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Minutes of the Chapter Meeting
EWI® of Memphis
June 15, 2017

Call to Order

The EWI of Memphis Chapter meeting was held on Thursday, June 15th, 2017 at The Peabody in Memphis, TN, and was called to order at 6:01 p.m. President Krissie Heuer (Business Equipment Center) was in the chair and Secretary Erica Simpson (Memphis College of Art) was present. A quorum was present.

Roll Call

Secretary Erica Simpson, representing Memphis College of Art, called the roll. In attendance were (22) active reps, (3) sustainers, (0) life members and (15) guest, for a total of 40 attendees.

Invocation/Dinner

President Heuer gave the invocation, after which the attendees were served dinner.

Program

Program Director Mable Barringer, representing the National Kidney Foundation, introduced our speaker, Ephie Ballard-Johnson, President & CEO of the Neighborhood Christian Centers. Mrs. Ballard-Johnson shared about her various business pursuits and heart for helping people.

Installations

President-Elect Deborah Vaughn, representing Staples, installed our newest representatives: Debbie Jones and Lisa Thompson, representing Belhaven University.

ASIST Awards:

BCDP Director Janie Emerson, representing Shelby County Schools, presented the 2017 ASIST (Adult Students in Scholastic Transition) awards to Patrick Phillips, Michelle Nolen-Bird, and Cassandra States. Each recipient gave brief thank-you remarks.

Professional Leadership Award

President Heuer announced the 2017 recipients of the Professional Leadership Award. The recipients will be attending the EWI Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM) in Dallas, TX, in September 2017. The recipients were Mable Barringer (National Kidney Foundation) and Erica Simpson (Memphis College of Art).

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee's report of the Slate of Officers and Directors for 2017-2018 was presented. Members were reminded of the Chapter By-Laws stating that "Other nominations may thereafter be submitted in writing to the President 15 days prior to the Chapter's Annual Meeting, and the President shall notify the membership. Further, nominations may be made from the floor. If there is more than one nominee for an office, the vote shall be by ballot." There were nominations from the floor for future representative Michelle Nolen-Bird to be

Secretary by new representative Lisa Thompson (Belhaven University). The remainder of the nominations were as follows:

- President: Deborah Vaughn (Staples)
- President Elect: Judy Carmichael (William Howard & Co. Financial Advisors, Inc.)
- Secretary: Michelle Nolen-Bird (future representative) floor nomination
- Treasurer: Cindy Lynch (Medtronic)
- Sergeant-At-Arms: Janet Samples (Staples)
- Retention & Recruitment: Latrice McLin (Shoemaker Financial)
- Program Director: Mable Barringer (National Kidney Foundation)
- Communications: Stacey Robinson (FedEx Services)
- Ways & Means Director: Erica Simpson (Memphis College of Art)
- BCDP: Linda Grissom (Medtronic)

Minutes

Secretary Erica Simpson, representing Memphis College of Art, provided the May 2017 Board and Chapter meeting minutes to the members and posted the minutes to the website. No member objections or corrections were received during the meeting and the minutes stood as presented.

Treasurer's Report

The May 2017 financials were provided to the members and will be posted to the website; since there were no objections, they will be filed for audit.

Recruitment/Retention

President Krissie Heuer informed attendees that a letters to local executives are being sent to invite firms to consider EWI. Please send an email to President Krissie Heuer or President-Elect Deborah Vaughn with firm contact information.

Programs

Program Director, Mable Barringer, representing the National Kidney Foundation, provided details for the July 10th meeting which will be held at Southwind in conjunction with the golf tournament.

She also shared the locations of future meetings (August – Chickasaw Country Club, Business Meeting; September – University of Memphis Athletic Hall of Fame). Members can also check the website calendar for up-to-date information on upcoming events.

Golf Tournament

Fundraising Director Angel Halpern (Regions Bank) reminded attendees that the tournament is less than a month away. We need everyone to reach out to any golfers they know. We need more teams! The tournament will be July 10th. Please contact Angel Halpern, Kristi Emmons-Jones, or Paige Perkins for further information or to volunteer your talents.

Communications

President Krissie Heuer reminded attendees that Communications Director Brittany Jones, representing Hilton Worldwide, welcomes any articles about their firms for the chapter newsletter.

Fundraising

Fundraising Director Angel Halpern finalized the night's silent auction.

Announcements

July Board Meeting

The July Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 6th and will be held at the Business

Equipment Center, hosted by President Heuer. Board Meetings are open meetings. Members were encouraged to attend.

Corporate Updates

Our chapter submitted the application for the Corporate Literacy.

Remember to register for LCAM! Early bird registration rate applies until June 15th. LCAM is Sept 20 – 24th.

Birthdays

June birthday wishes were extended to:

- Angel Halpern
- Janice Toshach
- Annetta Vick

Networking

- Mable Barringer, representing the National Kidney Foundation, thanked Dianne Westphal and Tina Hamilton (Peabody Hotel) for their assistance with tonight's program.
- Mable Barringer, representing the National Kidney Foundation, thanked Tina Hamilton (Peabody Hotel) for her assistance with hotel accommodations for the foundation's CEO and CFO.

Appreciation

President Heuer (Business Equipment Center) extended thanks to:

- The Peabody and staff for their service this evening
- Members for door prize donations to our fundraiser this evening
- Members and sustainers in attendance and their distinguished guests

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

/s

Krissie Heuer, President

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Erica Simpson, Secretary