

EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES  
General Meeting – St Andrews Church  
Thursday, February 16, 2006  
7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Members -	Crystal Kokal	Fay Clark	Beth Wojahn
	Marie Robinson	Deb Buckle	Mary Boerner
	Audra Compton	Joanna Takes	Jennifer Morris
	Katie Castro	Trish Powell	Lynn Pederson
	Stacy Pearson	Deborah Meade	Cyndy Mertz

Guests - Kim Bergeron, Ellen Jorgensen and Lisa Truman – Lakeville  
Natalie Owen

A quorum was established.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by T. Powell

US Women of Today creed was led by S. Pearson

Icebreaker was provided by S. Pearson. What do you stand for?

Pass the Prize word will be “member” the prize was provided by K. Castro

Kim Bergeron with the Lakeville Women of Today described the Buckets of Sunshine Project, Cheerful Givers. One large and 10 small items are put into a gift bag, along with a birthday card. The bags are distributed among the local food shelves and shelters for parents that cannot afford to buy their children a birthday present. 25,000 bags were donated last year. The Eden Prairie chapter donated 35 bags at this meeting.

J. Takes recognized birthdays of: Deborah Meade, Cyndy Mertz and Tina Ritcher

**Officer Reports**

**President – Joanna Takes**

Passed around the sign-up sheet for March’s meeting.

L. Pederson, A. Compton, C. Kokal, T. Powell and M. Robinson volunteered for the year-end banquet committee.

**Membership – Katie Castro**

Membership emphasis will be the week of April 16th. We plan to have a Live Out Loud course and a social, possibly at Chevy’s. More to follow.

Oscar Night at K. Castro’s home on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

**Parliamentarian/Past President – Stacy Pearson**

The 2006-2007 nominees are: President-Marie Robinson, State Delegate-Beth Wojahn, Internal VP-Lynn Pederson, External VP-Crystal Kokal, Membership-Katie Castro, Secretary-Mary Boerner, Treasurer-Cyndy Mertz and Parliamentarian-Joanna Takes

The bylaw review followed the meeting.

**State Delegate – Katie Castro**

M/S/P (K. Castro/T. Powell) I move that the Eden Prairie Women of Today go to Winter State uncommitted, so as to gather further information/discussion about the proposed programming changes.

A sign-up sheet was circulated for the Area Meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The project fair begins and dinner begin at 6:00, the meeting at 7:00. This is a chance to meet the State candidates.

A brochure was passed regarding a hormone/cancer prevention lecture in Maple Grove.

Lisa Truman with Lakeville invited everyone to their 13<sup>th</sup> annual fashion show on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The event will include a silent auction and lucky buck. Brochures were given to members.

L. Pederson recapped the Winter District Meeting.

**Secretary – Marie Robinson**

January 2006 meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurers Report – C. Kokal**

Current ending cash balance is \$1,576.66

Members donated \$365.00 in items for Cheerful Giver's, the chapter donated \$106.50.  
Total donation \$471.50

**Programming –**

**External Programming – Mary Boerner**

**Youth and Community –**

F. Clark discussed the WP Foundation Ball. We should arrive by 5:15pm on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Valet parking is available.

K. Castro discussed the Chanhassen Rotary Tulip Gala begin held on April 29<sup>th</sup>. D. Buckles and C. Mertz will be co-chairing. We will be handling the registration and silent auction.

C. Mertz received a request for a donation for Prairie Fest, which is a retreat weekend for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Eden Prairie. It promotes taking positive risks, self-esteem and breaking down barriers. Money is needed to help pay for students that cannot afford to pay, and adults/students who volunteer their time. The donation would be needed in November. We discussed possibly doing a fund raiser. More to follow.

L. Pederson recapped the fleece blanket making event. 19 people attended. 10 blankets were made and the kids made valentines and beaded coasters.

**Civic Awareness – Jan Mars (not present)**

More information on Eden Prairie Parks Cleanup April 22<sup>nd</sup> will be available at the March meeting.

**Internal Programming – Fay Clark**

**Public Relations/Newsletter – Crystal Kelley – not present**

Newsletter articles are due by February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

K. Castro reminded members that zoot notes are available. A link is on the website.

**Personal Enrichment – Stacy Pearson**

C. Kokal announced that a Live Out Loud course will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Eden Prairie Library. T. Powell will be co-chairing.

T. Powell recapped certification night. 6 member attended and earned 11 certifications, including 4 for Focus on Women.

**Focus on Women – Cyndy Mertz**

Barb VanHauer from Guidant will be the speaker on Heart Disease in Women on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm at Byerly's in St. Louis Park. Kathie Case will speak on defibrillators. An evite will be sent shortly.

**Ways & Means – Fay Clark**

Raffle tickets are available for \$5.00. The drawing will be held at the Winter State Convention.

Fudge is available from the State Store.

**New Business**

J. Takes announced that the Eden Prairie City Manager will be the guest speaker at our April meeting.

C. Mertz will email all members the EP Ball's auction catalog.

The Eden Prairie Library is having a book at sale April 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00am - 1:00pm.

The March of Dimes walk will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss registration and walking at the April meeting.

**Inspirational Thought – F. Clark**

**Good and Wellness**

Our thoughts and prayers to Jan Mars, her father has been diagnosed with cancer, Trish Powell is having a baby boy, Crystal Kokal's son, Grant's phosphorous levels are up, Joanna Takes' thyroid levels are being monitored, Stacy Pearson's daughter, Syndey celebrated her first birthday.

An invitation to join was extended to N. Owen

M. Boerner led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Secretary – Marie Robinson