

**EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES**  
**General Meeting**  
**Camp Edenwood Thursday, April 15, 2004**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Attendees:

Members:

Crystal Kokal

Stacy Pearson

Kathy Brenner

Mary Boerner

Joanna Takes

Sara Muehlenbein

Cyndy Mertz

Jan Mars

Lisa Vorderbruggen

Tina Richter

Guests:

Jennifer Ackerman

Jennifer Hissim - Castle Ridge Manor Home

Linda Kelm - Camp Eden Wood

Crystal K. called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Joanna T led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tina R led the US Women of Today Creed.

Cyndy M. led the Ice Breaker: "What made you smile today?"

Crystal welcomed guests

Kathy B. and Mary B. - Presented backpacks and First aid supplies to Linda Kelm of Camp Eden Wood for People with Developmental Challenges. The total donation amount was \$202.76.

Guest speaker was Jennifer Hissim, the Director of the Manor House at Castle Ridge. She spoke of volunteer opportunities at Castle Ridge.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

**President - Crystal Kokal**

Crystal recognized new members, Tina Richter, Jan Mars, Jennifer Ackerman and Lisa Vorderbruggen.

Crystal presented her Daisy Award to Mary B. and Sara M.

Sign up sheets were available to sign up for May's meeting for snacks, Icebreaker and inspirational thought.

Our chapter's year-end banquet will be held on May 13th at Biaggi's in Eden Prairie at 7:00 in their Wine room. The chapter will pay \$5.00 to all those attending towards their dinner bill.

Crystal handed out forms to nominate members for year-end awards. We need to fill the position of State Delegate. Debra Terrio has stepped out the position because of illness. Please let Stacy or Crystal know if you are interested in the position.

The Chapter Mailing was received. Stacy received mail regarding the Annual Partnership Breakfast for Volunteers.

Stacy Pearson will be our new president starting May 1st. She asked everyone in the room to give some ideas on what they would like to do or see accomplished in the next year.

### **State Delegate**

Crystal K. and Stacy P. attended the AREA Meeting held April 3rd in Anoka. The AREA meeting is to find out information on next years Presidential and Treasurer Candidates. They are Brenda Schramm and Courtenay Dugas. Cyndy M. was awarded a Presidential pin.

The District Meeting will be held April 29th in Woodbury at 6:30.

LOTS will be held on May 8. This training is for officers.

The Annual Convention will be held in Mankato, May 21-23. Room reservations must be done by April 20. Registration by April 29. A list of items for the troops was created. Please bring items to the May general meeting.

### **Membership VP**

New member orientation was held for Jan M., Tina R., and Lisa V. on March 31, 2004 at Dunn Bros in Eden Prairie.

A sign-up sheet and information was available for members interested in the Mentoring Program.

### **Treasurer - Mary B**

Mary gave the treasurer's report and spoke about Sales Tax exemption when purchasing items.

### **Secretary - Cyndy Mertz**

There was a change to the March 2004 meeting minutes. A prize for guests was given away at the February meeting, not the March meeting.

PALS - A social for Focus on Women was held with the Maple Grove chapter at the Hope Chest for Breast Cancer store. The speaker was the owner of the store. Hope Chest's efforts are to first help women and families affected by breast cancer diagnosis and treatment, and then to help other organizations work towards a cure. It was suggested that we decide who we would like our PALS chapter be for the coming year and put in a bid.

### **Parliamentarian - Sara Muehlenbein**

Proposed by-laws were discussed at the meeting. The changes will be voted on at the May 2004 general meeting.

### **Programming VP - Joanna Takes**

Joanna T. read a poem about Internal Programming areas and invited all members to think about becoming a Local Program Manager. Cyndy M. did a presentation on External programming areas and also invited anyone to become an LPM.

Girl Scouts - Brownie Smile Day to be held on May 16 is in limbo. Still trying to determine if there will be enough people and funds to hold it. Should know more in a week.

Minnesota Dreams Jamboree for Girl Scouts needs volunteers. There will be 1900 girls coming to St. Olaf College in Northfield on July 14-18th. Volunteers and teachers are needed for many areas. The deadline is May 15 to sign up.

March of Dimes - Mary B. collected \$12.67 at last months meeting for the March of Dimes.

Crystal K. reminded everyone of the Walk America to be held on April

25. Money collected should be turned in on Bank Day, which is April 22.

Youth and Community - We are very positive that we will be having a tattoo and water booth at the 4th of July Round Lake Celebration in Eden Prairie. Put it on your schedule to help for a few hours if you will be around that day. We should know for sure the end of April.

Stacy handed out information regarding General Mills Race for the Cure for anyone interested in being on Team Yoplait. The race is on May 9th (Mother's Day) at Southdale and the walk begins at 9:00. Volunteers are also still needed for the walk. Call Stacy if you need more information.

A donation of \$150.00 will be made to the Eden Prairie fire department at the May general meeting to help with their defibrillator project.

RAVE - Record keeping - Stacy talked about information that needs to be kept for our chapter and that they are accessible. Some paperwork is still missing but is being checked on through Nancy Dvoracek.

PR - Stacy P. wrote an article about EPWT and will submit it to some local papers to see if we can get more information out to the public about the group.

A renewal is up for the Website. It was put into next year's budget to pay \$45.00 for the next two years to continue having our website.

Stacy will be updating the website, adding more buttons, etc. If you have any additional items you want put onto the website, please send them to Stacy P.

Crystal suggested we do a collage of pictures for the first page of the website.

Stacy has asked that someone in the chapter take her place as PR LMP since she will be the next year's president. If you have an interest in this position, please contact Stacy.

Ways and Means- Sherwin Williams is offering a 20% discount card for their stores to Women of Today chapters. 3% will go to the State Women of Today Ways and Means.

## **New Business**

Crystal will be presenting a bid for the Statewide Priority Project for 2004-2005. It will be Project Linus. Fleece Blankets will be made for this project. Good luck to Crystal.

A proposed idea for EPWT to participate in a cookie-baking contest for seniors in the community was mentioned. Members from the EP police department would be the judges. Stacy P. will look into whether the Senior Center will be sponsoring the project again this year.

Crystal read the Inspirational Thought A poem by Audrey Hepburn  
Jennifer A led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed.

The April 15th general meeting was adjourned at 9:00 by president, Crystal.

Our next meeting will be held at Camp Eden Wood on May 20, 2004 at 7 pm.

### **Announcements**

Stacy was contacted by a woman from the Castle Ridge home asking for volunteers to help the residents with music time, crafts, etc. during the day and in the evening. She will get more information.

Crystal asked that members find ways to help out Debra Terrio either with visiting her, taking her out, bringing in food. Whatever she may need.

### **Dates to Remember:**

Walk America April 25, 10:00 am at Parade Stadium

District Meeting April 29, 6:30 pm in Woodbury

Board Meeting May 6, 7:00 pm at Stacy's

LOTS May 8 in Plymouth - Training for new officers

Year-end Banquet May 13, 7:00 pm at Biaggi's

Brownie Smile Day May 16, 12 pm at Cedar Ridge Elementary

General Meeting May 20, 7:00pm - Bring donations for troops

Annual Convention May 21-23 in Mankato

E.P.'s 4th of July celebration July 4

Secretary - Cyndy Mertz