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Minutes of the Chapter Meeting
EWI® of Memphis
February 18, 2016

Call to Order

The EWI of Memphis Chapter meeting was held on Thursday, February 18, 2016, at Chickasaw Country Club in Memphis. The meeting was called to order by President Linda Grissom (Medtronic, Inc.) at 6:21 p.m.

Roll Call

Secretary Nina Nguyen (Regions Bank) called the roll. In attendance were (22) active reps, (5) sustainers, (1) honorary, (0) life member and (11) guests, for a total of 39 attendees.

Invocation/Dinner

Erica Simpson (Memphis College of Art) gave the invocation. President Grissom (Medtronic, Inc.) announced knowledgeable representatives were seated at each table and tent cards with topics were provided. The attendees were served dinner and Terry Reeves (Honorary Member) led the singing to celebrate Sherry McCraw's (Sustaining Member) birthday.

Programs

The program centered on Orientation for the newest members and guests that were considering membership. Guests had the opportunity to preview available literature and EWI highlights on the rolling aquos board. Peggy Quinn (The University of Memphis), Kristi Emmons (FedEx Services) and Erica Simpson (Memphis College of Art) shared their EWI journey and thoughts regarding membership.

Deborah Vaughn (Staples) announced the March Chapter Meeting will take place at Holiday Inn/University of Memphis on March 17, 2016.

Installation of Board Member and “open position” Appointments

Nothing to report.

Minutes

The December 2015 and January 2016 Board and Chapter meeting minutes were posted to the website. No member objections or corrections were received during the meeting and the minutes were approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report

The December 2015 and January 2016 financials were posted to the website; since there were no objections, they will be filed for audit.

Retention & Recruitment

President Grissom (Medtronic, Inc.) announced new members:

- Erica Johnson is our new representative for Belhaven University.
- Erica Simpson was our former representative for Belhaven University and had the pleasure of recruiting Erica Johnson. Erica Simpson is the representative for our newest member firm, Memphis College of Art.

Fundraising

Angel Halpern (Regions Bank) announced “Free for All” will be the fundraising theme for the March Chapter Meeting. Members were asked to contact Angel Halpern (Regions Bank) regarding donating items. Four to seven items were requested for each fundraiser.

President Grissom (Medtronic, Inc.) announced the 2016 Golf Tournament will be held at TPC Southwind on July 11, 2016. Committee meetings will begin at the end of February and announcements will be sent. Members were asked to commit to the Golf Tournament due to it being the chapter’s largest fundraising event and to start recruiting golf teams or donations. All golf prospects are welcomed.

Communications

Mary Judson (Kemmons Wilson Companies) asked members to continue to share firm news, articles and job openings. Members were also asked to search and follow EWI of Memphis on Facebook.

Announcements

March Board Meeting

President Grissom (Medtronic, Inc.) announced that the March Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2016. The meeting will be held at Staples and hosted by Deborah Vaughn (Staples). Meetings are open to the membership. If members wish to attend, they were asked to contact President Grissom (Medtronic, Inc.).

2016 Spring Tennessee Board Forum

President Grissom (Medtronic, Inc.) announced a Tennessee Board Forum for Spring 2016 would be held on April 29-30 as announced by Chapter President Charlie Rosenquist and hosted by the Chattanooga chapter in Chattanooga, TN. Members were encouraged to attend and reach out to President Grissom (Medtronic, Inc.) for further details. Members were advised to watch the Corporate Website and our Memphis Chapter website for details.

February Birthdays

President Grissom (Medtronic, Inc.) extended February birthday wishes to:

- Sherry McCraw (2/1)

Networking

- Deborah Vaughn (Staples) recognized Cissy Pryor (Living Health Day Spa) for providing her with a terrific weekly spa experience.
- Janice Toshach (Bancorp South) recognized Krissie Heuer (Business Equipment Center) for the Bancorp South referral.

- Dianne Westphal (The Peabody Hotel) announced their new Peabody Spa.

A brief time was allowed for networking experiences.

Appreciation

President Grissom (Medtronic, Inc.) acknowledged and extended thanks to our sustainers and all members in attendance for their continued chapter support.

Members were asked to leave their name badges on the tables to be collected by the Hospitality Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

/s _____
Linda Grissom, 2015-2016 President

/s _____
Nina Nguyen, Secretary