

EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES
General Meeting – St Andrews Church
Thursday, July 21, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Members -	Tina Richter	Fay Clark	Crystal Kokal
	Marie Robinson	Cyndy Mertz	
	Stacy Pearson	Sara Vinkemeier	
	Katie Castro	Crystal Kelley	

Guests - Debra Terrio – Lakeville
Joan Lavanant, Connie McDonald, Margaret Niemi & Michele Thompson
- Richfield
Beth Wojahn

A quorum was established.

Call to order was at 7:05 p.m. by J. Takes

Pledge of Allegiance was led by K. Castro

US Women of Today creed was led by the Richfield Women of Today

Pass the Prize word will be “member” the prize was provided by T. Richter

Icebreaker was provided by S. Pearson– What subject do you wish you had learned more about in high school?

F. Clark recognized birthdays of: Susan Malek, Katie Castro and Crystal Kelley

Officer Reports

President – Joanna Takes (not present)

Jennifer Ackerman, Katie Castro and Marie Robinson 1st quarter Members of the Quarter Sign up sheet for August was available at the back table.

Handed out the 2005-2006 Plan of Action

State Delegate – Katie Castro

K. Castro passed around sign-up sheet for the District 11 meeting on July 28th. She will follow up with an email to those who are attending.

C. Mertz will purchase an item to donate to the Lucky Buck Auction.

M/S/P (C. Kokal/C. Mertz) I move that the chapter go into committee in the whole.

M/S/P (C. Kokal/S. Pearson) I move that the Eden Prairie Women of Today chapter vote no to the proposed St. Louis Park extension.

K. Castro passed around a sign-up sheet for the Summer Awards in Worthington. She will follow up with an email.

Membership – Tina Richter

There are two options for renewal payments. A one time payment of \$40.00, or monthly installments with the total due by the renewal date. Tina will send a reminder three months prior to the member's renewal quarter.

Treasurers Report – C. Kokal

Current ending cash balance is \$461.62

Secretary – Marie Robinson

June 2005 meeting minutes were approved with corrections.

S. Pearson discussed PALS social. She suggested we bring collapsible chairs. A sign-up sheet for food was passed around.

Programming –

External Programming – Mary Boerner (not present)

Youth and Community – T. Simmons (not present)

A sign-up sheet was passed around for the Crisis Nursery. We are scheduled for August 20th from 4-6pm.

Contact J. Takes if you are interested in assisting at the Eden Prairie International Festival.

Thank you to F. Clark, B. Wojahn, C. Kokal, J. Takes, and J. Mars for their assistance with the Eden Prairie 4th of July Kid's Games. K. Castro read a thank you letter from the city.

K. Castro extended a thank you to every one who volunteered at the Chanhassen Rotary Beer Garden on July 3rd. The rotary would like to schedule lunch on August 4th to discuss which programs we would like money donated to.

C. Mertz thanked those who made a purchase at the Eden Prairie Library Kids' book sale. The sale was a huge success. The adult book sale will be held on October 8th.

Internal Programming – Fay Clark

Chaplain/Family Involvement – Sara Vinkemeier

S. Vinkemeier explained her hope that each month a member would either give a presentation or write a newsletter article sharing our unique experiences with objects meaningful to us in terms of our families or spirituality. She passed around a photograph and talked about "family". How her definition of "family" has changed as her situation changed. Living in Chicago with Larry and Sue, being single and living with a roommate and now married.

M. Thompson from the Richfield chapter passed around a sign-up sheet for a prayer chain. She also suggested that everyone attend the fellowship services at the state convention.

Personal Enrichment – Stacy Pearson

Impromptu speeches will be from 6:30-7:00 at the district meeting. S. Pearson will have a number of subjects available.

S. Pearson recognized the following members were certified: F. Clark effective writing, S. Vinkemeier effective speaking and K. Castro for effective writing and speaking.

Public Relations/Newsletter – Crystal Kelley

Newsletter articles are due by July 28th. F. Clark asked that each area submit a small article or recap a recent event this month. She and T. Simmons will be bringing copies of the August newsletter to their meeting with the Eden Prairie Chamber of Commerce on August 11th.

K. Castro passed copies of “Zoot” notes. Forms will be available online. The “zoot” (kudos/thanks) can be given to anyone in the chapter or district. They will appear in the monthly newsletter. \$1.00 per zoot will be donated to Ways & Means.

RAVE – Marie Robinson

C. Mertz recapped the chapter scrapbooking worknight/card making social on July 12th. Those present (Jeanine McMahon-District Director, F. Clark, S. Vinkemeier, C. Mertz, S. Joe, C. Kokal, S. Pearson, M. Boerner, J. Takes and M. Robinson) worked on the chapter scrapbook, personal scrapbooks and card making. Treats were provided by C. Kokal, and S. Vinkemeier. There was also food that was won at the last convention. Thanks to S. Pearson, C. Kokal and M. Robinson for sharing their stamping supplies.

STEP – Crystal Kokal

Recognized STEP I certification for M. Robinson and STEP II certification for K. Castro.

Ways & Means – Fay Clark

S. Pearson collected orders for the cookbook fundraiser. 77 cookbooks have been ordered. They will be delivered at the August meeting.

F. Clark mentioned that district and state representative will be attending the Chevy’s social on July 25th. She asked that we extend a “hand of fellowship” to potential members. Flyers are available online.

C. Kokal passed out brochures for the Coldstone Ice Cream fundraiser on August 9th. The brochures should be given to friends and family. 10% of the sales will be given to our chapter.

New Business

C. Mertz reminded members that her goal is to have 75% of all members certified on Focus on Women.

S. Pearson collected 30 Campbell soup labels for PDC.

Continue saving Yoplait labels. We are investigating if all colors are being collected or only pink.

C. Kokal will submit a newsletter article regarding the Hope Chest for Breast Cancer. The organization raises funds for those being treated. The event will be held at the old Mervyn's location at Eden Prairie Mall November 17-19th. Volunteers are needed to price items, set-up, work the event and teardown.

C. Mertz passed a flyer regarding "Smart Women Finish Rich". The event is being hosted by the Richfield chapter on September 19th. Seating is limited, so we will need to register.

C. Mertz passed out an article from "Healthy Family". It discusses summer bugs and how to prevent them from getting you and your family.

F. Clark will bring Innsbrook ordering information to the August meeting. M/S/P (S. Pearson/K. Castro) I move that the profits from our Innsbrook fundraiser go toward Cornerstone, Project Linus and Crisis Nursery. A brochure will be created to notify customers where money from their purchase will be donated.

S. Pearson has the bylaws available at our website.

Inspirational Thought – C. Kokal

Good and Wellness

F. Clark is a new grandma. S. Vinkemeier's house sold. Well wishes for C. Kelley's knee surgery. M. Thompson was laid off last week – good thoughts for her interview on the 25th.

F. Clark led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Secretary – Marie Robinson