

Eden Prairie Women of Today
General Meeting
Thursday, February 17, 2005
St. Andrews Church

Attendees:

Mary Boerner
Estelle Schaefer
Audra Compton
Crystal Kokal
Janel Hartfiel
Katie Castro
Fay Clark
Crystal Kelley
Stacy Pearson
Jan Mars
Joanna Takes

Guests:

Karen Torseth – Lakeville
Cindy Langer – Lakeville
Marie Robinson – Guest
Molly Crichton – Girl Scouts
Colleen Crichton – Girl Scouts

Call to order was at 7:01 p.m. by Joanna T. – filling in for President Stacy P.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joanna T.

US Women of Today creed was led by Estelle S.

Pass the Prize word will be “new” and the prize was provided by Fay C..

Icebreaker was provided by Fay C. – Use your initials to describe yourself in words.

Joanna recognized birthdays of: Kathy Brenner, Cyndy Mertz, Tina Richter and Rachel Melberg

Officer Reports

President – Joanna T.

Sign up sheet for the March meeting is on the table for people to sign up.

Election Committee – Crystal Kokal handed out forms and asked that everyone put down which board position they would like to hold for next year or to nominate people for positions. The members on the Election Committee are: Crystal Kokal, Tina R., Fay C., and Therese S.

State Delegate – Tina R. (not present)

The winter state convention will be held on February 25-27, 2005 in St. Louis Park.

District Meeting recap – January 27, 2005 held by E.P. chapter. Due to the funds collected that evening, any E.P. members that attended and paid \$5.00 will be reimbursed.

Membership – Crystal Kokal

15 prospective names were received from the Minneapolis Women’s Expo held in January. Brochures and letters were mailed to the individuals asking them to attend a meeting or event.

Seven members are up for renewal. Joanna Takes, Sara Muehlenbein, Jennifer Ackerman, Tina Richter, Susie Jessop, Jan Mars and Lisa Vorderbruggen. \$40.00 is due on or before the March meeting to renew your membership. Payment can be given to Mary B.

Member spotlight from the February Newsletter is: Crystal Kelley and Cyndy Mertz.

Crystal held orientation for Rachel Melberg.

Treasurers Report – Mary B.

Current Balance is \$991.61

Secretary – Cyndy M.

January 2005 meeting minutes were approved.

Parliamentarian – Fay C.

Fay C. made three motions that our chapter vote to approve the state bylaw changes as presented in the December 2004 newsletter. Each was seconded by Crystal Kokal and passed by all. These motions all affect the bylaws of the Minnesota Women of Today.

Motion 1: Move that we amend Article VI, Section 7 by adding “the maker and secondary of said motion cannot come from the same chapter.”

Motion 2: Move that we amend Article IX, Section 3,A to read: A member must meet the following qualifications to be eligible to serve as a District Director:

1. Be a member in good standing in her local Minnesota Women of Today chapter for at least two(2) years or more on assuming position.
2. Have a personal backing of her chapter, as indicated by a letter of support.
3. Have served as a local officer for one year.

Current letter A will then become B.

Motion 3: Move that we amend Article Xi, Section 2 by changing June 1 to Annual convention and adding “and will not be reimbursed until June 1.”

On the issue of statewide redistricting, Fay C. moved and Crystal Kokal seconded that the Eden Prairie chapter’s voting delegates go “informed but not committed.” This would give the delegates the flexibility to respond to changes in the proposal made at the state business meeting while respecting the wishes of the chapter. Discussion was held regarding this proposal, which would move Eden Prairie from District 10 to part of a newly created district. The motion passed.

Fay C. reported on the District 10 bylaw change which was voted on at the District 10 Winter meeting in January. The motion, which requires that a district director of District 10 have served as a chapter president, had passed at that meeting.

Fay gave a parliamentary meeting conduct review on two topics.

1. If discussion regarding a particular item is getting off the topic any member can stand and say, “Point of order.” This is to get back onto the topic and continue the meeting.
2. If discussion is going on too long on a particular item, any member can stand and say, “Call the question.” This is to stop the discussion and hold the vote.

External Programming

Girl Scouts – Crystal Kokal

A short presentation was given by Molly Crichton from Girl Scouts. To earn a “Silver” award in Girl Scouts she is working on a “Teens Helping Teens” program. She is collect clothes and personal items to be given to a church in Minneapolis that gives items away free for needy people. She has requested any items we may have to donate be taken to St. Andrews youth office. Items will be accepted until March 2, 2005.

Katie C. has been in contact with Troop 431 at Alice Smith Elementary in Hopkins. They would like us to work with the girls on the “Her Story” badge. We will attempt to do this during their regular

meetings. They are held every other Tuesday from 6-7 in Hopkins. More information will be forthcoming from Katie and Crystal Kokal.

Youth and Community – Fay C.

A Mother's Day/Spring card event will be held in March or April. A date will be set for making cards and another date set for spending time with Seniors. The location will probably be "The Summit" assisted living location. Fay C. and Janel H. will co-chair these events.

