



ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS-USA
PORTLAND, MAINE PROFESSIONAL CHAPTER

MEETING MINUTES

Woodard & Curran

May 9, 2011 6:00-7:00 PM

Attendees: **Brandon Newman** **Sara Wright**
 Nadia Glucksberg **Will Haskell**
 Kathy Kern **Tim Brandon**
 Shanta Keller **Matt Marshall**
 Kyle Coolidge

Much thanks to Woodard & Curran for hosting this meeting and providing food and beverages!

ACTION ITEMS

Previous meeting action items were discussed. Brandon confirmed that he'd taken care of getting Nadia's presentation and two sloughing papers supplied by Jake posted on our website.

FUNDRAISING

We discussed upcoming events – the Spring Yard Sale (May 29/30, Will Juggle for Water! (May 21), Bayside Bowl (6/06), as well as various other potential fundraising actions.

Yard Sale: Some people have signed up, still want to get the word out so that Jake isn't picking stuff up at the last minute.

- Books are a big seller. Nadia suggested that we set some aside to take to Ghana on our next trip, particularly Grades 1-6.
- On the recent trip, Jay's parents sponsored purchase of school supplies.

Bayside Bowl: Kathy is going to check out the venue. Sara mentioned the next Greendrinks gather is tomorrow (5/10) at Bayside Bowl – might be a good opportunity to check things out. Theme: tropical? hats? retro bowling/clothing theme (think Charlie Sheen)?

Calendar Raffle: Kathy is still working on obtaining items for giveaways. Folks suggested additional items such as:

- Sunrise Guide-type booklet: pay \$25 and get coupons for green-types of places.
- Maine Indoor Karting: Tim said he has a connection at and will see if we can get a gift card or something.

- Mad Horse Theatre tickets: Nadia suggested tapping David Jacobs.
- Casco Bay Lines: possibly a sunset cruise.

[5K: This has been suggested by a couple of folks during previous discussions]

PROJECT TEAM

Jay has started writing the Post-Assessment Report (EWB-USA Document 522), and is in good shape to get it completed soon.

Karen and Jake are excited about doing the filter design. Nadia said they estimate the material costs for the next trip will be \$5-\$7K. Power is available; equipment will be electric powered.

The Pre-Implementation Report (EWB-USA Document 525) needs to be submitted by mid August if we want to have our trip in November. We will poll folks in the meeting minutes email as to when they'd prefer a trip – November 2011 or March 2012. Nadia could make either timeframe. Shanta, Sara, and Matt prefer March.

LOCAL COMMUNITY

- July 23, 2011 - Habitat for Humanity Joint Day with ASCE: Will said there is also a day available in September.
- July 30, 2011 - Festival of Nations: This will be held during the last weekend in July – we will plan to have a booth again this year. We really enjoyed participating last year; it was a great opportunity to have people learn about us and for us to meet a diverse cross-section of people living here in Southern Maine.

EWB-UM

Brandon is coordinating with Jean MacRae regarding membership retention. Jean's idea is to have a leadership forum that we help facilitate. It'd be an opportunity for us to engage with the student chapter. This would likely occur at the beginning of the fall semester.

USM

Brandon had no news to report. The students who were interested in EWB have graduation.

POTENTIAL SPEAKERS

Tim Brandon mentioned Ruben Ruganza, whose organization has been working to rebuild the Pygmy community in Africa through education and stabilization of the family. [Pastor Ruganza currently lives in Portland and is the President and Founder of FAMA Ministries (Famille Maintenant or Family Now).]

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, June 13, 2011 from 6:00-7:30 PM at Sea Dogs Brew Pub on Western Avenue in South Portland.**

I have prepared these meeting minutes to the best of my knowledge. If you have any comments or edits, please forward them to me.

Sincerely,

Katherine Kern