

EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES
General Meeting – St Andrews Church
Thursday, August 18, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Members -	Fay Clark	Crystal Kokal	Mary Boerner
	Marie Robinson	Cyndy Mertz	Beth Wojahn
	Stacy Pearson	Sara Vinkemeier	Joanna Takes
	Katie Castro	Crystal Kelley	Audra Compton
	Lisa Kroghns		

Guests - Mary Mielke, Jean Way, Deborah Meade and Amber Kelly

A quorum was established.

Call to order was at 7:05 p.m. by J. Takes

Pledge of Allegiance was led by C. Kokal

US Women of Today creed was led by S. Pearson

Pass the Prize word will be “project” the prize was provided by J. Takes

Icebreaker was provided by C. Kokal – How did you hear about Women of Today?

J. Takes recognized birthdays of: Jennifer Ackerman

Guest speaker: Amber Kelly spoke about sexual violence, her pageant platform. The Minnesota Coalition for Sexual Assault (www.casa.org), is trying to help educate the public and train police officers handling victims of assault.

Officer Reports

President – Joanna Takes

Passed around sign-up sheet for October.

No sign-up sheet for the September meeting. September’s meeting will be (even more) fun. It will start with a programming component focusing on friendship. Invite your own friends who would like to come, and we will also publicize it to the community. We will be doing something similar to speed dating, but it is “instant friendship – just add laughter”, plus tips on how to make and keep friends, games, prizes and food. The business section of this meeting will be short (about half an hour).

Discussed new format for pass the prize. It will be suspended during guest presentations, or planned speeches, like impromptu speeches or spiritual and family sharing.

J. Takes gave a gift to F. Clark for her presentation to the Eden Prairie Chamber of Commerce.

Reevaluation of upcoming projects:

Cooking at Crisis Nursery – M/S/P (C. Kokal/M. Boerner) I move that we prepare a meal for Crisis Nursery on Saturday, August 20th.

Friendship M-Night – M/S/P (F. Clark/K. Castro) I move that we have a Friendship M-Night after our September meeting.

Cell phones and batteries – M/S/P (K. Castro/C. Kelley) I move that we bring used cell phone and batteries to the September meeting.

Hope Chest – M/S/P (C. Kokal/K. Castro) I move that we have a Hope Chest donation party/social on September 22nd and invite the Plymouth and Maple Grove chapters.

Poinsettia Sale – M/S/P (C. Kokal/F. Clark) I move that we hold our annual poinsettia sale.

CCFA Heel-to-Heal Walk-a-thon – M/S/P (S. Vinkemeier/C. Mertz) I move that we participate in the CCFA Heel-to-Heal Walk-a-thon.

Fire Department – M/S/P (C. Kokal/C. Mertz) I move that we table the fire department volunteer event until the September meeting.

Toiletry kits – M/S/P (M. Robinson/F. Clark) I move that we table donating toiletries until the September meeting.

Butterbraid Fundraiser – M/S/P (C. Kokal/K. Castro) I move that we hold a butterbraid fundraiser in October.

Cornerstone Clean-up – M/S/P (K. Castro/C. Kokal) I move that we table the Cornerstone Fall clean-up to the September meeting, when an actual date can be confirmed.

State Delegate – Katie Castro

“Thank you” to those who attended the 3 ½ hour District Meeting.

The St. Louis Park extension will be voted on at the October District Meeting.

Awards the chapter and members received at the District Meeting:

- Membership Retention and Recruitment, ending 1st quarter at +1
(one more total member than we began the chapter with)
- District Project of the Quarter: Chevy’s Social and Fundraiser
- District Program Manager of the Quarter: Stacy Pearson, Personal Enrichment
- District Member of the Quarter: Katie Castro
- District New Member of the Quarter: Marie Robinson
- Most Creative DPM Report at District Meeting: Cyndy Mertz, Focus on Women

Treasurers Report – C. Kokal

Current ending cash balance is \$598.47

Secretary – Marie Robinson

June 2005 meeting minutes were approved.

S. Pearson recapped the PALS social on August 14th. 8 members attended. They enjoyed an evening around the fire.

Programming –

External Programming – Mary Boerner

Please see the newsletter for more information regarding the Project Chair Info sheet.

Youth and Community –

This LPM position is available. Please contact M. Boerner for more information.

M. Boerner and C. Kokal discussed Cooking for Crisis Nursery on August 20th. The menu is planned and 5 members would be participating.

J. Takes will be delivering the school supply donations. We collected \$110.00 in supplies.

S. Vinkemeier passed a sign-up sheet for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation Heal-to-Heal Walk-a-thon on October 9th. Volunteers are needed for registration, walking and the silent auction.

F. Clark gave each member Innsbruck Paper fundraiser information. Orders are due by the September meeting and the product will be delivered at the October meeting.

C. Kokal discussed Hope Chest for Breast Cancer. We have been invited to their store in Wayzata on September 22nd. C. Kokal will send an evite to the Eden Prairie, Maple Grove and Plymouth members.

Internal Programming – Fay Clark

F. Clark presented each LPM with a gift for 1st quarter.

Focus on Women – Cyndy Mertz

C. Mertz and K. Landeata will be presenting the "Change Management" PEP course for Cornerstone in September.

Waiting to hear from Cornerstone in regards to "Adopt-a-Home" event on October 22nd which is "Make a Difference Day". Will update when available.

Fliers are available for Cornerstone information events on August 17th and September 15th.

Pamphlets from Avon on breast cancer.

Information regarding the difference between drinking water and other beverages.

F. Clark has a sign-up sheet on back table for Smart Women Finish Rich. The event will be held on September 19th.

Personal Enrichment – Stacy Pearson

PEP courses were listed in the newsletter. We selected “Conversation – Power in Action”. The date will be announced at a later date.

S. Vinkemeier selected an impromptu speech. “Little Red Riding Hood should have...”

Public Relations/Newsletter – Crystal Kelley

Newsletter articles are due by August 25th.

Zoot notes are available at www.epwt.org. \$1.00 per zoot will be donated to Ways & Means.

New Business

K. Castro discussed painting at St. Andrew’s Church. She and C. Kokal painted the bathroom off the nursery.

C. Kokal and K. Castro attended the Plymouth meeting August 8th. The chapter would like assistance in getting their name out to people. We will be including them on projects and PEP courses. K. Castro has more information on kids’ crafts during the Plymouth on Parade. Plymouth is also hoping to start a welcome wagon for new residents.

C. Mertz discussed the adult book library sale on October 8th. Volunteers will be needed for set-up on the 6th and 7th, and the sale on the 8th. The library accepts donations year-round.

J. Takes indicated chapter handbooks/Plan of Actions were available for members who did not receive theirs in July.

J. Takes provided information on District Kids’ Craft Night.

Inspirational Thought – K. Castro

Good and Wellness

Fay thanked Stacy and Crystal Kokal for their assistance with her presentation to the Eden Prairie Chamber of Commerce.

Doctor’s have found that Cyndy’s niece is blind in one eye. The condition is hereditary. Pray that Cyndy’s nephew will be ok.

Crystal Kokal’s son, Grant to find a phosphorous replacement.

Mary’s cousin Joe has been diagnosed with cancer.

Crystal Kelly thanked everyone for their good thoughts during her recovery.

Good thoughts for Colleen, who has lost her job, and for Tina, whose company has been sold, and Janell who is having trouble recovering.

F. Clark led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Secretary – Marie Robinson