

## **EWI Roanoke Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 9, 2008**

The April Board of Directors meeting was held at The Hotel Roanoke and called to order at 4:25 p.m. by Leslie Coty, President.

**Other Members attending:** Becky Beard, Linda Mack, Libby Camper, Tonya Harper, Wanda Hatchett, Corrie Bowers and Jo Lynn Seifert.

### **OLD BUSINESS, Membership Drive:**

Continue encouraging all members to invite guests to meetings.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None to report.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:** Chapter photo album update:

The album cannot be found but Wanda was excited to report finding an assortment of old pictures. She and Ashley will start a new scrapbook once the people can be identified. Leslie will call Becky Spaid (old member) to see if she knows anything about the photo album.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:** (Tonya Harper)

Tonya distributed March's monthly financial report which reflected a total of \$20,277.02 in the General Fund and Investment accounts combined. The committee is planning to meet in April to prepare for June's audit. The audit committee consists of Michelle Chambers, Libby Camper, Tonya Harper and Marlene Stewart (non-executive board member). Leslie requested the treasurer's report to be emailed.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORTS:** (Leslie Coty for Anna Karbassiyoon)

(Anna is still in California caring for son whose in rehabilitation)

There are presently 17 members. Wanda distributed a new roster and Libby suggested adding home addresses. Libby needs to be installed and the date will be set once Anna returns. Martin Travel being bought out by AAA should have no effect on Michelle Chamber's membership. Lana Seale is planning to pursue and join under another classification category so that the real estate slot is now open.

Leslie followed up with all guests at March's meeting and distributed a report of the status of each. Of note- Brenda Wilson of E&J Gallo and Karen Bertrand of Long & Foster will be at tonight's meeting. Others who expressed interest and will pursue membership and/or plan to visit again soon are Gretchen Weinnig (FNB), Lisa Scott (SFCS), and Nicole Pardon (Oscient). Melinda Laughton (Eisenman Associates) is considering joining in fourth quarter; it was agreed to extend the free, 3 month membership fee break.

### **PROGRAMS/ SPEAKERS 2008:** (Corrie Bowers)

May and June meetings will be held at the Hotel Roanoke. We need to find out if audio will be needed and if guest speakers are staying for dinner. May's speaker is Kathy Surace, owner of Peacock Image and the program is "Importance of Professional Dress". June's speaker was approved and will be Aaron Ewert from Valley Forward. The Scholarship presentation will also be made.

July and August programs / speakers still need to be determined. Marlene Stewart of Orvis still wants to host a firm night and a date needs to be set. Something is needed in the "Leadership" category. Possibilities to consider are Andre Brooks,(the in-coming president of Kiwanis) and Roanoke Valley

Speech and Hearing. As July and August are typically low attendance months; everyone was enthusiastic about "FUN" ideas such as a bus trip to the Apple Ridge Farm and an overnight "slumber party" at the Hyatt Place. Libby will check into the possibility of the latter and will report back.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Member profiles are now being included in the PULSE newsletter. Tonya and Amanda will be featured in May's and Libby and Linda in June. Everyone who hasn't needs to fill out the questionnaire which Ashley sent out but as not all members received it, so she will resend it.

Leslie will make a lunch appointment with Carol Kirtley soon in order to transfer back the website registrant domain name back to the Roanoke EWI Chapter.

**DIRECTOR-at-LARGE, Scholarship:** (Amanda Schaal submitted written report)

The deadline for scholarship applications is April 7<sup>th</sup> and 3 have been received. Amanda will put a judging committee together. Libby and Wanda offered to help.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** (Linda Mack)

Guest meeting attendees' meal payments are mostly caught up.

**WAYS and MEANS:** (Libby Camper)

EWI's First Fridays dates have been set for May 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup> and shift is 4:30 to 9pm. In case of inclement weather, May 2<sup>nd</sup> will be moved to May 9<sup>th</sup>. 15-20 volunteers are needed for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Spouses and company co-workers are welcome to help. Anyone that can't be present is responsible for finding a substitute. Everyone should invite as many as possible to come. This will increase proceeds and the whole pot will be split between sponsors.

**READING RALLY, Hurt Park Elementary:** (Becky Beard)

May 9<sup>th</sup> is the finale celebrations from 2pm to 3:15. Schaal's Catering will donate ice cream; Q-Bear will be present and perhaps Chester the Cheetah. 30 goody bags for the teachers will be prepared by Becky from donations received from members. More donations are needed in addition to Frito Lay goodies and Q-99 coloring books/stickers. The names of all the children and staff are needed as well. Wanda offered to purchase teacher gift cards (Kroger debit cards?) for teachers' gift bags with chapter funds. Everyone was encouraged to look at home for new items (EX: personal care samples) to bring to Becky no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> so she can put the goodie and gift bags together.

The meeting convened at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Lynn Seifert, Secretary