

**Eden Prairie Women of Today
Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2004 - 7:00**

Members:

Lisa Vorderbruggen	Kathy Brenner
Crystal Kelley	Crystal Kokal
Cindy Mertz	Joanna Takes
Jan Mars	Tina Richter
Jennifer Ackerman	Stacy Pearson
Sara Muehlenbein	Mary Boerner
Fay Clark	

Guests:

Paulie Skaja-Bell	YCI SPM
Shannon	Camp Edenwood Director

Stacy P. called the meeting to Order at 7:00 pm
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kathy B.
US Women of Today Creed was led by Mary B.
Pass the Prize was provided by Crystal Kokal – Word is Youth and Community
Kathy B. led the Ice Breaker: Tell about a time when you were in a diverse situation
Stacy P. welcomed the guests

Shannon accepted the donations of supplies that were provided to Camp Edenwood. She spoke about the need given that they are a non-profit organization.

Paulie spoke about her roles in Women of Today and specifically the programs under Youth and Community. She encouraged us to be involved with the local police, fire or rescue services as a means for helping the community and as a way to be recognized. She also encouraged us to plan activities for Kids Week and Make a Difference Day. Paulie encouraged us to participate in Outstanding Young Adult be nominating individuals that we know who have made a difference.

Crystal Kelly and Leslie Adams' birthdays were recognized

President Report– Stacy P.

Stacy put out the sign-up sheet for August's meeting

Mail – Stacy received a thank you from Camp Edenwood for the flowers that our group planted.
Our Eden Prairie Mayor signed a proclamation making July 1 Women of Today Founders Day.

Stacy presented Quarterly Awards to Cyndy M. for her work in organizing Brownie Smile Day, Jennifer A. for successfully getting our group mentioned in the newspapers and to Crystal Kokal for organizing the 4th of July fundraiser.

Stacy has updated the Chapter Handbooks – Plan of Action. Members received copies at tonight's meeting. This book contains all the information for the current year as well as some general information about the Women of Today organization.

Stacy brought forth the question of how the Chapter wanted to vote on state by-law change (from 7 under 40 to 7 under 50). Paulie spoke about why this has come up for a vote and the effect of voting for or against. A verbal vote was taken. Our chapter has chosen to vote against the by-law change.

At the last board meeting it became apparent that we needed clarification of which donations of time and monies are to be turned in. These questions are in reference to members working on projects outside of Women of Today sanctioned projects. Stacy received clarification that members may turn in time spent on projects if this time has not also been counted by another organization, such as an employer. The same is true of monetary donations, to the extent that the member cares to share that information.

State Delegate - Tina R. & Jan M.

Tina R. suggested that members car pool to the district meeting.

Summer Awards Convention is August 13-14 in Willmar. Members were reminded that registration is due.

Membership – Crystal Kokal

Crystal Kokal recapped M-night Recap that we had at Centennial Lakes. For this quarter we have 5 of 5 renewals and 2 adds.

Women of Today Week is September 19 – 25. Fay and Crystal Kokal will plan events.

Treasurer – Mary B.

Mary passed out the Treasurer's report and reported that we have \$322.27 on hand.

Secretary – Kathy

The previous month's Minutes were approved.

We have a Project Report Form which should be filled out for each project. This will help us in documenting our accomplishments and provide assistance to future members when planning projects. Joanna mentioned the PALS book club. The next books are "The Number One Ladies Detective Agency" by Alexander McCall Smith for the August 9 meeting. "Haunted Ground" by Erin Hart will be read for the September 8 meeting. The PALS book club meets in the coffee shop area at the Borders bookshop near Ridgedale Mall.

Parliamentarian – Fay C.

Fay has printed Motion Slips for use in our meetings. These should be used for all motions so that we can accurately document our actions.

External Programming VP – Cyndy

Civic Awareness – Jan M. asked members if there is a specific candidate they would like to have come and speak with our group, She also encouraged a member to run for a political office. Jan spoke about reducing pollution by reducing the amount we drive. There is an Individual Certificate for Civic Awareness.

