

Eden Prairie Women of Today
General Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 2005
St. Andrews Church

Attendees:

Mary Boerner	Joanna Takes	Janel Hartfiel	Cyndy Mertz
Tracy Lynch	Fay Clark	Jan Mars	Crystal Kelley
Crystal Kokal	Stacy Pearson	Katie Castro	Marie Robinson

Call to order was at 7:10 p.m. by President Stacy P.

Marie Robinson led pledge of Allegiance

Joanna T led US Women of Today creed.

Pass the Prize word was “Meeting” and Cyndy M provided the prize.

Icebreaker was provided by Joanna T. – “What was the most important thing to me when I joined EPWT?”

Stacy recognized Fay C’s birthday.

Officer Reports

President – Stacy P.

Sign up sheet for the month of May was passed around.

Fay C. gave information regarding the “Year End Banquet.” Everyone should have received “Evites” from Katie C. The banquet will be held on May 10th at Bilimbi Bay. Each member will receive \$5.00 from our chapter towards their meal. Please RSVP by May 4th. Fay made a motion and Crystal Kokal seconded that we give \$30.00 to Tina R. to make bracelets for Cindy Langer and Karen Torseth as gifts of appreciation for their help for the past two years. The motion passed.

A Year End election sheet was attached to the agenda. Stacy asked that everyone fill it out with members from the chapter to win awards for the year. If you would like to nominate anyone from our chapter for awards, please let Stacy know.

Stacy handed out small appreciation gifts to all in regards to “Volunteer Recognition Week.” Fay C., Crystal Kokal and non-member, Beth, made the gifts.

Quarter 3 Member awards were given to Crystal Kelley, Tracy L., and Joanna T.

Quarter 4 Member awards were given to Estelle S., Janel H., and Mary B.

A Participation spreadsheet was sent around to members to mark down any events they were involved with throughout the year.

State Delegate – Tina – (not present)

Crystal Kokal gave an update regarding the Annual Convention on May 20-22. Money needs to be sent in as soon as possible. You can give it to Crystal. Friday night will be the caucuses for elections of a new board, STEP competition and a dance. Saturday will be the business meeting, elections, lunch and banquet.

This year's last District 10 meeting will be held on April 28th at Cornerstone in Bloomington. Registration needs to be sent in though you can pay at the door.

There was a short recap on the Area meeting held in Anoka on April 7th. There were speeches by State candidates, breakout training sessions, brain storming sessions and dinner.

The first District 11 meeting was held on April 19 in Golden Valley. A new Chapter 11 Board was elected. They are: Janine Machan - District Director; Jodie Meyer-Assistant District Director; Sue Jammes-Membership; Crystal Kokal-Programming; Katie Castro-Secretary; Therese Simmons-Treasurer.

The first District 11 social will be a picnic on June 14th in Golden Valley. Watch for more information coming.

Golden Valley will host a district wide "Live Out Loud Course" on June 6th. More info to come.

Membership – Crystal Kokal

Crystal K. informed all that Marie Robinson joined tonight. Another new member is Janeen Mollidrem. We have seven members out of eight that renewed this month. They are: Joanna T.-4 years. Sara M.-2 years. Crystal Kokal-2 years. Jan M.-1 year. Tina R.-1 year. Lisa V.-1 year. Jennifer -1 year

The members in the "Member Spotlight" in the Newsletter for the month are: Stacy P. and Joanna T.

A card making social/membership night was held on Tuesday, April 5. Six members and one prospective member attended. Over 75 cards were made for the "Sr. Card writing" event at Summit Place on April 23.

Marie Robinson has agreed to be the Chapter Secretary. Marie was voted in at the meeting.

Treasurers Report – Mary B.

Current Ending Cash Balance is \$ 791.72

Secretary – Cyndy M.

March 2005 meeting minutes were approved.

Parliamentarian – Fay C.

Fay C. made a motion and Crystal Kokal seconded.

The policy regarding the payment of registrations to conventions and other meetings and to change District 10 to District 11 were discussed during the traveling board meeting on April 7th. Fay C. made a motion and Crystal Kokal seconded the below changes. These were voted on and passed during the general meeting.

THE CHANGES ARE:
C. FINANCES

Parliamentarian continued

1. The President and the State Delegate or their alternates shall have their registrations REIMBURSED for all state, area and district meetings AFTER THE MEMBER ATTENDS AS REGISTERED AND if treasury allows.
Part 2 will be deleted.

Stacy P. passed around brochures of the candidates running for State President and their boards. There is also information in the State Newsletter. Our chapter will go to the convention as “informed but uncommitted” for voting purposes.

There is a “Programming Review” survey on the front page of the State web site. The state is asking everyone to go to the website and fill out the programming survey regarding External and Internal areas. www.mnwt.org

Fay and Mary are asking for members to become LPM’s (Local Program Managers.) The following have been filled: STEP-Crystal Kokal; Newsletter-Crystal Kelley; Personal Enrichment-Stacy P.; Focus on Women-Cyndy M.; Champlain/Family-Sara Muehlenbein; Public Relations-Crystal Kelley; Youth and Community-Therese Simmons; Jan Mars-Civic Awareness; Katie Castro-Girl Scouts. Still needed are: INTERNAL – RAVE, Ways & Means. EXTERNAL – Kidney Disease, People w/Developmental Challenges and March of Dimes. If you have an interest in any of the INTERNAL LPM positions remaining, contact Mary B. For EXTERNAL LPM positions, contact Fay C.

