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Minutes of the Chapter Meeting
EWI® of Memphis
February 16, 2017

Call to Order

The EWI of Memphis Chapter meeting was held on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at The Guest House at Graceland in Memphis, TN, and was called to order at 6:09 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 (25) active reps, (5) sustainers, (0) life member and (14) guests, for a total of 44 attendees.

Invocation/Dinner

Cindy Lynch, representing Medtronic, gave the invocation, after which the attendees were served dinner.

Program

Program Director Mable Barringer, representing the National Kidney Foundation, introduced our speaker, Mr. Keith Hess, Managing Director of The Guest House at Graceland. Mr. Hess shared the origin story of The Guest House and future plans for the area. Special thanks was given to Mr. Brad Colonna, Catering Sales Manager, for assisting in bring the event together and the group tour before the meeting.

Minutes

Secretary Erica Simpson, representing Memphis College of Art, provided the January 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 January 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.

Installations

President Elect Deborah Vaughn, representing Staples installed our newest representatives: Sylvia Mayhorn, 3rd representative for Staples and Tammy Viktora, 1st representative for The Guest House at Graceland.

Special Speakers

Past Corporate Presidents, Diane Luckett and Ronwyn Anderson, shared some of their history and highlights with EWI.

Firm Recognition

Veda Ajamu, representing the National Civil Rights Museum, shared about the community connections the museum is currently involved with. Janice Toshach, representing BancorpSouth, spoke about the benefits of her firm. Laura House, Sustainer, shared about some of her favorite EWI experiences.

Programs

Program Director, Mable Barringer, representing the National Kidney Foundation, provided details for the March 16th Chapter Meeting, which will be held at the Holiday Inn at the University of Memphis.

She also shared the locations of future meetings (April – Crescent Club; May – Chickasaw Country Club; June – Peabody; July – Golf Tournament). Members can also check the website calendar for up-to-date information on upcoming events.

BCDP and Golf Tournament

President Krissie Heuer reminded attendees that the ASIST scholarship process was underway and that applications are now available on the EWI website.

Planning for the Golf Tournament has begun.

Another \$5000 grant was received from Staples for the 2016 year! Appreciation was shared for President Elect Deborah Vaughn's assistance with receiving this grant and the generosity of her firm, Staples.

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, representing Regions Bank, provided an update on fundraising activities for the March 16th Chapter Meeting and tonight's activities.

Announcements

March Board Meeting

The March Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9th and will be held at the home of Deborah Vaughn. Board Meetings are open meetings. Members were encouraged to attend.

February Birthdays

February birthday wishes were extended to:

- Sherry McCraw

Renewals Reminder

Many member renewals were due at the end of December. Watch for a billing invoice.

Social Event

Paige Perkins, Memphis Grizzlies, has invited the chapter to a game on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 7pm. Cost is \$40 per person.

Networking

Annetta Vick, Sustainer; Janice Toshach, BancorpSouth; and Deborah Vaughn, Staples, thanked Paige Perkins, Memphis Grizzlies, for the Garth Brooks concert ticket special.

Rose Ann Bradley, Sustainer, thanked Deborah Vaughn, Staples; Kristi Emmons-Jones, FedEx Services; and Veda Ajamu, National Civil Rights Museum, for their support of a convention.

Mable Barringer, National Kidney Foundation, thanked Jackie Chandler, Hicks Convention Services, for the assistance with the Chocolate Fantasy event.

Anna Hough, Sustainer, mentioned that Peggy Quinn, University of Memphis, had retired and relocated to Gulf Shores, AL.

Krissie Heuer, Business Equipment Center, thanked Nakeisha Green, guest, for the flower arrangements provided for the chapter meeting.

Kristi Emmons-Jones, FedEx Services, thanked The Guest House at Graceland for having the chapter.

Appreciation

President Heuer (Business Equipment Center) extended thanks to:

- The Guest House at Graceland 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 7:45 p.m.

/s

Krissie Heuer, President

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Erica Simpson, Secretary