

WRGA MONTHLY MEETING-SEPTEMBER 6,2023

Start:7:14pm

Opening Prayer:Autumn Edwards

7:17pm-Reading of June meeting minutes waived. Motion made by Norman Hall/2nd by Cynthia Hood. Motion passed.

7:18pm-Sickness & Health

Member Sonya Smith (Back surgery scheduled for 9/7/2023 in South Carolina)

Member Andre Baker(Back issues/doing better)

Member Howard Tribble(Death in family-Aunt)

7:20pm-New Members

Member Zubaidah Jackson-Westchester County Dept. of Probation reinstated.

No new members to vote in at this time.

7:22pm-Communications

1)Thank You card received from WRGA Scholarship recipient Chelsea Matthews.

2)Brother Jimmy Scott-Connecticut State Trooper shared information on Religion & Public Safety Symposium being held at the Albert Magnus College, New Haven,Ct September 27,2023 from 9am-1pm. Free event...Online registration required.
Link:albertus.edu/eckhartevents (See email for more information)

3)Sip & Chat Fundraiser for Judge Tamika A. Coverdale(Candidate for Judge of Mt. Vernon City Court) October 5,2023-6pm to 8pm at ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE BREWING COMPANY-Mt.Vernon. Check website www.coverdaleforjudge.com for more information and suggested donations.

4)G.O.O.D. for Girls, Inc. Fundraiser Raffle..Drawing will be Saturday,December 16,2023. To purchase tickets and for more information contact GfG office (914)407-4301 or www.goodforgirlsinc.org (See email for more information)

5)Vulcan Society Inc. Chief Wesley William 83rd Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance October 5,2023 at Greentree Country Club,New Rochelle.

The following members will be attending:

Cynthia Hood/ Paul Hood/ Daymon Yizar (See email for more information)

6)Westchester Black Women's Political Caucus,Inc. Fall Reception Friday, October 20,2023 6pm-11pm at Greentree Country Club,New Rochelle.Tickets \$150 Early Bird/\$175 after Oct 1st.

The following members will be attending:Cynthia Hood/Paul Hood/Gwen Partlow/Larry Brown/ Daymon Y./Norman Hall/Carl Dawson. Motion made by Cynthia Hood/2nd by Rick Lee to purchase (6) tickets at 1/2 price (1) ticket free for President Hood.Motion passed.

(See email for more information)

7)Tuckahoe Police Benevolent Association invite for Retirement Dinner Honoring Chief of Police John Constanzo Friday, November 3,2023-7pm at The Westchester Manor,Hastings. The following members will be attending:Paul Hood/ Cynthia Hood/ Larry Brown/ Christina Brown.

Motion made by Cynthia Hood/2nd by Gwen Partlow to purchase (3) tickets at 1/2 price (1) ticket free for President Paul Hood. Motion passed. (See email for more information)

8)Westchester Women In Blue 2nd Annual Gala, Thursday,November 16,2023 7pm-12am at the Surf Club on The Sound, New Rochelle. Tickets \$125 Early Bird/ \$150 after September 30th. The following members will be attending:Danita M./Viticha D./Christine M./Bridget B./Malcolm G./David C./Kareem L./James H./Manny A./Harcourt T./Mona C. Motion made by Starr Dawson/ 2nd by Larry Brown to purchase (11) tickets at 1/2 price..Motion passed. (See email for more information)

9)Yonkers Guardians 2nd Annual Charity Cigar Night September 10, 2023 7pm-Midnight at Mom's Cigar Warehouse,Yonkers. Tickets \$120 and must be purchased through Eventbrite.

10) African American Parade in Harlem will take place on September 17,2023 -10am.

11)Thank You card received from Member Mona Berry-Cauthen.

7:52pm-Old Business/Committee Reports

Dinner Dance -Cynthia Hood

Tickets,Journal Ads, Raffles sale amounts reported.

Pros/Cons discussed

420 guests attended

Social Media-Jewell Lynch

Following is growing

Need members to send in pics when attending events

Scholarship-Daymon Yizar

Nothing to report at this time.

