

EWB Portland Maine Professionals

12/19/17 Meeting Minutes

President Nadia Glucksberg opened the meeting with a welcome to all and updates as follows:

HOLIDAY CHEER: Gifts and donations for our Iraqi family will be delivered the week between Christmas and New Year's. Thanks to all who have contributed or will contribute in the next few days! Please contact Kathy Hillman Reed (khillmanreed@gmail.com) for any questions re: gifts or delivery time.

EL PROGRESO, ECUADOR: This is a water project that will start as water distribution project and may grow. The travel first team will head to Ecuador for the assessment in late January!!! The second trip is being lined up for this spring. If you're interested and want to get involved, let Neil Franklin know (franklinn31@gmail.com) as this team meets separately for planning and completing the EWB requirements.

DEBRE BIRHAN, ETHIOPIA: Our portion of this project is the design and construction of a school for 1000 K-12th graders, with support for the latrine design and miscellaneous support as needed. Travel has been challenging due to in country disruption...but we are hopeful trips will start up again in 2018. If you have an interest in joining the team (traveling or supporting back home) let Nadia know (nglucksberg@haleyaldrich.com). Project team meetings occur separately and will provide an update at the chapter meeting this month.

STEM OUTREACH: Thanks to those who have volunteered and we are ready to start up with schools calling us to present to their students. We worked with the Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick for their STEM Outreach event on Oct 28 (thank you Lina and Nick) as well as Greely Middle School in Nov. It's a blast to see the students light up and ask questions! If you would like to organize, get involved, or just take part, please let Kathy Hillman Reed know (khillmanreed@gmail.com)

HAITI BRIDGE TEAM: Haiti is recovering from hurricane season and we have had a slight hiatus as our Cashman PM was also held up. This project should pick up again (hopefully) to see if we have land/access and when the bridge parts will be shipped.

FUNDRAISING: Next up = Portland Uncorked!. All volunteers and ideas are welcome. We will hold it at the Custom House in Portland on Thursday, March 8, 2018. We need everyone's help to make this a "go to" event to cap off Engineer's week. Planning meetings to begin in January.

EWB CHAPTER OUTREACH: We are supporting the EWB New Haven Professional Chapter, who needs travel mentors and REICs for their sanitation project in Nicaragua. First trip is in Feb with more to follow. If interested, let Nadia know.

DECEMBER PRESENTATION:

Nadia Gluckberg reviewed the latest Power Point presentation that is available for STEM presentations at area schools. This presentation contrasts construction methods in Ethiopia compared to the US, with the intention of pointing out there are many way to accomplish a construction goal.

She encouraged anyone interested in presenting at schools to let her or Kathy Hillman Reed know.

The meeting concluded with some holiday social time.

NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the SEA DOG BREWING CO.,125 WESTERN AVE., SO. PORTLAND, ME.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hillman Reed, Chapter Secretary