

EWB Portland Maine Professionals

8/19/2014 Meeting Minutes

Matt Randall opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and reviewing upcoming and ongoing chapter activities as follows:

Dorgobom, Ghana Water Project – The project team meets the **2nd and 4th Mondays** of each month at HDR. Please contact Kelcy Adamec at Kelcy.Adamec@hdrinc.com to join the project or receive updates.

The Community Project – Ethiopia –Portland State University is due to submit a Preliminary Design report for 2 – 4 composting latrines as a pilot project for the school, which we are helping them finalize. Also waiting for soil testing reports to determine whether compressed earth blocks can be made using local soils in Debre Birhan, Ethiopia. Matt reported the Alternative Analysis report is due to EWB-USA in September 2014. We hope to have final building materials selected by September to start the Preliminary Design report. At our September meeting the project team hopes to present the results of the Alternative Analysis report, the Preliminary Design report status for the school buildings, and other details from others we are working with on this project, including the latrine designs. A December 2014 trip is being planned for the latrine project.

The project team meets the **1st Tuesday of each month** 5:30PM – 6:30PM. Please contact Rita Cooper at rcooper@hydro-int.com to join the project or receive updates.

USM EWB Student Chapter – The USM students are preparing their first project which is a solar installation at an orphanage in Guatemala. They are expecting to make their first assessment trip in October 2014. If you would like to mentor or help with the project, please contact Phillip Swanson at Phillip.Swanson@maine.edu or Karen Arnold at karen.arnold@arcadis-us.com. The group is especially looking for electrical engineers as PE mentors.

Adult Ed Outreach – We continue to support engineers who have moved to Maine from around the world. Thanks to Jessica Pierce and Kathy Kern for their patience, mentoring and time to work with emigres. A special thanks to Kathy Kern , whose mentee was able to land a job in the past month!

Chapter Elections - Matt asked that anyone who may be interested in serving as President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary in the coming year should contact Matt. Chapter elections are coming up in September 2014. FMI, please contact Matt at matthewrandall1@gmail.com.

EWB National Conference - Matt reminded attendees of the upcoming EWB National Conference in Virginia in November. He noted he would attend representing our chapter.

EWB-USA Agreements – Matt reported the agreements have been signed and will be sent to EWB-USA.

Fundraising – Matt reported the Annual Yard Sale was not rained out on Sunday (8/17)! There are a significant number of items left over. Matt would like to get a group together to go through what is left

and get rid of items that will not sell, as well as reduce what's in Jake Jacobson's garage. Net proceeds from the yard sale appear to be just under \$1,000.

August Presentation

Kathy Hillman Reed and Jessica Pierce led a discussion about the planning status for the November 13, 2014 annual wine & beer tasting fundraising event, now named "Portland Uncorked!". The core planning team consists of Kathy Hillman Reed (khillmanreed@gmail.com), Jessica Pierce (jessicapierce77@gmail.com), Karen Arnold (Karen.Arnold@arcadis-us.com) and Kathy Kern (Katherine.Kern@tylin.com).

Several suggestions were made by members of the group, on which the core planning team will act. Kathy noted that the chapter has obtained a P.O. Box to receive corporate sponsorships, silent auction items and correspondence.

Kathy & Jess noted that more participation is needed for both the planning and implementation to make this major fundraising event happen. The core planning team will be contacting individuals to help with specific tasks both before and the day of the event.

Other Business

None was brought forward.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 16, 2014, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM in the event room at the Sea Dog Brewing Company, 125 Western Avenue, South Portland, ME. Please visit the Chapter Meetings page FMI at www.ewbportlandmaine.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hillman Reed, Secretary