

EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES  
General Meeting – St Andrews Church  
Thursday, January 19, 2006  
7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

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

Guests - Deb Buckle

A quorum was established.

Call to order was at 7:00 p.m. by J. Takes

Pledge of Allegiance was led by L. Pederson

US Women of Today creed was led by D. Buckle

Icebreaker was provided by J. Takes. What is a fun activity you would like to do at a meeting?

J. Takes recognized birthdays of: L. Kroshus, B. Wojahn, K. Landaeta and T. Simmons

**Officer Reports**

**President – Joanna Takes**

Passed around the sign-up sheet for February's meeting.

Announced members of the quarter: L. Pederson, A. Compton and M. Boerner

Based on responses to the mid-year evaluation, we will try to incorporate more social time into our monthly meetings and increase the number of socials outside the meetings as well.

**Membership – Katie Castro**

Asked for suggestions for bi-monthly socials. We will continue getting together before and after the monthly meetings. We will meet at Noodles & Co. prior to the February meeting and at Ruby Tuesday's afterward.

A good time and good food were had by all who attended the holiday party. Recipes are still needed for the newsletter. 104 pairs of socks were donated for Mary's Place, and \$130.00 in toys were donated to Toys for Tots.

**Parliamentarian/Past President – Stacy Pearson**

The February newsletter will include the 2006-2007 board nominees. The vote will be held at the March meeting.

Please review the current bylaws on the web. Changes will be discussed at the February meeting.

**State Delegate – Katie Castro**

The Winter District Convention is on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 in Golden Valley. Volunteers are needed to create the Lucky Buck basket. The budget is \$20.00. A sign-up sheet was passed.

The Winter State Convention is on February 24-26 at the Double Tree in St. Louis Park. A registration form was passed.

**Secretary – Marie Robinson**

November 2005 meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurers Report – C. Kokal**

Current ending cash balance is \$1,829.52

**Programming –**

**External Programming – Mary Boerner**

**Youth and Community –**

L. Pederson discussed fleece blanket making for Project Linus. Material has been purchased to make 10-15 blankets on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 9-12:00 (family week). Art projects will be available for smaller children. Adults are asked to bring sharp scissors for cutting the fleece.

C. Kokal announced the Hope Chest for Breast Cancer is having a Volunteer Appreciation party on February 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8pm, at their retail store. Please rsvp to C. Kokal by February 2<sup>nd</sup>. C. Mertz read a thank you note, the sale earned \$60,000.

F. Clark discussed the EP Foundation Ball. We will be handling registration and the silent auction on March 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be approximately 125 items in the silent auction. EPWT members will total the bids and organize the prizes for each member. High school volunteers will do the running. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers.

Kim Bergeron, from the Lakeville Chapter, is heading this year's priority project, Cheerful Givers. She will be attending our February meeting. M/S/P (K. Castro/F. Clark) I move that we add \$21.60 to our Barnes & Noble donations to make \$100.00 for large gifts for Cheerful Givers bags. Members are asked to bring small items that are inexpensive and unisex to be added to the bags. J. Takes, S. Pearson and D. Buckle volunteered to purchase the large items.

M. Boerner and F. Clark spent approximately \$500 on Adopt-a-Family gifts.

Five members and one guest attended the card making for seniors in December. We may consider an alternate season or location for the project in the future.

Gift wrapping at Barns & Noble raised \$78.40. More volunteers will be needed for the later shift next year.

Three members cooked at the Crisis Nursery on January 14<sup>th</sup>. There were 10 children. \$35.23 was spent on food.

K. Castro read a letter from Nancy Holden with PROP. She thanked EPWT for the donation and our support.

The Chanhassen Rotary Tulip Gala will be held on April 29th. More information will follow.

### **Internal Programming – Fay Clark**

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

Newsletter articles are due by January 26th

#### **Personal Enrichment – Stacy Pearson**

Certification night is February 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30pm at the Eden Prairie Library. Battery recycling will also be available.

#### **Focus on Women – Cyndy Mertz**

A date is needed for a Guidant presentation on women and heart disease for the district. Contact C. Mertz will suggestions for date, location and other activities.

400 Yoplait labels were donated.

#### **Ways & Means – Fay Clark**

The State Store item list was passed to the members.

C. Kokal has spa raffle tickets available for \$5.

M. Boerner has Herberger's Spring Sale coupons books available. We will not be working the event, as it is on the same date as the EP Foundation Ball.

#### **New Business**

K. Castro will be hosting an Oscar Night wine and cheese party on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Dress as your favorite nominee or character. A local distributor will be donating the wine. Other beverages will be available.

C. Mertz mentioned the Eden Prairie Library will be having their first of the year adult book sale on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

K. Castro's step-daughter is selling Girl Scout cookies. The form is available.

C. Mertz brought an add regarding activity rooms for rent at the Eden Prairie Senior Center. The rate is \$5 - \$25 per hour based on the size of the room.

**Inspirational Thought – C. Kokal**

**Good and Wellness**

Our thoughts and prayers to C. Kelley who had surgery today, J. Takes is pregnant, T. Powell's sister is doing ok, she is starting chemo therapy, K. Castro's father-in-law is having a tumor removed from his lung, J. Morris started the Daisy Camp to help women with divorce.

An invitation to join was extended to D. Buckle

J. Morris led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Secretary – Marie Robinson