Website Committee-Paul H./Daniella J.

Contract signed with Web Designers

Phase One in progress

Book Nook

Nothing to report at this time

7:57pm-New Business

1)Please see Financial Secretary-Daymon Yizar if you owe dues.

2)Big Brothers,Big Sisters of Westchester in Portchester, is interested in starting a partnership with WRGA. They're currently looking to collaborate with us on a mentorship program/project. They have funding and grants for this program/project. More information to follow. All members are encouraged to participate once program/project is established.

3) Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser set up by member Neil Reynolds. Dates are September 14-18. WRGA event code to be distributed to members so individuals Pop-Up Stores can be created.

4)WRGA and Westchester County Dept. Of Probation-New Rochelle Mentoring Program next session will be September 20,2023 in the evening. Time to be determined. Members that are available to attend and mentor would be greatly appreciated.

5)Wade Hardy shared information on Hate Crimes & Bias Incidents training Oct.3rd,4th or 5th at Westchester Community College. They're one day training sessions. Also, De-Escalation Principles and Practices training Oct 23,24/ Oct 25,26 at the Westchester County Police Academy. (See email for more information)

6)Member Katrina Mosley informed membership that Westchester County Dept. Of Probation specifically mentioned WRGA for Mentorship in the "County Plan" that was submitted to New York State. Status pending.

7) WRGA will host a Golf Outing in 2025!!!!Anyone interested in joining the Golf Committee please see member Rick Lee.

8)Member Neil Reynolds mentioned having a Spades Tournament Fundraiser.

9) Member Larry Brown mentioned planning a trip to Ghana and/or Dubai. More info to follow in the upcoming months.

10)Elections will be held in December. The following positions are open for nominations: President/1st Vice President/2nd Vice President/Secretary/Financial Secretary/Treasurer/Sgt.at Arms/6yr. Trustee.

Newly Nominating Committee formed.. Latheia Smith-Chairperson/Bridget B./Katrina M.

Nominations must be submitted in writing in advance and will also be accepted night of Election. More info to follow.

8:24pm-Treasury Report-Cynthia Hood
General,Scholarship,Legal Funds balances reported.
Motion made by Wade Hardy/2nd by David Clarke to accept the reading of the TReport.
Motion passed.

8:26pm-President Hood
Thank You to the BBQ Committee. BBQ was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Thank You to Starr D./Gwen P./Zaundra W./Autumn E./Howard T./ Cynthia H./Paul H. for donating Back To School Supplies to the YWCA in White Plains.

8:27pm- Motion made to close meeting by Wade Hardy/2nd by Starr Dawson. Motion passed.
Closing Prayer: Daymon Yizar

Note: If you committed to attend an event , all monies for said event ticket must be paid in full before the event date. Please forward monies to Cynthia Hood via Cash,Cash App or Check.

Attendance

- 1.Oddes Andrews
- 2.Manny Arismendez
- 3.Wendell Barbour
- 4.Mona Berry-Cauthen
- 5.Claudio Benavides
- 6.Bridget Brown
- 7.Larry Brown

8. David Clarke
9. Carl Dawson
10. Starr Dawson
11. Sean Deane
12. Viticha DeLeon
13. Autumn Edwards
14. Edna Foster
15. Robert Francis
16. David Gibson
17. Joel Green
18. Malcolm Greer
19. James Hall
20. Norman Hall
21. Wade Hardy
22. Cynthia Hood
23. Paul Hood
24. Daniella Jackson
25. Zubaidah Jackson
26. Rick Lee
27. Kareem Lloyd
28. Jewel Lynch
29. Danita Matthews
30. Christine McDade
31. Ronald McGregor
32. Katrina Mosley
33. Oritt Parkinson
34. Gwendolyn Partlow
35. Neil Reynolds
36. Bradley Ruty
37. Robert Samuel
38. Latheia Smith
39. Robyn Stanback
40. Howard Tribble
41. Harcourt Tynes
42. Zaundra Wilcher-Scott
43. Daymon Yizar

