

Eden Prairie Women of Today
General Meeting – Star Bank Community Room
Thursday, January 20 2011
7:00 PM

Attendees:

Members:

Hetal A	Kerry A	Lisa B	Laura B	Mary B	Katie C
Fay C	Nancy Co	Stacey D	Licia J	Jan M	Tami M
Cyndy M	Christi M-F	Joan N	Linda N	Barb P	Stacy P
Cindy R	Melissa R	Nancy R	Marie R	Shannon S	Suzanne S
Amber S	Joanna T	SueEllen T	Erin T	Lisa Y	Gail W
Beth W					

Guests:

Lisa H from Pay it Forward
Dawn B from Autism Society of Minnesota

Call to Order was at 7:04 PM

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Christi M-F

United States Women of Today Creed was led by Lisa B

Special Presentation to Dawn B from the Autism Society of Minnesota. The Eden Prairie Women of Today donated \$1,042.50 raised from the Santa Letters Project. We wrote 223 letters, up from 222 in 2009. 27 members, and one husband, were involved in the project this year. Dawn told us about some upcoming events through the Society. Temple Grandin is coming to an Autism & Employment Forum at 3M Headquarters on February 17. Check out their website: www.ausm.org for more information.

Guest Speaker Lisa H from Pay it Forward. Lisa is a Director of Nursing at Ridgeview Hospital in Waconia. She is a referral from the Waconia Chapter and also a member of the Chaska Rotary. The Pay it Forward group is holding a Casino Night event fundraiser on February 4 at the Medina Ballroom. Tickets are \$75 each.

Orders of the Day – Parliamentarian Sue Ellen T
A quorum was established

Icebreaker was provided by Barb P: Where would you like to go to escape this cold weather?

Internal Programming Vice President (IVP) – Nancy Co

Living and Learning – Marie R

Personal Enrichment (PEP) – Nancy Co will be leading a Non-Verbal Communication course on March 22 at 7 PM at the Star Bank Community Room

Certification Night – Friday, April 15 starting at 5:30 PM at Davanni’s in Eden Prairie. Open house style, come when you can to fill out the information our chapter needs to get credit for all of the great projects we do.

Share Your Light Night (SYLN) – Tuesday, February 8 at 7 PM at Erin T’s house: Lead Out Loud

March: Joanna T will be leading an Improv Singing event

Contact Marie R if you are interested in leading the April SYLN

Foodie Adventure – Suzanne S: February 2 at Mix Fusion Bistro on Shady Oak Road at 6:30. The Foodies went to the Prairie Ale house in November. Check out their updated menu!

“Girls Only: The Secret Comedy of Women” – Nancy Co: interested in a group outing?

Game Night – Tami M. 1 member braved the snow to join Tami for games.

Game Night has been rescheduled to February 4th and 25th at 7 PM at Tami’s.

Based on the turnout, a more permanent schedule will be established.

Crafters Night – Gail W, sign up with Gail if you are interested in getting together with other members to work on needle crafts and visit. Savage Area Women of Today are hosting a Crafting get together on February 19 at Indigo Tea in Burnsville

Records and Recognition – Gail W

Fill out your sheet in the binder! Come to the Certification Night at Davanni’s on April 15 if you need to catch up.

Public Relations – Sue Ellen T and Mary E-K

Photo Directory – Sue Ellen T passed around a rough example of what the photo directory will look like

Ladies Night Out – Dinner and Darts, Saturday, April 16. Erin T will chair this event.

Newsletter – Cyndy M, articles are due January 31st

Webmaster/Facebook – Stacy P for Beth W: Fan MNWT on Facebook and check out our Google calendar on the EPWT website

Ways and Means – Bachman’s Cards: orders are due by January 31st for Valentine’s Day availability. See Mary B or Kimbelry R

Encore Consignment in Eden Prairie held a fundraiser for EPWT on January 20th. Stop in and visit this local store.

External Programming Vice President (EVP) – Fay C for Charlotte P

Women’s Wellness – Barb P

Move It Move It Challenge Part II with Cyprus – Kerry A – we won!! Part III of the Challenge runs from January 20 through February 17. 15 minutes of activity equals 1 point. Remember to email your point total to Kerry A so we can start a victory streak!

Youth of Today – Hetal A

Crisis Nursery – Mary B, talk to Mary B if you’re interested in participating or chairing a meal preparation at the Crisis Nursery. Maybe a date in February?

