

**EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES General Meeting  
Camp Edenwood Thursday, January 15, 2004  
7:00 p.m.**

Attendees:

Members:

Kathy Brenner  
Sara Muehlenbein  
Colleen Miller  
Mary Boerner  
Crystal Kokal  
Joanna Takes  
Sharon Joe  
Stacy Pearson  
Cyndy Mertz

Guests:

Karen Torseth - Lakeville  
Cindy Langer  
Tina Marie Combs

The monthly general meeting was held Thursday, January 15, 2004 at Camp Eden Wood in Eden Prairie. The meeting was called to order by President, Crystal Kokal at 7:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sharon J. The U.S. Women of Today Creed was led by Crystal K.

Crystal Kokal welcomed our guests.

Ice Breaker was by Joanna T. She asked if you were an animal which animal would you like to be.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

### **President - Crystal Kokal**

Crystal presented a Daisy Award to Joanna Takes and Stacy Pearson

The group will donate \$200.00 and get First Aid kits for Camp Eden Wood to fulfill our donation for using their site. A committee will be set up in February.

A sign-up sheet is available for February's meeting.

Crystal asked that everyone email her your thoughts from the "Member Satisfaction Survey" that was handed out at the Christmas party. If you were not there, she is asking for two things that you think are going well with the chapter and two things that need improvement.

MAIL - Newsletter, Area meetings, Train the training at the State Convention. Thank you card from the Shriners and Thank you card from Ethel Olson.

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

Debra was not present at the meeting. The District meeting will be held by the Lakeville Chapter in Apple Valley on Thursday, January 22, 2004.

Joanna T. made a motion that we would give \$5.00 for the State President gift and \$10.00 towards the District Director gift. Stacy P. seconded the motion.

White Bear Lake has started a new chapter.

The winter 2004 State Convention will be held on February 21st. Advance registration is due by February 5, 2004.

A motion was made and seconded that the chapter agrees to District 10 holding the spring 2005 State Annual Convention. Committees and sub-committees will be needed for the convention.

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

Susie was not able to attend the meeting. Crystal K. talked about the Bowling M-night. Six people from the chapter attended. There were no prospects.

### **Treasurer - Colleen Miller**

Colleen's Treasury report will be attached to the next Newsletter. Be sure to check our website for that coming up.

## **Secretary - Cyndy Mertz**

There were no changes to the November 2003 meeting minutes. They were approved.

## **Parliamentarian - Sara Muehlenbein**

Sara reminded everyone that new officers will be needed starting May 1, 2004. She called for a committee to be created to collect nominations for the positions needed. That committee will run the election at the February 19th general meeting. Volunteers for the committee are Crystal K., Joanna T. and Cyndy M. "Summary of Positions" and "Nomination Forms" was handed out to all.

An amendment was made to the bylaws to allow Colleen M. and Debra T. to continue in their positions for another year. We went through Sections 1, 2 and 5 to make some changes. The bylaw changes will be voted on prior to elections at the February meeting.

By-law review will be done at the March 2004 board meeting and presented and gone through at the March 18th general meeting.

## **Programming VP - Joanna Takes**

A Personal Enrichment Course - "Stress Management" will be held on Saturday January 24 at 10:00 a.m. Debra T. will lead the course. If Debra is not able to lead the course on that date, a new date will be chosen. A decision will be made by Wednesday, January 21st.

A Stampin' Up fundraiser will be held on Friday, February 27th at 7p.m. A motion was made by Sharon J. that a room will be reserved at Pax Christi Church. Cyndy M. seconded the motion. Stacy P. will be chairing this event. Please invite your friends and let Stacy know if you will be attending by the February 19th general meeting. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go the Eden Prairie Fire department to purchase defibrillators.

Joanna T., Kathy B., and Debra T. attended a meeting on immigrants given by the "Diversity Committee of Eden Prairie." This committee is looking for people in the community to help these people. A variety of people spoke about their countries and challenges of living here.

The National Guard has requested volunteers to help with a children's program being held in Cottage Grove on January 24th and 25th.

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 K. will be hosting a Wine Tasting and Cheese Party on Saturday, February 14th at 7:00. Everyone is invited and may bring a guest. Crystal will find out from the presenter the types of wines and cheeses to bring. Please let her know if you plan to attend.

Sharon J.'s Girl Scout Troop is selling Girl Scout cookies. Colleen M. motioned that we donate \$140.00 to Sharon's daughter, Tammy Jo to buy cookies for the U.S. troops or for several charities such as Sharing and Caring Hands. Kathy B. seconded the motion. If you would like to buy cookies for yourself from Tammy Jo, contact Sharon.

A Girl Scouting event is planned in Elk River on March 27th from 9:30 to 4:30. They are looking for volunteers to help work on badges and other events being held that day.

Joanna will chair a committee to work with Camp Eden Wood to select a person with development challenges from their camp to attend a Summer Convention. The name and information on that person is required by April 1st. Please contact Joanna if you would like to be on this committee.

### **Newsletter - Kathy Brenner**

Kathy requested that all information for the next newsletter be to her by January 24th. Stacy will try to have it posted on the website by Sunday, January 25th.

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

\$9.18 was collected at the November general meeting for the March of Dimes.

The Walk America for the March of Dimes will be held on April 25th. Crystal would like to have a team representing our chapter. More information to come.

## **PR - Stacy Pearson**

Stacy is still trying to get information regarding our chapter into the Eden Prairie Newspaper. She will also contact the Sun Current and My Eden Prairie News to try to get ads in those papers too. She will also be working on a new flyer and will email a sample to all when it is ready.

## **New Business**

Sara M. has offered to work on the chapter scrapbook. She is looking for pictures and any information to put in it. Everyone is welcome to put things in the book. Ask Sara for a page and help her out.

Mary B. brought in a sample of a banner to be made for our chapter. She requested help from others and also a budget of \$40.00. A motion was made by Mary and seconded by Colleen.

A Butter Braid fundraiser will be held for two weeks beginning in March. Each loaf is \$7.50. Our chapter will receive \$3.00 per loaf. More info to come.

The Pals book club will be reading "Pigs in Heaven", by Barbara Kingsolver. Discussion will be held on February 23 at 7:00 at the Café at Borders bookstore. Contact Joanna T. for more information.

The next Chapter Board Meeting will be held on February 5th at Colleen Miller's home.

The next General Chapter Meeting will be held on February 19th at Camp Eden Wood

Inspirational Thought: Sara M. read a letter by Mother Teresa.

Minnesota Women of Today Creed was lead by Cyndy M.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.00 p.m.

## **REMINDER TO ALL WHEN VOTING**

Abstain means I agree to something but I am not available to help.

Yes means I agree to it and will help with it.

No means I do not agree with it and will not help with it.

Secretary - Cyndy Mertz