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Minutes of Chapter Business Meeting  
EWI of Memphis  
December 10, 2009

Call to Order

The December EWI of Memphis Chapter meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm at The University Club of Memphis by President Martye Slayton (Kemmons Wilson).

Roll Call

In attendance were: 26 active reps, 4 sustaining members, 1 transitional member, and 15 guests, which included 3 prospective members and 10 entertainers, for a total of 46.

Minutes

The November minutes were approved as published on the website.

Treasurer's Report

The November financial reports have been published on the website and will be filed for audit.

Copies of the Budgets were made available to the membership by Treasurer Henri Vaskin (Deloitte Services). Anna Hough (Captivating Interiors) made a motion to approve the 2010 General Operating Budget. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote. Linda Christenson (Christenson Sash and Door) made a motion to approve the 2010 B/C/DP Budget. The motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

Quarterly Reporting

Printed quarterly Board Reports were provided to attendees in lieu of verbal reports.

Applause Awards

Henri Vaskin announced the names of members who attended a minimum of 10 meetings in 2009, thereby making them eligible for an Applause Award and having their dues waived in 2010. Attendance certificates were presented to the 17 eligible members, five of whom had perfect attendance this year. Winners were announced, as follows: Anna Hough (Captivating Interiors), Martha Pallesen (Pallesen Consulting Services), and Janice Toshach (BancorpSouth). Additionally, the Chapter presented Sustainer Awards to Judy Thompson and Paulette McMillin. Their fees will be waived for 2010, also. The program will be continued in 2010 and members were encouraged to try for the award by regularly attending chapter meetings.

Program

The program consisted of outstanding entertainment by Woolsocks, a group of students from Rhodes College who sang a medley of songs, including Christmas carols. The 10 young men were warmly received by the audience.

### Ways & Means

Terrice Huggins (BancorpSouth) and her committee organized a successful Silent Auction with a large variety of food and food-related items. An announcement on proceeds from this event is forthcoming.

Ways & Means Committee organized a visit by Santa, who distributed favors to attendees.

At the January 21 meeting, members are asked to bring a “White Elephant” gift for sale. Re-gifted items which are of no use to one person may be just the treasure for another. Gently used items may also be contributed to the sale, but new items are preferred.

The first EWI Bowl-A-Thon is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, from 6 – 8 pm at Cordova Bowling Center. Cost is \$10 per person, which includes shoe rental and as many games as possible in the two-hour period. The Chapter receives one-half of the proceeds. The event is open to members, their families, colleagues, and friends; it is an all-comers event.

### B/C/DP

Deborah Vaughn (NOI Memphis) is in the process of collecting items and cash to purchase items for families from New Hope Christian Academy who have been adopted for Christmas.

### Spring Conference

President Slayton encouraged members to purchase white shirts to be worn by Host Chapter EWI of Memphis at the upcoming Spring Conference in April. Shirts were on display at the meeting and orders were taken. There will be another opportunity at the January meeting to try on shirts and place an order.

### EWI Trivia

The trivia moment for December was an opportunity to learn about the Tilly Award, which was given from 1951-1971 and awarded for the finest Chapter reporting. In 2008, the Tilly Award was revived and criteria were modified to also include best practices based on Chapter newsletters, visits with Chapters, and conversations with membership. EWI of Chattanooga won the award in 2009.

### Announcements

Deadline for December edition of ***EWICONNECT*** is January 5, 2010. All submissions should be sent to Barbara Taylor (FedEx Express) at [bftaylor@fedex.com](mailto:bftaylor@fedex.com).

An original watercolor painting by Krissie Heuer (Business Equipment Center) titled “Ladies in Red”, as well as note cards, will be sold at January 21 chapter meeting in a live auction. Terry Reeves (Hicks Convention Services), honorary member, will serve as Auctioneer.

The January Board meeting will be held Thursday, January 14, 2010, at Kemmons Wilson; Jane Bratton is hosting. Members who would like to attend should notify Secretary Carol Whitfield (FedEx Corporation) in advance.

The January Chapter meeting will take place on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at Holiday Inn Wolfchase. This will be a Firm Night; tours of the facility will be offered.

President Slayton conveyed a message from Dr. Irvin Fleming, uncle of Melinda Edwards (Healthy Lifestyle Consultants). Members may recall Dr. Fleming as a speaker at a previous chapter meeting where he explained the vision of Hope Lodge. He sent his thanks to EWI for their prior contribution and wanted the chapter to know they have broken ground for a facility on Union Avenue, next to Sun Studios. Members are encouraged to drive by the site to monitor progress.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm with wishes for a Merry Christmas!

*Pending approval by Martye Slayton*  
Chapter President

Submitted by Jane Bratton  
(Sergeant-at-Arms on behalf of Carol Whitfield, Secretary)