

Eden Prairie Women of Today
General Meeting
St. Andrew's Church
January 20, 2005

Attendees: Stacy Pearson
Tina Richter
Joanna Takes
Lisa Vorderbruggen
Fay Clark
Sara Muehlenbein
Kelly Landaeta
Katie Castro
Munna Yasiri
Jennifer Morris Ackerman
Mary Boener
Crystal Kelley
Susan Malek
Crystal Kokal
Therese Simmons
Cyndy Mertz

Guests: Andrea Nordick – Girl Scouts
Rachel Melberg

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by President Stacy Pearson
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Cyndy M.
US Women of Today Creed was led by: Lisa V.

Crystal Kokal welcomed guest Andrea Nordick – Volunteer Recruiter for the Girl Scout Council. Andrea talked about an event to learn more about the positive difference Girl Scouting makes in the life of a girl. The event will be held on February 02, 2005 at the Woman's Club in Minneapolis. Registration and networking is from 5:30 to 6:00 pm and the program is from 6:00 to 7:00. If you would like to attend, please contact Marge Beard at mbeard@girlscoutsmpls.org. She also mentioned events coming up that need volunteers. "Jr. Snow Days" for 4-6th graders and a "Dog Sledding" weekend at one of their camps. It was also discussed that we could possibly plan a day with girls and work on various badges. Lots of other ideas were also presented.

Pass the Prize was provided by Mary B. The word was Project. Cyndy M. won the prize.

Ice Breaker was led by Stacy P. – "What is one project or fundraiser you would like to see our chapter do?"

Janel H., Lisa V., Kelly L. and Therese S. birthdays were recognized.

Officer Reports

President – Stacy P.

The sign-up sheet was presented for the February general meeting.

The "Survey Results" were available to all.

The explanation of "Project Recaps" was given. Whenever you chair or co-chair a project, the last step is the "Project Recap" at the next meeting. This should include who attended, money raised (if it was a fundraiser), and the programming area. The full details should be given to the secretary for the minutes and then give a quick recap during the meeting. It is important for those details to be captured in our minutes for documentation to the state.

Crystal Kokal- Immediate past president will run the Election committee. Volunteers to co-chair are Fay C., Therese S., and Tina R. Details of each officer position will be in the February newsletter. If you are interested in a position, please contact one of the committee members.

Joanna T. will be leading the February meeting.

State Delegate – Tina R.

The “Winter District” meeting will be held on Thursday, January 27 at St. Andrews at 7:00 p.m. Room 206. The theme is football.

The “Winter State” convention meeting will be February 25-27 in St. Louis Park. Deadline to register is February 9, 2005.

Membership – Crystal Kokal

Katie Castro was welcomed to the group. She joined on December 7, 2004.

Crystal Kokal did a recap of the EPWT Holiday 2004 Party. It was held at Estelle S. home on December 16, 2004. Tina Richter was presented the Mrs. Hennepin County banner by EP’s mayor Nancy Tyra-Lukens and the reigning Mrs. Minnesota – Nancy Parideise. Impromptu speeches were held throughout the evening for members working towards their “Effective Speaking” certifications. There was great food and a Gift exchange. Members were asked to bring “Toys-for-Tots”. Tracy L. sent out an email with recipes that she compiled from the pot-luck. The chairwomen were Tracy Lynch, Estelle Schaefer, Audra Compton and Crystal Kokal. They spent four hours preparing for the party. 18 members attended and there were two guests. Members attending were: Tracy L., Estelle S., Audra C., Crystal Kokal, Crystal Kelley, Deb T., Colleen M., Tina R., Fay C., Katie C., Sara M., Joanna T., Cyndy M., Mary B., Stacy P., Janel H., Jan M., Kelly L. and Jennifer A.

Crystal K. talked about the “mentor program.” We are going to change it to “Friendship” program and ask that other members think about spending some time with new members getting to know them and help with their questions.

Three prospective members names were received from the “Minneapolis Women’s Expo.” Letters and brochures will be sent out this month inviting them to attend the February meeting.

Treasurer – Mary B.

Mary B. gave the treasury report. Ending cash balance is \$1,111.12

Secretary – standing in – Cyndy M.

There were no changes to the November 2004 meeting minutes. The minutes were accepted.

Parliamentarian – Fay C.

Fay C. made a motion that we amend our bylaws as presented in the December 2004 newsletter.

Crystal K. seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed.

Fay C. made a motion that District 10 Women of Today bylaw change as presented in the Membership agenda. Crystal K. seconded the motion. It was voted on and “Delegate Informed” was passed.

Internal Programming – Joanna T.

STEP – Crystal Kokal

Crystal congratulated the following members who have STEP certified since our November meeting.

STEP I – Audra Compton, Susan Malek, Janel Hartfiel

STEP II – Jan Mars, Fay Clark

STEP III – Joanna Takes, Stacy Pearson

Stacy Pearson, Tina Richter and Jennifer Ackerman participated in the STEP competition at Fall State.

