



CHAPTER MEETING NOTES

Meeting Date: October 7, 2010

Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Place: 162 Curtis Hall, Drexel University

1. Introductions

- New Members' Introductions

2. News and Events

- Philadelphia Cares Event (on Saturday, Oct. 16th)
 - City-wide clean-up of over 25 Philadelphia schools
 - At the John Bartram High School in South Philly; will be painting classrooms, doors, and elevators
 - 10am – 1pm. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early
 - Walt will send another follow-up email about further details; can sign up with him or on the sign-up sheet during the meeting
- PGWI Conference
 - Thursday, November 4th, 8am – 5pm
 - All-day event on the Univ. of Penn campus
 - Reception at Fairmount WaterWorks Interpretive Center
 - Free event; but email ahead of time of attendance
- EWB-USA Regional Workshop
 - Nov. 5-7th in Pittsburgh, PA
 - Cost of \$175 for professional EWB members; \$200 for non-professional members
 - Professional development hours are available at the workshop
 - Will earn a discount towards the EWB-USA nation conference in KY if attending the regional workshop.
 - Must register on the website by Oct.31st.
- Possible chapter community event
 - Philadelphia Cares project in the middle of November or beginning of December (dependent on weather conditions)
 - Possibly something with Neighbors in Action
- American Water Resource Association
 - Lotus Hotel; Nov 1-4th
 - Philippines team project will be presenting on Wednesday or Thursday afternoon
- Philadelphia Water Department
 - One-day long conference on Friday, October 15th.
 - Registration cost of \$15 and open until day of the event
 - Less technical; see forwarded email from Maggie

3. EWB-USA Vision and Mission Statement:

- Message from EWB-USA headquarters to be sure we are utilizing the statements and logos as discussed at the meeting;



- **Vision Statement:** Our vision is a world in which the communities we serve have the capacity to sustainably meet their basic human needs, and that our members have enriched global perspectives through the innovative professional educational opportunities that the EWB-USA program provides.
- **Mission Statement:** EWB-USA supports community-driven development programs worldwide by collaborating with local partners to design and implement sustainable engineering projects, while creating transformative experiences and responsible leaders.
- Refer to the parent group as 'EWB-USA' always
- Possibly use the same outlines for a future YouTube page as well (future goal)

4. Project Financial Updates:

- Some personal donations have yet to be updated
- If mailing personal checks to a project team, please send along a cover letter. Walt has an example copy to post on the website. Follow up with EWB-USA to disclose how the funds should be allocated afterwards. It will take up to 45 days to process.
- Be sure there is an 'accountant' appointed for each project group to keep track of all known personal donations.

5. Project Summaries and Updates

- Las Delicias (El Salvador) – Brian Hammil presented
 - Conference call with EWB-USA; must consider an alternative assessment
- Rwanda
 - Building a prototype of the latrine to figure out with which is the best design
 - Team had a conference call with the technical advisory committee of EWB-USA
 - Trip planned in December
- Apatut (Philippines) – Stephanie Voight presented
 - Finalizing design details, and updating drawings with all necessary details to build
 - Submitted pre-implementation report by November deadline
 - Pending fundraising, travel plans are planned for January time frame to begin construction of the system
 - Rotary club fundraising support is viable option

5. Student Chapter Outreach

- U.Penn is having a dance benefit in November, not finalized – for the Cameroon project (travel in January)

6. EWB-MAP Chapter Fundraiser - RECAP

- Great presentations, food samplings were wonderful; sold all 57 auction items; had 140 people in attendance
- Revenue = \$6,600; will be divided evenly to the three project teams
- Final recap will be a newsletter and/or postcard with a photo collage, summary, bullet points of highlights, and thank you notes
 - Walt is looking for a volunteer to help with this



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- Walt was interviewed by the Philadelphia Inquirer, which will relay information about the group and the event soon

***** Next Meeting**

- The next EWB-MAP Chapter meeting will convene on **Thursday, November 4th, at 6:30 p.m.** Meeting place will be 162 Curtis Hall, Drexel University.