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Minutes of the Chapter Meeting
EWI® of Memphis
November 19, 2015

Call to Order

The EWI of Memphis Chapter meeting was held on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at the home of Anna Hough, Captivating Interiors as a firm night. The meeting was called to order by President Linda Grissom (Medtronic) at 6:10p.m.

Roll Call

On behalf of incoming Secretary Nina Nguyen (Regions Bank), Danielle Rouseau (The Sims Financial Group) called the roll. In attendance were (19) active reps, (1) sustainers, (1) honorary, (0) life member and (0) guests, for a total of (21) attendees.

Invocation/Dinner

Anna Hough (Captivating Interiors) gave the invocation, after which the attendees were served dinner.

Minutes

The October Chapter 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 October financials were posted to the website; since there were no objections, they will be filed for audit.

Installation of Board Member and "open position" Appointments

President Grissom announced the 2015-2016 Board and Directors for open positions:

- Nina Nguyen (Regions Bank), Secretary
- Judy Carmichael (William Howard & Co. Financial Advisors, Inc.), Treasurer. Judy is transitioning from Fundraising Director to Treasurer.
- Angel Halpern (Regions Bank), Fundraising Director

President Grissom introduced Judy Carmichael for installation as the 2015 – 2016 Board Treasurer.

Judy is a Senior Executive Assistant with William Howard & Co. Financial Advisors, Inc. She has been with the firm for 14 years. Her responsibilities encompass a wide range of client services, office management, and the financial planning process. Judy joined the firm with 15 years of experience in the banking industry. She has earned six industry certifications and will complete her degree in Business Administration from Strayer University next month. Congratulations!

As Treasurer, Judy will serve as the financial officer of the chapter by accounting for all receipts and disbursements of the chapter in a timely manner in accordance with accepted accounting practices. The Treasurer will maintain two separate bank accounts: one for the general funds of the chapter and one for the Business/Career/Development Program account using the IRS Guidelines for Charitable Contributions, maintain approved investment account and serve as a member of the Chapter Budget Committee.

Programs

Deborah Vaughn (Staples) announced that the December 10 Chapter Meeting will be held at The University Club. Our guest speaker will be Olivia Clifford with Les Passees Kids on the Block. Due to the holidays, we were reminded the December chapter meeting will be held one week earlier than our normal schedule. We will also enjoy our annual Bake Sale Silent Auction and encourage everyone to participate by bringing a baked good or other seasonally inspired auction item.

BCDP

Danielle Rouseau (The Sims Financial Group) announced that the December 10 Chapter Meeting philanthropic event will be associated with the Les Passees Kids on the Block. This organization is known for their educational efforts; for example, on children's emotions and dealing with bullying. They use child size puppets to deliver the messaging. Our guest speaker will be Olivia Clifford with Les Passees Kids on the Block and a "surprise" speaker with the organization is expected. The Memphis Chapter will offer a special donation to Les Passees Kids on the Block. Any donations by members or member firms will be greatly appreciated.

Announcements

December Board Meeting

President Grissom announced that the December Board Meeting is scheduled December 3 at Medtronic, Inc., one week earlier than our normal schedule due to the holiday month and will be hosted by Krissie Heuer (Business Equipment Center). Board Meetings are open to the membership. If members wish to attend, they were asked to contact President Grissom.

Applause Awards

As a reminder, the chapter gives (3) awards to current member representatives and (1) award to a sustainer. To be eligible for the drawing, the members must have attended minimum of (10) chapter meetings during the year. The winners will have their annual dues paid for the year.

November Birthdays

President Grissom extended November birthday wishes to:

- Carrie Semmes (11/21)

Networking

Mable Barringer (The National Kidney Foundation) recognized Erica Simpson (Belhaven University), Dianne Westphal (The Peabody Hotel), Paige Perkins (Memphis Grizzlies), Kristi Emmons (FedEx Services) and Anna Hough (Captivating Interiors) for auction items for "Sip Around the World".

Judy Carmichael (William Howard and Co. Advisors, Inc.) recognized Dianne Westphal (The Peabody Hotel) and Terry Reeves (Hicks Convention Services) for their contributions to the Variety Children's Charity.

Jane Bratton recognized Paige Perkins (Memphis Grizzlies). She smoothed the way for Jane and her grandson to access the FedEx Forum lower level with the players and see Marc Gasol.

Peggy Quinn (The University of Memphis) recognized Anna Hough (Captivating Interiors) for hosting graduating seniors for a dining etiquette session at her home.

Linda Grissom (Medtronic, Inc.), on behalf of Medtronic Sales Executive Assistants, recognized Dianne Westphal for a wonderful "High Tea" experience at The Peabody Hotel.

A brief time was allowed for networking experiences.

Appreciation

President Grissom acknowledged and extended thanks to

-Anna Hough of Captivating Interiors for hosting a firm night and providing a beautiful venue for the evening as well as assisting Program Director Vaughn (Staples) with the caterers. All were very gracious.

-Jackie Hicks Chandler and Terry Reeves of Hicks Convention Services for their continued support and for their services in the evening's venue.

-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 7:23 p.m.

/s

Linda Grissom, 2015-2016 President

Nina Nguyen, incoming Secretary