



Minutes of the Chapter Meeting
EWI of Memphis
May 20, 2010

Call to Order

The May EWI of Memphis Chapter meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm, at the River Inn of Harbor Town, Memphis, TN, by President Martye Slayton (Kemmons Wilson Companies).

Roll Call

34 Active Representatives, 8 Sustaining Members, 1 Honorary Member, and 6 Guests were present, for a total of 49 present.

Minutes

The April Board and Chapter minutes were approved as published on the website.

Treasurer's Report

The April 2010 financials were posted to the website. There being no questions, the financials will be filed for audit.

Membership:

Membership Director Paige Perkins (Memphis Grizzlies) installed two new member firms:

- Metropolitan Bank – Welby Stamps, representative
- River Inn of Harbor Town – Lisa Roberts, representative

A new second rep for FedEx Corporation was also installed – Jennifer Thornton. A replacement second rep for Smith & Nephew, Grace Genzer, was also installed.

Communications

None

Committee Reports:

Program:

Our speaker for the evening was Colonel Arthur Oliver, U.S. Army National Guard. As a civilian, Mr. Oliver serves as a senior vice president at SunTrust Bank. He has given over 25 years of service to the National Guard and recently returned from a one-year tour in Afghanistan as a combat advisor to the U.S. Army. He gave us an inside-out view of the location, demographics and history of the country. His troops' main mission was to "train, advise and mentor" the Afghans. He cited corruption in government as the country's biggest obstacle. Relationships had to be forged between two different cultures, roads had to be built, the poppy crop had to be eradicated, irrigation systems set up for the farmers – the list goes on and on. All the reconstruction the Soviets did has been destroyed over the past thirty-year period. With the help of interpreters, our troops have been able to make much progress, although Colonel Oliver could not really

say how much longer the American forces would need to stay in Afghanistan. For further reading, he provided the following websites:

www.longwarjournal.org

www.michaelyon-online.com

www.smallwarsjournal.com

Ways & Means:

Director Terrice Huggins (BancorpSouth) and her committee drew for door prizes. She also unveiled the new and exciting fundraiser, “No Dirty Dishes for a Month”! The Chapter will give away \$600 worth of restaurant gift cards to one lucky person for a suggested donation of \$10 for one ticket, or three tickets for \$20. The winning ticket will be selected at the August 19 Chapter meeting, and attendance is not required to win!

Other items to note:

- ❖ \$440 was raised at Spring Conference with the “Nose-to-Toes” 50/50 cash pot
- ❖ Our next EWI Bowl-a-Thon will take place on Tuesday, June 22 – \$10 to bowl, and \$5 comes back to the Chapter

Unfinished Business

New Business

Our Trivia moment this month:

- Being a mentor in EWI is like planting a seed and watching it grow! Sharing your stories and ideas with other Reps will help promote leadership and involvement within our organization.

At the April Board meeting, Program Director Sherry Fields announced that she will be retiring from Rhodes College in June, and tendered her Board resignation effective May 30. **Chapter Bylaws Article III, “Chapter Board Directors and Officers”, Section 5, states: “Any vacancy in the office of Director (including any Director designated as an Officer) shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the appointment of an individual who is qualified under these Bylaws by the remaining members of the Board. In the event the Vice President/President-Elect cannot assume the duties of the President, the Nominating Committee shall present a successor as Vice President/President-Elect or Vice President only.”** The name of Jackie Hicks (Hicks Convention Services), an active member in good standing, was presented to the Board. The vote was unanimous to ask Jackie to fill the remaining term of Program Director. Jackie has accepted this position and looks forward to serving the Chapter.

B/C/DP Chair Deborah Vaughn (Lonesource) gave the chapter a quick summary of the 2010 Reading Rally held at Tennessee Baptist Children's Home on May 1. More information can be found in our May EWICConnect.

Publications Director Barbara Taylor (FedEx Express) was asked to speak to the membership on the **EWICConnect** Contest being held by Corporate in July. She gave us the details of the contest and asked members to submit a testimonial in relation to the three C's – Career / Connections / Community – for the July edition of the newsletter that will be submitted to the contest.

Announcements

- ✓ The straw ballot was emailed to the membership by Nominating Committee Chair, Anna Hough. Please fill out your ballot and return to her as quickly as possible.
- ✓ Deadline for the June **EWICConnect** is June 1. All submissions should be sent to Barbara Taylor (FedEx Express).
- ✓ The June Board meeting will be held at Rhodes College on Thursday, June 10, at 5:30 pm. Paige Perkins will be the hostess.
- ✓ Sherry Fields (Rhodes College) announced that the June Chapter meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel (Shady Grove Road) on Thursday, June 17, at 5:30pm. Our ASIST scholarships will be awarded at this meeting.
- ✓ If you have any concerns that you would like to share with the Chapter, please contact Chaplain Julia Chrestman (Interactive Solutions).
- ✓ Updated rosters, Board and Chapter minutes, financials and copies of the **EWICConnect** are available each month at the nametag table. Please pick up a copy and "stay connected"!

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Approved by Martye Slayton
(President's signature)

Submitted by Carol Whitfield
Secretary