

Eden Prairie Women of Today
Meeting Minutes
Camp EdenWood
June 17, 2004 – 7:00 pm.

Attendees:

Members:

Crystal Kokal
Stacy Pearson
Lisa Vorderbruggen
Tina Richter
Colleen Miller
Jennifer Ackerman
Joanna Takes
Fay Clark
Crystal
Jan Mars

Guests:

Cindy Langer- Lakeville
Karen Torseth - Lakeville
Mary Keating – City of Eden Prairie

Stacy P. called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fay T.

US Women of Today Creed was led by Colleen M.

Jan Mars led the Ice Breaker: “What was one foolish purchase you made?”

Jennifer donated the prize for “Pass the Prize – Word is any Women of Today Acronym

Stacy welcomed guests.

Mary Keating from the City of Eden Prairie spoke about the following volunteer opportunities in Eden Prairie. The first was the Eden Prairie Shopping Bus. They are in need of helpers to help people get on and off the bus. The second is helping in the Housing, Transportation and Services center in the Eden Prairie mall. They are looking for a volunteer receptionist. Third is the “International Festival” to be held at Starring Lake on July 31st from 2 to 8 p.m. They need volunteers for helping with crafts and games, set-up and takedown and various other things. You can contact Mary at mkeating@edenprairie.org if you wish to volunteer.

Karen Torseth the 2004-2005 RAVE SPM talked about awards that can be won by completing information and forwarding it on to the correct people. There is the “Project Report Form,” the “Single Project” entry form. You can also fill out evaluations that outline the year that can be passed onto new Presidents, etc.....that will help them in the future. It is recommended that the past president do a Chapter history that can also be used for future years. Some awards given are “National Award,” “Outstanding Achievement in Programming.” You can go out on the MNWT.org website to see how you can nominate people to receive various awards. A summary of awards will be included in the new chapter handbooks that will soon be available for everyone.

Crystal Kokal and Stacy Pearson’s birthdays were recognized.

President Report – Stacy Pearson

Stacy put out the sign-up sheet for July’s meeting.

A card was received from the new State Staff in the chapter mailing.

Our chapter has a budget of about \$400.00 to start the new year. A motion was made by Jennifer A. and seconded by Crystal Kokal to approve the 2004-2005 budget.

A tentative calendar of events was made available. A motion was made by Cyndy M. and seconded by Joanna T. to approve the calendar.

Chrissy Stone – District Director asked if we would host the Winter District Meeting on January 27, 2004.

Crystal Kokal, Jennifer A. and Tina R. agreed to be on the committee to plan the meeting.

The district still needs DPM’s for “Ways and Means,” “Civic Awareness,” “Girl Scouts,” and “People with Developmental Challenges.” Contact Chrissy Stone if interested in taking on one of these areas.

State Delegates – Tina R. and Jan M.

Stacy P., Crystal Kokal and Terese attended the Annual Convention in Mankato. Many awards were given out. Brenda Schram will be the State President and Courtney DeGas will be the State Treasurer. Annual state dues were raised to \$35.00. We add \$5.00 for our chapter. Annual dues for the year will be \$40.00.

The Lonsdale chapter will be hosting the Summer District Meeting on July 22, 2004. All are invited to attend. Cyndy M. will get the “Lucky Buck” item for this meeting. Please RSVP to Stacy P by July 7 if you plan to attend. The cost is \$5.00.

The “Summer Awards State Convention” will be held August 13 and 14, 2004 in Willmar.

The “Fall State Convention” will be November 19-21, 2004 in St. Cloud.

The “Winter State Convention” will be in February 25 to 27, 2004 in St. Louis Park.

The “Annual Convention” will be held May 20-23, 2005 in Minneapolis.

Membership – Crystal Kokal

A membership night is planned for Monday night, June 28. The event chair people are Crystal, Kokal, Lisa V. and Jennifer A. The event will be held at Centennial Lakes in Edina. We will be doing lawn bowling and croquet and meeting at the “Cheesecake Factory” at the Southdale Mall afterwards. Cost is \$4.00 for members. Guests will not be charged.

Treasurer – Mary Broener

Stacy M. went over the Treasurer’s report in place of Mary B. Those members who will be rejoining need to get their dues in by June 28th for the Early Bird Deadline.

Secretary – Kathy B.

Cyndy M. asked for approval of May 2004 meeting minutes in place of Kathy B. Minutes were approved.

Parliamentarian – Fay C.

A motion was made by Jennifer A. and seconded by Tina R. that Fay Clark be voted in as Parliamentarian for the 2004-2005 year. Fay was voted in and she accepted the position of Parliamentarian.