Youth and Community – Fay C.

Crystal Kokal recapped the fundraiser at 4th of July.

Kathy B. brought forth a discussion about bringing school supply items at the August meeting. The members agreed. Kathy will publish a list in the Newsletter.

Cyndy M. reminded us that EP Library will have their Grand Opening August 12-14. We will not have an organized activity at this, but are invited to attend.

Stacy mentioned the EP Foundation Ball – February 26. Several members expressed interest in finding ways to help with this. Involvement would help to gain recognition for EPWT.

Kidney Disease

Cyndy mentioned the Caring Vine Club and passed out a flyer. This is a fundraiser for the Kidney Foundation for research. Individuals can be a member with a \$5.00 quarterly donation.

She also talked about the Transplant Games. These are being held from July 27 to Aug 1 at the U of M in Minneapolis. You can get more information at www.livingdonors@kidney.org

March of Dimes

March of Dimes Walk-a-thon will be held May 1, 2005. There will be a March of Dimes Birthday Party August 14.

People with Developmental Challenges

EPWT donated \$131.00 for supplies to Camp Edenwood at tonight's meeting.

Chapters are encouraged to nominate a person or group that opens their hearts to people with developmental challenges for the "Opened My Heart" Award. Contact either Cyndy or Julie at pdcc@mnwt.org for a nomination form.

Cyndy mentioned that it would be great to nominate an individual at Camp Edenwood for the Outstanding Person with Developmental Challenges Award.

Campbells labels are worth a penny each. It is an easy way to raise funds. Cyndy will publish a list of the appropriate labels in the next newsletter.

Internal Programming VP – Joanna T.

The state staff is looking for comments on Programming Area – Kidney Disease, March of Dimes, NEWSLET, Personal Enrichment, Public Relations, SUCCESS. These comments will help them to decide whether to continue in these areas in the future.

STEP – Crystal Kokal mentioned that Stacy has certified for Step 2. Lisa V, Jan M, Fay C and Crystal Kelley have certified in Step 1.

PR – Jennifer A.

Jennifer has sent out invitations for Day at the Dome – September 19. We need to turn in money by Aug. 15 if you plan to attend.

Thanks to Jennifer EPWT has been mentioned in the Eden Prairie Newspaper with our general meeting location and date/time.

Newsletter – Crystal Kelly

Newsletter Articles to Crystal Kelly by July 22

RAVE – Lisa V.

Joanna mentioned that Lisa will be contacting people to get us organized.

Ways & Means – Mary B

EPWT Shirt Order will be placed in the near future.

Mary talked about the Kids Art Promotion. Children will draw pictures and these will be turned into note cards. The cost is \$10.00

Cyndy has also started the paperwork to have an EPWT box at Kowalski's grocery. Kowalski's will donate a percentage each quarter when the public puts their grocery receipts in our box.

Fay opened discussion regarding the Innsbrook paper to be used as a fundraiser.

Fay Clark moved that we sell Innsbrook paper and use the funds for Ways and Means, Project Linus and YCI projects. The motion was seconded by Crystal Kokal. The motion passed.

Personal Enrichment

Joanna is now the Personal Enrichment District Program Manager

Focus on Women

Joanna spoke about the History Essay Contest sponsored by District 10. If 3 individuals from EPWT, the group will earn additional points toward certifying as a chapter in the Focus on Women programming area. The essays should be submitted by August 15. Joanna will publish additional information in the newsletter.

Chaplain/Family Involvement

Sara recapped the Pizza & Beer Cruise

Joan Lavant, District 10's DPM has opened "The Chaplain Cafe" on the Internet. It functions as a prayer chain. You can access this at the District Bulletin Board - <http://bulletinboards.com/view> (code is dist10, password is believe)

Inspirational Thought was provided by Jan M.

Minnesota Women of Today Creed was led by Crystal Kelley

Stacy P. adjourned the meeting at 9:30

Kathy Brenner
Secretary