Internal Programming

STEP – Crystal Kokal

Tracy L. has certified in STEP II.

Anyone who is interested in competing in STEP at the annual convention, contact Crystal Kokal for deadline dates.

PR – Crystal Kelley

Crystal Kelley and Joanna T. submitted an article in the State Newsletter on writing and plagiarism.

Newsletter – Crystal Kelley

Newsletter articles for the May 2005 issue are due April 26.

RAVE – Lisa Vorderbruggen (not present)

The SPE Judging will be held on April 23rd at St. Andrews. Karen Torseth-State RAVE representative is hosting this.

Ways and Means – Mary Boerner

Mary B. has raffle tickets for the State Ways and Means. The 1st prize is a \$1000.00 shopping spree at the Mall of America. The winner will be picked at the Annual Convention. Call Mary if you would like to purchase raffle tickets.

Mary B. made a motion and Crystal Kokal seconded that \$50.00 be given for gifts for “The Troops” through Fay C’s company. The motion was passed.

Personal Enrichment

Kelly L. and Tina R. presented a “Listening, Personal Enrichment course” on April 14th. Seven members attended.

Focus on Women

Chaplain and Family Involvement

The inspirational thought revolves around “Native American’s putting spirituality into practice, based on stories of “Awe and Abundance” by Jose Hobday.

This was read by Joanna T. and then discussed. This certifies our chapter in Chaplain/Family Involvement.

External Programming

Girl Scouts – Crystal Kokal

Crystal made a motion to donate \$65.00 to the “Girl Scout Council of Greater Minneapolis” for a brick that would be included in the “Promise Path.” This is being built at the Elk River Camp around Barbara Lake. This would be to show our support of the Girl Scouts and what they stand for. It would be engraved with EPWT. The motion was seconded by Cyndy M. and passed.

Tracy L. and Joanna T. attended “Junior Fest” on April 17th at Forest Hills Elementary. They helped with breakout sessions for Girl Scouts ages 9-11.

Youth and Community – Fay C.

A Mother’s Day/Spring card-writing event will be held with ten seniors at Summit Place on Saturday, April 23rd.

Crystal reported on the upcoming Chanhassen Rotary Gala to be held at the Landscape Arboretum on Saturday April 30. Five members from the chapter will be helping with this event by making Silent auction boards and helping during the gala.

The Eden Prairie relay for life will be held on July 22, 2005.

The “Crisis Nursery” event was a big success. Five members were on the committee to make it happen. Food was made and served to staff and children.

Crystal presented a chance to order a Mother’s Day or Father’s Day card and donate to the nursery in their name. You can talk to Crystal or go to Crisesnursery.org

The “Tastefully Simple” and “Pampered Chef” event was held on April 1st at Tina R’s home. The fundraiser raised around \$500.00 for CCFA.

Cyndy reported that she met with the Volunteer coordinator from Cornerstone. Setting up a day with children doing a picnic or movie night was discussed. Also possibly offering some courses for their

adult clients. Also continue to help with their spring and fall yard cleanup and helping with their spring fundraiser next year. She also donated videos, books and children's outdoor games from members of our chapter.

Fay C. made a motion and Crystal Kokal seconded that we spend \$25.00 towards "Buckets of Sunshine" (a National project) for Cornerstone to be brought to the District 10 meeting. Mary B. has offered to do the shopping.

Civic Awareness – Jan Mars

Jan gave a recap of the Eden Prairie park cleanup held on April 16th. Five members picked up the park in the rain but had a great time and met for breakfast afterwards.

March of Dimes

Mary B. is looking for walkers to join her on the Walk America on Sunday, May 1. She also is looking for donations. Helpers are also needed to do registration. Call Mary B. for more info.

Kidney Disease - No Report

People with Developmental Challenges – No Report

New Business

Stacy P. spoke with a contact from the city of Eden Prairie regarding the 4th of July community event. We were asked to provide volunteers to help with a children's game area. We will be able to wear our chapter shirts and post a sign for our chapter. Katie C. has offered to help with the city's planning committee for this event. She will form a committee of our members in the future, if needed.

Inspirational Thought – Joanna T.

Good and Wellness

Crystal Kelley reminded everyone of her Garage Sale on April 28, 29 and 30th. They will be selling raffle tickets for various prizes. Sunday she will have a Bag Sale if anything is remaining. Please try to visit the sale and help her and her daughter out.

Fay C led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Secretary – Cyndy Mertz

Dates to Remember

National Volunteer Recognition Week	
Writing out Cards for Seniors	April 23 - Summit Place
RAVE judging	April 23 – St. Andrews
PALS book club	April 27 - Minnetonka
District 10 meeting	April 28 – Cornerstone
Chanhassen Rotary Gala	April 30- MN Landscape Arboretum
End of WT year	April 30
Deadline for State and US Essays	May 1 (See newsletter)
Twin Cities Walk America	May 1
LOTS Training	May 7 - Fridley
Race (Walk) for the Cure	May 8 – Mall of America
EPWT Year End Banquet	May 10 – Bilimbi Bay
May Board meeting	May 12 – 7PM Joanna’s Home
May General Meeting	May 19 – St. Andrews
Annual Awards Banquet	May 20-22
Eden Prairie Relay for Life	July 22

PALS Book Group Dates and Books

PALS	April – “A Walk Across America” by Peter Jenkins
PALS	May – “Say When” by Elizabeth Berg
PALS	June – “Something” by Nicholas Sparks