

**EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES General Meeting  
Camp Edenwood Thursday, February 19, 2004  
7:00 p.m.**

Attendees:

Members:

Crystal Kokal  
Stacy Pearson  
Kathy Brenner  
Mary Boerner  
Joanna Takes  
Sara Muehlenbein  
Cyndy Mertz

Guests:

Cindy Langer  
Melissa Nelson  
Tina Richter  
Jan Mars

The meeting was called to order by President, Crystal Kokal at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mary B. The U.S. Women of Today Creed was led by Kathy B.

Crystal Kokal welcomed our guests.

Ice Breaker was by Crystal. Three facts about yourself, two were true and the other false.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

### **President - Crystal Kokal**

Crystal recognized Cyndy M and Kathy B. Birthdays with a carnation for each.

Kathy B. and Mary B. will use \$200.00 to buy backpacks and First Aid supplies for our donation to Camp Eden Wood.

Crystal reminded everyone of the sign up sheet for the March 2004 meeting.

The Chapter Mailing was the only mail received.

Crystal spoke about "Success," which is a chapter management tool at conventions used in the programming areas.

Mary B., Joanna T. and Crystal K. created the Chapter banner and presented it to the group.

The Member satisfaction surveys data was reviewed by the board. Some suggestions were more socials, fundraisers and community involvement. A new flyer and brochure were suggested. Those have been created by Stacy and Crystal.

### **State Delegate - Debra Terrio**

Cyndy M. and Melissa N. gave a recap of the District meeting held by the Lakeville chapter in Apple Valley on January 22. Cyndy M. Colleen M. and Mary B. attended.

### **Membership VP - Susie Jessop**

MLR Training (how to get new members) was attended by Crystal K. and Cyndy M. Both felt it was very informative.

### **Treasurer - Colleen Miller**

Colleen's Treasurer's report will be attached to the next Newsletter.

### **Secretary - Cyndy Mertz**

Minutes were approved.

### **Parliamentarian - Sara Muehlenbein**

Stacy P. read a few by-law changes that were proposed being made. Joanna T. made a motion that they be accepted. Stacy P. seconded the changes to the by-laws. All members present agreed.

The election of new officers was held. Joanna read the nominations and asked for further nominations other than those already nominated. She then asked if all nominees would accept positions. All

agreed. A written voted was done. Joanna counted the votes during the ten-minute break.

The new officers for the 2004-2005 fiscal year will be:

Stacy Pearson - President  
Internal Vice President - Joanna Takes  
External Vice President - Cyndy Mertz  
Membership Vice President - Crystal Kokal  
Secretary - Kathy Brenner  
Treasurer - Colleen Miller  
State Delegate - Debra Terrio

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

February is MS focus month. Rainbow Prism pins are available for \$3.00 from Joanna. All proceeds go to MS. There are various MS walks planned for the near future.

PDC - People with Developmental Challenges. Joanna asked if anyone would like to help her with nominations and all aspects of this program. There were no volunteers. We will try again next year.

PALS book club will be in Maple Grove on 2/23/04. The book being discussed is "Pigs in Heaven."

Joanna asked for "family week certification forms" to be turned into her. This goes with Chaplin and Family.

Joanna handed out some games for families to do together for Family week, which is January 25 to 31st, 2004. Some of the handouts can be used for certifications.

Crystal hosted a wine tasting and cheese party on Saturday, February 14.

There is no make-up date at this point for the "Stress Management" course. We will keep you all updated. If anyone who has not signed up because they were not able to attend on the date it was first planned, can still sign up.

The Stampin Up fundraiser is being held on Friday, February 27th at Pax Christi starting at 7pm. Check out the sign at the church as to which room it will be in. We will have snacks that we have won from

different district meetings. If anyone would like to also bring some food to share it would be appreciated. Crystal has offered to bring napkins, plates and cups.

The Butter Braid fundraiser forms were handed out at the meeting. If you still need a form, please contact Crystal. You need to get all your orders and MONEY to Crystal by Thursday, March 4th. Crystal will have the Butter Braids for you all at the March 18th general meeting. The cost is \$7.50 per braid. We will receive \$3.50 for each one.

We had to change the amount of boxes of Girl Scout cookies we are donating. The total will be ten boxes due to needing money for other things.

We will be running the "Brownie Smile Day" in May. Brownies will be working with Girl Scouts on Try-its. Anyone interested in helping plan this event, please contact Cyndy M., Joanna T., or Sara M.

### **Newsletter - Kathy Brenner**

Articles, Recipes, etc..to be put in the newsletter should be emailed to Colleen M. She will proofread everything and then forward to Kathy to put together. Kathy will then forward to Stacy to put onto the website like before.

### **March of Dimes - Mary Boerner**

Mary passed the baby bottle and asked for extra change. She has collected over \$18.00 in the past two months.

Crystal will be the team captain for the March of Dimes being held on April 25th. We need to come up with a name for our team. If you have any suggestions, please contact Crystal as soon as possible. If you would like to be part of the team you can create your own website and inform family and friends, and they can go to your website and donate. More info on this to come.

### **PR - Stacy Pearson**

Stacy and Crystal have created a new brochure. It has been emailed to all to see. It was put into the contest at the Winter convention.

## **New Business**

If you have any pictures you would like put on the web site, give or send them to Stacy.

Cindy Langer was selling tickets for the Lakeville Fashion show on March 13th.

Stacy gave information to the group about a Parent Education Grant for parent organizations offered through General Mills. If you want any further information on this, please contact her.

Stacy also mentioned a program called "Ready for Success" being run by a non-profit group. They are collecting new or barely used women's suits, shoes, blouses, scarves, jewelry, etc. for women on low incomes to use when going on interviews for jobs. Please bring anything you have to the March general meeting on March 18th.

Stacy has offered her home to have a scrap booking social. Everyone is invited to work on our chapter scrapbook. A future date will be decided upon.

The next Chapter Board Meeting will be held on March 4th at Crystal's home.

The next General Chapter Meeting will be held on March 18th at Camp Eden Wood

Inspirational Thought: Stacy read the inspirational thought - "Frogs"

A drawing was held between our two guests for a gift from the chapter.

The February 19th general meeting was adjourned at 8:45 by president, Crystal.

Secretary - Cyndy Mertz