McKinnie
15 Amenities –

- 16 - The chapter sent a card to Link Sharon Carter for the passing of her sister.
17 - Link May Alice Ridley is at Skyline so stop by and visit.
18 - Link Barbara A Jones-Bah husband is in the hospital.

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20 **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Link Sisters

- 21 - Corresponding Secretary, Link Nedra Clem Jackson urged people to call her if
22 they need medical advice.
23 - Link Genma Holmes
24 ○ Everyone is welcome to attend the Gold Pen Awards on May 19, 2016 from
25 6:00pm – 7:30pm at the Oak Room at Nelson's Green Brier Distillery.
26 Several National members will be present including the National President,
27 Glenda Newell-Harris, and former Co-Director, National Programs, Link
28 Delores Stamps. Tickets are \$50 and it is first-come-first-serve. Contact
29 Link Genma Holmes for more information.
30 ○ The Links have been nominated in several categories.
31 ○ Give Link Judy and Link Daphne a hand. They are part of the campaigns
32 that have been nominated for awards.
33 - Link Virginia Wilson McClain
34 ○ Please bring steps to next meeting.
35 ○ HHS will host a short service project on Hepatitis C.
36 ○ On June 18, 2016, Connecting Link, Lester McClain, will inducted into
37 Tennessee sports Hall of Fame.
38 - Link JoAnn Davis-Davis has new pastor that starts on Sunday, May 1, 2016.
39 - Link Judith A N Presley is featured in the Meharry magazine.
40 - Link Patricia Bailey – BYOF (Bring Your Own Food) to the “Special Meeting”.
41 - Recording Secretary, Link Marcya A. Carter-Sheats, will get with Program
42 Chair, Link Janice Woodard to discuss partnering with JRLA to assist develop
43 program to assist students once they start college.
44 - This is the 4th year for Mother-Daughter tea and the team is looking for ribbon
45 donations. Contact Link Gwen Harris.
46 - Welcome back Link Debra Tillery!!!

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48 After closing remarks from President, Link Carolyn G Qualls, the meeting adjourned at
49 7:34pm.

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52 Link Marcya A Carter-Sheats
53 Parthenon Chapter Recording Secretary