

Engineers Without Borders (EWB), Denver Professional Chapter

November 10, 2009 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Chapter President Amy Hui called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There were 23 members and guests in attendance.

Eden Recor and Vicki Berkley gave a presentation on Rotary and its experiences on overseas projects. Rotary is an organization that is over 100 years old, comprised of business people interested in humanitarian service and the promotion of goodwill and peace throughout the world. Worldwide, there are over 2,000 clubs and 1.2 million members. Rotary has been working with EWB in Denver and elsewhere, as the organizations complement each other:

- Rotary has the capacity for fundraising, and for watching over those funds as they are transferred abroad. It has a long heritage of projects throughout the world, and volunteers with a variety of skills. Its international chapters are useful contacts for finding local materials suppliers.
- EWB has project technical design and implementation capabilities, and shared knowledge based on project experiences around the world. Sustainability is a key principle – projects must be able to be maintained by the local communities after EWB's involvement ends.

Tracy Owen presented the Treasurer's report, and Jim Gusek reported on recent outreach activities. Honda is offering a matching grant program, for projects with a domestic focus.

The recent wine tasting was very successful; approximately 80 people attended and fundraising hopes to be around \$3,000.

Jason Igo reported on the chapter website. There have been some technical problems, and the chapter is considering a new host.

At an upcoming meeting (December or January), project leaders are requested to reveal their plans for 2010 – potential trips and fundraising needs.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chapter Secretary