



Minutes of the Chapter Business Meeting  
EWI of Memphis  
November 19, 2009

**Call to Order**

The November EWI of Memphis Chapter meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm at The Audubon House, Memphis, TN, by Martye Slayton, President.

**Roll Call**

30 Active Representatives, 5 Sustaining Members, 1 Life Member, 1 Honorary Member, and 4 Guests were present.

**Minutes**

The October minutes were approved as published on the website.

**Treasurer's Report**

The October General Operating, B/C/DP, and Golf financials will be posted to the website when Rick Barnett, webmaster, returns to work. They will be filed for audit.

The 2009-2010 Budget was presented, in detail, by Henri Vaskin (Deloitte Services LP), Treasurer. There were no questions. Several reps commented that the new format was easy to understand. A vote will be taken at the December chapter meeting to approve the budget, as presented.

**Membership:**

Paige Perkins (Memphis Grizzlies) installed Tracey Foldenauer, representing AmeriPride Services, as our newest member firm. Paige also installed Terry Reeves (Hicks Convention Services) as an Honorary Member and presented him with a duffel bag full of goodies donated by several member firms.

**Communications**

None

**Committee Reports:**

**Program:**

When you walk into 1034 Audubon Drive, you immediately go back in time – 1956 – to be exact. This home, purchased by the Mike Curb Music Foundation, was home to Vernon, Gladys and Elvis Presley for almost a year. Elvis purchased the home with royalties from his first million-dollar-selling record, “Heartbreak Hotel.” The home is filled with pictures of Elvis and his family, period style furniture and many fun memories. Our guest speaker, George Klein, aka/ GK, was a dear friend of “The King” since meeting in the eighth grade! He reminisced with us from Elvis’ days at 1034 Audubon Drive until his death. He told us how the “Memphis Mafia” came about and frequently referred to Dixie Emmons (Kristi Richardson’s mom) and her relationship with Elvis. It was a fun-filled evening for all.

**Ways & Means:**

Terrice Huggins (BancorpSouth), Chairman drew for door prizes. The winning ticket for the “Nose- to-Toes” cash pot was held by Judy Thompson. Terrice also reminded the membership of the Silent Auction Bake Sale in December. She announced a “White Elephant” sale in January, as well as the EWI Bowl-a-Thon at Cordova Bowling Center on January 26, 2010. The cost is \$10 per person which includes two hours of unlimited games and shoe rental. Our chapter will get to keep one-half of the monies collected.

More details to follow in December.

**BCDP:**

Deborah Vaughn (NOI Memphis), Chairman, presented the December philanthropy project – adopting families from New Hope Christian Academy. Sign-up sheets were located on each table to solicit toys and/or donations. She will also email the information to the membership.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

Our Trivia moment this month was “Plant a Seed” in our reps. The question was “How does EWI promote personal and professional development?” Seed packets were placed at each place setting with a different answer – Academy of Leadership, ASIST Scholarships, FELLOWS Scholarships, Teleseminars, Spring Conferences and LCAM.

For those who have expressed an interest in serving on the 2010 Spring Conference Committee, an email will be sent out in the coming weeks about a meeting to begin diligent work on the upcoming event. President Slayton has suggested that for the afternoon and evening of registration and reception, she would like the Memphis Chapter to wear white blouses and black slacks. White blouses with an embroidered EWI logo will be available for purchase at the December and January meetings.

**Announcements**

- ✓ Deadline for the December *EWIConnect* is November 23, 2009. All submissions should be sent to Barbara Taylor (FedEx Express).
- ✓ “Ladies in Red” watercolor painting and note cards were displayed and will be shown again in December. In January, we will have a live auction to sell the painting and cards. Krissie Heuer (Business Equipment Center) has requested all proceeds go directly to our scholarship fund.

- ✓ The December Board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2009, at the home of Anna Hough, hostess.
- ✓ The December Chapter meeting will take place at the University Club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, December 10, 2009.
- ✓ Updated rosters, Board and Chapter minutes, financials and copies of the ***EWICconnect*** will be available each month at the nametag table. Please pick up a copy and “stay connected”!

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

**Approved by Martye Slayton**  
(President’s signature)

**Submitted by Carol Whitfield**  
Secretary