

**Eden Prairie Women of Today  
Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2004 - 7:00**

**Members:**

Lisa Vorderbruggen  
Crystal Kelley  
Cyndy Mertz  
Jan Mars  
Jennifer Ackerman  
Sara Muehlenbein  
Fay Clark

Kathy Brenner  
Crystal Kokal  
Joanna Takes  
Tina Richter  
Stacy Pearson  
Mary Boerner  
Therese Simmons

**Guests:**

Carry Becker

Stacy P. called the meeting to Order at 7:05 pm  
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cyndy M.  
US Women of Today Creed was led by Therese S.  
Pass the Prize was provided by Mary B. – Word is Summer  
Jennifer A. led the Ice Breaker: Tell us something that you like that starts with the same letter as the first letter of your first name.

Stacy P. recognized Jennifer's birthday.

**President Report– Stacy P.**

Stacy will be requesting a leave of absence in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Suggestions are that someone steps forward as a president's assistant and takes over for a month or two. Another suggestion is that whoever might be interested in being president next year, get started a bit early. Anyone interested should let the board know.

Women of Today T-shirts will be late in being delivered. There has been a change with the supplier and the order we recently placed is between suppliers.

Stacy acknowledged Fay Clark who received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place STEP 1 Competition and Jennifer Ackerman for taking 1<sup>st</sup> Place in STEP 1 Competition. Crystal Kokal has been recognized as a 2003-2004 Outstanding Local Officer. Jennifer was recognized with a Presidential Pin for her contributions with PR. Please see the newsletter for other awards our chapter earned.

Our General Meeting has been running long, past the time when we should be out of our meeting room. In an attempt to speed these up we are encouraged to put more information in the chapter newsletter. LPM and Chairwomen are asked to keep reports to 2 minutes. Speakers will be asked to kindly keep their presentations to 5 minutes.

**State Delegate - Tina R. & Jan M.**

Stacy provided a recap of the Summer Awards Convention. Five women attended from our chapter. The vote for the by-law change was declined.

Fall State Convention will be held November 19-21 in St. Cloud.  
Train the Trainer Workshop will be held November 19 in St. Cloud as well.

**Membership – Crystal Kokal**

Our next meeting will recognize Women of Today Week. Stacy, Fay, Tina and Crystal Kokal are planning special events. They have prepared invitations that you can take and mail to friends and co-workers.

**Treasurer – Mary B.**

Mary passed out the Treasurer's report and reported that we have \$357.27 on hand.

**Secretary – Kathy**

The previous month's Minutes were approved.

We have a PALS event planned at Origins with Maple Grove. The tentative date is September 27 or 28. Please see the newsletter for more details.

Joanna and Kathy attend the recent PALS book club with Maple Grove. The next book is "Haunted Ground" by Erin Hart will be read for the September 8 meeting.

#### External Programming VP – Cyndy

Civic Awareness –Fay mentioned that the City of Eden Prairie could still use additional Election Judges. She provided the name and phone number if you are interested in applying.

#### Youth and Community – Fay C.

Kathy B. noted that at least 9 members donated school supplies and underwear for the PROP Caring Tree campaign. Donations totaling \$151.00 were taken to the PROP drop off points on Friday by Crystal Kokal and Kathy.

Crystal Kokal brought up the Cornerstone project. This shelter for families in crisis could use books and other reading material for the children and women. We agreed to participate in a book drive with the Richfield chapter. Joanna, Cyndy and Lisa will co-chair this project.

Fay Clark has sent out materials to all members for the Innisbrook Paper Fundraiser. Orders should be turned in by September 10, so that she can deliver the merchandise at the September meeting. Funds will be used for our charitable projects.

Tina passed out flyers and a sign up sheet for the CCFA Pace Setters Walk for Crohn's Disease on October 10. Members can sign up to help with the walk, be a walker, or both. Additional information can be found at ccfa.org.

Jennifer has contacted EP Foundation Ball and offered our assistance. She passed out a flyer noting tasks that we could help with.

Jennifer also has signed up with Minnesota's First Lady's Military Family Care Initiative. She would welcome other participants.

#### Girl Scouts

Crystal Kokal mentioned that the Eden Prairie Girl Scouts from the Prairie Star and Prairie Sun troops have made and donated 3 blankets for project Linus.

#### Internal Programming VP – Joanna T.

Stacy noted the state staff is still looking for comments on Programming Area – Kidney Disease, March of Dimes, NEWSLET, Personal Enrichment, Public Relations, SUCCESS. These comments will help them to decide whether to continue in these areas in the future.

STEP – Crystal thanked Jennifer and Fay who decided to compete in the STEP 1 competition.

#### PR – Jennifer A.

Jennifer has sent out invitations for Day at the Dome – September 19.

#### Newsletter – Crystal Kelly

Newsletter Articles to Crystal Kelly by August 26

#### Ways & Means – Mary B

Mary talked about the Kids Art Promotion. Children will draw pictures and these will be turned into note cards. The cost is \$20.00 with our chapter making \$5.00.

Cyndy has completed the paperwork to have an EPWT box at Kowalski's grocery. Kowalski's will donate a percentage each quarter when the public puts their grocery receipts in our box.

Tina will bring the EPWT bracelets that were ordered to the next meeting.

#### Personal Enrichment

Cyndy asked if we were still interested in the CPR course with the Fire Department. We agreed to find a date in November.

#### Focus on Women

Joanna spoke about the History Essay Contest sponsored by District 10. 3 individuals from EPWT participated.

#### Announcements

District 10 will be making blankets for Project Linus at the Social in November.

Inspirational Thought was provided by Joanna who read an article from the Chaplain/Family Involvement website.

Minnesota Women of Today Creed was led by Jan Mars

Stacy P. adjourned the meeting at 8:20

*Kathy Brenner*

Secretary