Internal Programming – Joanna Takes

Joanna spoke about certifications. Certifications are available in several programming areas. In the internal areas you can certify in “Chaplain & Family,” “Personal Enrichment (effective speaking and effective writing,” and “Focus on Women.” In the external area you can certify in “Civic Awareness.” Debra Terrio has already certified in Chaplain/Family Involvement. Mary Boerner and Stacy Pearson have certified in “Focus on Women.” Joanna presented options for Personal Enrichment courses to plan to do as a group.

They are: Financial Management, Time Management, Personality, Leadership/Team Building, Stress Management, Communications, Motivation, Self-Esteem-Video Series, Conversation Power in Action, FISH, Change and How to Be a Winner. Two that people mentioned they would like to do is Personality and Communications.

Joanna mentioned a “Pizza and Beer Cruise” on Lake Minnetonka on a Wednesday evening and bringing a significant other. Let her know if you are interested. This would be for “Chaplain/Family Involvement.” A tentative date is July 14, 2004. The cost per person is \$10.00.

Crystal Kokal gave an impromptu speech to certify in Effective Speaking. Crystal Kokal, Stacy P. and Cyndy M. have certified in Stress Management.

PR – Jennifer Ackerman

Jennifer has requested our group be listed in a “New Neighbor” pamphlet that the city will be putting out.

Webmaster – Stacy P.

There have been a number of changes to the EPWT web page. Changes were also made to the flyer and brochure. If you have any comments, please contact Stacy.

Newsletter – Crystal Kelley

Please have articles for the July newsletter by June 24, 2004.

RAVE – Lisa Vorderbruggen

Personal Enrichment

A sign-up sheet was passed around to sign up to take a CPR course the Eden Prairie Fire Department has offered to give.

External – Cyndy Mertz

If anyone is still available to help at the 4th of July celebration at Round Lake on July 4, please contact Crystal Kokal, Stacy P. or Cyndy M.

The “Relay for Life” is scheduled for July 23-24. Please let me know if you plan to participate by July 1. We need to get registered and have plans made soon.

Volunteering at Castle Ridge Manor Home was again mentioned. If you have an interest in volunteering, please contact Cyndy M.

Crystal spoke about “Project Linus.” We will plan to have a fundraiser in the near future to earn money to make blankets for this project. Crystal will have a booth at the Summer Awards in August.

The Eden Prairie library will be opening in their new location on August 12th. Fay C. has offered to chair the project to assist with crafts at the library on Saturday, August 14th. There will be more information sent out regarding this. If you are interested, please contact Fay.

We still need a member to chair “National Night Out.” If you have an interest, please contact Cyndy M.

Jan M. spoke about information on candidates for election. There is information in the Tuesday, Mpls. paper that she suggests we all take a look at. Information on the “League of Women Voters” is available and they are looking for volunteers for various events. Contact Jennifer A. or Jan M. for more details.

Everyone is asked to bring supplies to the July 15th meeting to Camp Eden Wood.

We are looking for a member to work on the “Outstanding People with Developmental Challenges Award.” If you have an interest, please contact Cyndy M.

Cyndy M. asked for members to save Campbell labels to be given to Friendship Ventures to obtain items needed for Camp Friendship and Eden Wood Camp. I have copies or you can go to www.labelsforeducation.com to see what product labels are eligible.

New Business

Tina Richter spoke about the Crone’s disease walk on October 10th at the Mall of America. Our chapter has offered to assist in this event.

Announcements

Stacy mentioned a “Chapter Photo Contest” that is being held. The deadline is September 1st. Contact Stacy P. if you want more information.

The Minnesota Women of Today Creed was led by Fay Clark.

Stacy P. adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes were written by Cyndy Mertz

Dates to Remember

Founder's Day – M-Night	June 28
July Board Meeting	July 1 – 7:00 PM – Crystal's house
E.P.'s 4 th of July celebration July 4	July 4 – Round Lake
PALS Book Club	July 12
July general Meeting	July 15 – 7:00 pm @ Camp Eden Wood
District 10 Meeting	July 22 – Lonsdale
Relay for Life	July 23-24 – Central Middle School
August Board Meeting	August 5 – 7:00 pm – Kathy's house

Convention Dates:

Summer Awards State Convention – August 13-14 in Willmar
Fall State Convention – November 19-21 in St. Cloud
Winter State Convention – February 25-27 in St. Louis Park
Annual Convention 2005 – May 20-23 in Minneapolis –Hosted by District 10

District Meeting (tentative dates):

Summer – July 22 – Lonsdale
Fall – October 28 – Location TBD
Winter – January 27 – Eden Prairie
Spring – April 28 - Richfield