PR – Jennifer A.

No Report

Newsletter – Crystal Kelly

Newsletter articles are due 1-26-05

RAVE – Lisa V.
No Report

Ways and Means – Mary B.

Herberger's Community Days will be held again on February 26th. Mary B. and Estelle S. attended the December event. \$279.82 was received from this event. Mary B. has asked for volunteers to work the next event on February 26th.

Mary B. presented the "Glass with Class" State fundraiser. If you are interested in purchasing any of the items, contact Mary. Our chapter does get a percentage of the sales. March 10th is the deadline to order.

Stacy P. suggested doing another "Restaurant Fundraiser/Chapter Social." Munna Y. and Kelly L. will chair the event and research restaurants that it could be held at.

Personal Enrichment

Certification night was held at Pax Christi on January 3rd. Seven people attended. People certified in "Civic Awareness", "Focus on Women", and "Chaplain and Family Involvement."

Kelly L. and Tina R. will co-chair a "Listening" Personal Enrichment course to be held in the near future.

Focus on Women

Cyndy M. is working on setting up a Saturday morning in March to do a CPR course with the Eden Prairie Fire Department. More information will be coming.

Chaplain/Family Involvement

A "Family Week Games Day" is planned for January 29th. Pax Christie – Chief Joseph Room
"Family" week is January 23-29th.

External Programming – Cyndy M.

Girl Scouts – Crystal Kokal

Marj Moll, this years Girl Scout SPM is raising funds to be used towards Girl Scout scholarships and is asking for donations from districts, chapters or individuals. Those that participate will be in a drawing for a \$75.00 gift certificate to Target, which will be awarded at Annual Awards. If you would like more information on making a personal donation, please contact Crystal Kokal for details. Crystal made a motion that our chapter donate \$25.00 toward the scholarship fund for the 3rd quarter. Fay C. seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed.

Youth & Community – Fay C.

Crystal K. recapped the "Holiday Cards for Seniors" event held on December 4, 2004. The event was held at "Summit Place" with their assisted living residents. The chairwomen were: Tracy Lynch, Janel Hartfield and Crystal Kokal. 30 hours were spent stamping cards last year. Three hours were spent coordinating the event and a total of 14 hours spent writing out the cards for the seniors. Card stock and envelopes were donated and postage was approximately \$37.00. There were seven members and seven guests. The members from our chapter were: Tracy L., Janel H., Crystal Kokal, Jennifer A., Stacy P., Audra C. and Joanna T.

Joanna Takes gave a comment on the "Cornerstone" book donation project. Still waiting on information from Chrissy Stone.

Tina R. did an update on CCFA. A "Bowl-a-Thon" will be held at park Tavern in St. Louis Park on March 6th at 2pm. She asked if members would like to join her in forming a team. \$50.00 is required to receive a t-shirt. She suggested everyone pool their money and be recognized that way. Let her know by February 14th if you are interested in participating.

Mary B. has contacted PROP and asked if they would accept "Birthday" packets. For the March meeting, please bring birthday items such as: Paper plates, cups, napkins, candles, etc... anything that would go with a party. Probably more for children. We will then package them up and take them to PROP.

Civic Awareness – Jan Mars

No report

Kidney Disease

Cyndy M. is checking into doing a social with our PALS group – Maple Grove. More info will be coming

March of Dimes

Tina Richter has met a contact with March of Dimes and will be talking with her regarding things we can possibly help with. “Walk America” will be held on May 1st. They are asking for volunteers to help at the event.

People with Developmental Challenges

No Report

Inspirational Thought

Tina R. read “Attitudes.”

Good and Wellness

Stacy P. gave get well wishes to Kathy B.

The Minnesota Women of Today Creed was led by Kelly L.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Dates to Remember

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| Women’s Gopher Game | January 23 |
| District Meeting | January 27 – Hosted by Eden Prairie |
| Women of Today Family Week | January 23-29 |
| Family Week Game Day | January 29 at Pax Christie – Chief Joseph Room |
| End of 3 rd Quarter | January 31 |
| February Board Meeting | February 3 at Fay’s home |
| Deadline to register for Winter State | February 9 |
| General Membership meeting | February 17 at St. Andrew’s |
| Herberger’s Community Days | February 26 at Herberger’s in Bloomington |
| CCFA Bowl-A-Thon | Marcy 6 at park Tavern in St. Louis Park |
| Twin Cities Walk America | May 1 |
| Race (Walk) for the Cure | May 9 |

PALS Book Group Dates & Books

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| PALS Book Group | February – “Rebecca” by Daphne du Maurier |
| PALS Book Group | March – “The left Hand of Darkness” by Ursula K. |
| LeGuin | |

Secretary – Cyndy Mertz