Mary B. reminded everyone to bring items to create "Birthday Kits" for PROP for the 4th quarter donations to the March general meeting on 3/17/05. Items needed are: napkins, plates, cups, frosting, cake mixes, candles, gift wrap and ribbon.

Pampered Chef/ Tastefully Simple fundraiser for Crohns' disease will be held soon. A date is yet to be determined. Janel H. and Tina R. are planning this event and will have more information soon.

The Crisis Nursery project will be held on March 19th. Eight members will be "Cooking for Kids." The members will prepare and eat dinner with children at the nursery. The members working on the project are: Audra C., Tracy L., Estelle S., Mary B., Katie C., Crystal Kokal, Janel H., and Kathy B. A \$75.00 budget was requested from the chapter and voted on.

Cyndy M. has been in contact with representatives of Cornerstone to continue to volunteer time with the organization. Events will be planned for the future.

Cornerstone is also looking for donations of **PLAYSTATION 1 GAMES (RATED E) and Kids movies. Please let Cyndy know if you have any.**

Civic Awareness – Jan Mars

The city of Eden Prairie will be holding their Parks Cleanup day on April 16. More information will be coming soon from Jan.

Kidney Disease

A Wine Charm PALS social will be held on Tuesday, March 1st at Byerly's in Minnetonka. \$6.00 is the cost for each person attending. \$2.00 will be needed for charm supplies and \$4.00 will be going to the Kidney Disease Foundation. Lisa Truman – SPM for Kidney Disease will be running this event.

People with Developmental Challenges

We are looking for a candidate for the "People with Developmental Challenges" award and "Opened My Heart" award

Let me know if you have any suggestions by March 9th.

U.S.W.T. Priority Area – Autism

Joanna T. made a motion that we donate the proceeds of \$77.00 raised from the 4th of July event to the "Parents of Autistic children organization." Fay C. seconded. The motion was passed that the proceeds go to the Minnesota chapter.

Internal Programming

STEP – Crystal Kokal

Katie C. certified in STEP 1

PR – Jennifer A. – not present

Newsletter – Crystal Kelley

Newsletter articles for the March newsletter are due on February 23, 2005.

RAVE – Lisa Vorderbruggen – not present

Karen Torseth – SPM for RAVE gave information on submitting SPE's – Single Project Entries. The next judging will be on April 23rd at St. Andrews. Cyndy M. will be chairing the event. Help with food and setting up for the event will be requested soon. 15 people will be needed to judge SPE's at the event.

Ways and Means – Mary Boerner

Herberger's Community Days fundraiser will be held on 2/26/05. A coupon book can be purchased for \$5.00. 100% of the proceeds will go to our chapter.

Glass with Class State Fundraiser is still on. Bakeware with your name on it can be ordered through 2/20/05.

A Restaurant fundraiser/chapter social will be held in the near future. A restaurant and date are still being determined. Kelly L and Munna Y. are co-chairing this event. More info to come soon.

Personal Enrichment

A "Listening Personal Enrichment Course" is being planned by Joanna T and Tina R. More info to come soon.

Focus on Women

A CPR course will be given by the Eden Prairie fire department for members who have signed up with Cyndy M. on Saturday, March 5th. It will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Fire Station #1, in Eden Prairie.

A number of members met for dinner at Bear Rock Café before the February general meeting. It was suggested that members meet each month the evening of the general meeting at a different restaurant. Estelle S. will plan the location for dinner for the March meeting.

Chaplain and Family Involvement

Katie C. gave a recap of the "Family Game Day" held on January 29th during Family Week.

Good and Wellness

Stacy P. will be the moderator for Good and Wellness e-mails. This will be used for members to communicate to each other regarding personal items. This will be done through Yahoo. More information will be coming.

Joanna T. had sent an email out inviting members to join her at a movie. Watch for more impromptu events coming through your email in the future.

When sending out emails to chapter members, please put EPWT and the subject of the email in the subject line. This will help members recognize that this is EPWT information.

Crystal Kelley requested garage sale items to be donated to her to help assist her daughter-Amber go to Nashville to compete in the "Miss Teen America" contest. The garage sale will be held the last Thursday, Friday and Saturday of April. Contact Crystal if you have any items. Crystal also has some Antique Jewelry she would like to sell if anyone is interested.

Karen Torseth from Lakeville is selling tickets for their Annual Fashion show, luncheon and silent auction to be held April 2. Tickets are \$25.00. The proceeds will go to "Parents of Autistic Children" and the Dakota Women's Shelter.

Crystal Kokal made a motion that we donate \$35.00 to the Girl Scout charity fund by buying cookies for charity through Katie C.'s daughter. Fay C. seconded the motion and it was passed.

Estelle S. made a motion that we donate \$50.00 to Tsunami Relief thru CARE. Fay C. seconded the motion and it was passed.

Joanna T. invited guest Marie Robinson to join EPWT.

The Minnesota Women of Today Creed was led by Marie Robinson.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Secretary – Cyndy Mertz