

EWI Roanoke Chapter Board Meeting Minutes April 11, 2007

The April Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President, Charlene Hudson. Representatives present were Lana Seale, Leslie Coty, Libby Camper, Tonya Harper, Donna Tatum, Linda Mack, Wanda Hatchett, Anna Karbassiyoon, Amanda Schaal and Danielle Rand-Byrd.

Old Business: Current membership count is 25 firms and 26 members. Charlene asked for class codes for several new member firms: National, Advance, Blue Ridge Business Journal, Frito Lay and Lionberger. Donna will supply these and Charlene will revise the list. Discussed importance of receiving completed applications for all new members. Applications are available online.

New Business: Debbie Clark, Membership Advisor will visit in June. Charlene and Libby Camper have taken care of hotel arrangements and it was agreed that our Chapter will cover the lodging expenses. Charlene shared ideas from a teleconference that she had participated in recently on membership recruitment. One suggestion was a possible firm night for networking with booths set up for members to educate other members on the products and/or services that they offer.

Treasurer's Report: Tonya reviewed the monthly and quarterly financial reports. Total in all accounts is \$23,271.62. Total in B/C/DP Account is \$3,850.76. Tonya, Anna and Wanda will conduct the audit. \$700 had been given to Hurt Park Elementary to sponsor the trip to Virginia Beach for the State competition for Odyssey of the Minds.

Membership Report: Donna Tatum will be stepping down as Chairman due to work commitments. Becky Beard will be the Express Personnel replacement. Danielle nominated and Wanda seconded the motion for Anna Karbassiyoon to be the new Chairman. Anna graciously accepted and Donna stated that she would turn over all her information to Anna. Installation of new members was discussed. Need to install Angie Baughman and Jo Lynn Seifert. No response has been received from Luna or WDBJ 7.

Programs Report: Libby Newton was absent. Leslie Coty will speak at the May meeting on "Networking" and June will be Scholarship announcement and a presentation by our visiting membership advisor. Donna Tatum/Express Personnel will do a firm night in August. Most of the remaining months have been scheduled.

Director at Large: Linda has received 7 applications for the scholarship. A committee will be formed to review and select the winner by next month's meeting. Danielle offered to ask her executive to participate, Libby Camper volunteered, and Linda will contact Pete Lampman to see if he will join the selection committee.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Both Jessica & Helen were absent. Danielle and Charlene will be greeters for tonight's meeting.

Reading Rally: Wanda proudly announced that the reading for '07 has been completed. Preparations are being made for the celebration which will be held on May 4th from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. She requested give aways from all the participating firms to give thank you gift bags to the two third grade teachers. She already had 2 LCAM bags and 2 reading rally t-shirts to include. Schaal's Catering will donate the ice cream and Leslie said that QBear is a go. The certificates are ready and she will pick up the trophies for the reading winner and the writing winner will also receive one. Wanda encouraged everyone to attend the party. Lana will be meeting with a Roanoke Times columnist tomorrow and will suggest some publicity for the Odyssey of the Minds win and the RR May 4th celebration.

Charlene Hudson adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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