“That Guy’s” Letters – Sue Ellen T, recap during Special Presentation

Can Do Canines – Linda N

Open House February 26 from 1-4 PM

Community Connections – Lisa Y

Bingo – Suzanne S, February 9 and March 9 from 6:30-8:00. The residents LOVED their Christmas gift bags. We need donations of gently used Beanie Babies or other small stuffed animals for prizes.

Jeans for Teens – Audra C and Christi M-F, sorted jeans at Gail W's and dropped off donations at three organizations: 285 pairs to Mary's Place, 70 pairs to Tree House, and 149 pairs to Bridging.

Soup-er Bowl aka Empty Bowls Event – Fay C, January 29, need a few more helpers

Project Linus – Licia J, 10 members, 1 kid, and 2 Waconia Area members joined us to assemble 22 blankets for donation. Laura B will drop the blankets off at the next Project Linus group meeting.

Go Commando 5K – Amber S, June 25. 5K obstacle course run through Team Ortho at Green Acres Park. See Amber S if you are interested.

Rotary Donation – Katie C, the Chanhassen Rotary sent our donation through the Minnesota Women of Today Foundation

EP Foundation Gala – Charlotte P/Sue Ellen T, March 26 at the Marriot-Opus location. Get in touch with Charlotte P if you're interested in volunteering for this event

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Officer Reports

President – Beth W

Beth W shared a thank you letter we received from our sponsored Christmas gift family

The February sign up sheet was passed around

Survey Results – Nancy Co will email the results to the chapter. We received 38 replies out of our 52 members!

Parliamentarian – Sue Ellen T

Election Process: Sue Ellen T, Melissa R, and Erin T are the election committee for the upcoming Women of Today year. Descriptions of all the board positions will be in the upcoming Newsletter. Start thinking about which position you might be interested in or who you would like to nominate.

State Delegate – Melissa R

District Meeting – February 24 in Golden Valley. The theme is Winter Wonderland. Registration is at 6:15 and the meeting will start at 7:00 PM. Cost is \$7 for dinner and meeting or \$1 for the meeting only.

Extensions Update – Fay C/Sue Ellen T, Savage Area Women of Today have a new website, check it out!

Winter State Convention – Sue Ellen T/Erin T, January 28-30. We need a few volunteers to help get things together before convention: set up, make and put up decorations, etc. Email Sue Ellen if you are interested.

We will bring the fleece EPWT received from a secret donor to Convention to use for the fleece pillow making project for Camp Get A Wella.

Membership Vice President (MVP) – Erin T

Mystery Monday – Mary E-K, Monday, January 31st at the Eden Prairie Library. 6:00-6:30 social time, 6:30-8:30 presentation from Senior Community Services. This presentation will focus on services available to seniors in the Eden Prairie area.

Treasurer – Beth W for Beth K

Treasurer's Report: ending balance is \$3,710

Please cash any checks you have that were written out of the old account at Flagship Bank before the February meeting so we can close the account.

Secretary – Licia J

November minutes were approved

Addition of Women of Today Week reporting to October minutes was approved

PALS – Melissa R/Gail W January 18 visit to Blooming Prairie's Christmas Party. 3 EPWT members joined 8 or 9 BPWT members for this fun event.

New Business/Announcements

There were 10 volunteers from EPWT at the Library Book Sale

PROP is looking for secret shoppers to fill specific needs. Contact Joanna T if you're interested.

Companies to Classrooms – Lisa Y, opportunity to help sort and organize supplies at the end of the school year in June.

Charity Knit Group – knit or crochets hats for babies in need. Contact Licia J if you're interested.

Project Linus Part II – we have enough left over fleece from our last event to hold another one. If you didn't get to participate last time, but would like to a new time, please contact Licia J with some dates and times.

Shannon S and Erin T are participating in the Polar Bear Plunge!

M/S/P – We support Sue Ellen T in her bid for Public Relations State Program Manager.

M/S/P – We add \$25 to the \$2,475 donation from the Chanhassen Rotary to make it a total of \$2,500 available for donating.

M/S/P – We donate \$2,000 to the PROP Youth Scholarship fund.

M/S/P – We donate \$500 to the Can Do Canines Name a Puppy Fund.

Good & Wellness

Invitation to Join

Inspirational Thought was provided by Joanna T

Minnesota Women of Today Creed was led by Stacy P

Adjourned at 9:41 by Beth W

Respectfully Submitted,

Licia J. Secretary

Attachments: Casino Night Flyer, Autism Society Flyer, Member Survey Results, Amber S's meeting notes, Sue Ellen T's meeting notes, Project Linus report