

EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES
General Meeting – St Andrews Church
Thursday, June 16, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Members -	Mary Boerner	Tina Richter	Cyndy Mertz
	Marie Robinson	Joanna Takes	Sara Muehlenbein
	Stacy Pearson	Crystal Kokal	Jan Mars
	Katie Castro	Crystal Kelley	

Guests - Natalie Kruger

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by J. Takes

US Women of Today creed was led by S. Muehlenbein

Pass the Prize word will be “convention” the prize was provided by M. Robinson

Icebreaker was provided by C. Mertz – What is your favorite car, flower, candy bar and/or nail polish?

J. Takes recognized birthdays of: Jeneen Molldrem, Crystal Kokal, Munna Yasiri and Stacy Pearson

Officer Reports

President – Joanna Takes

Passed signup sheet for July meeting

Discussed meeting formats for 2005-2006. Most general meetings will conclude business portion of the agenda by 8:30 to allow ½ hour time for PEP courses, trainings, committee meetings. Agendas will include time estimates.

Presented proposed 2005-2006 calendar of events for approval, discussion followed.

M/S/P (S. Pearson/K. Castro) I move that we approve the tentative calendar of events as written.

State Delegate – Katie Castro

District 11 Picnic recap – There were approximately 16 attendees, representing all chapters. Visitations have been scheduled. A sign up sheet for Maple Grove’s meeting was passed around.

The Summer Awards will be held in Worthington on August 19th – 20th. The theme is “Leader of the Pack”. The goal is to have 4 chapter members attending. A signup sheet was passed. There will be booths representing each programming division of Women of Today at the project fair. Home-based businesses can rent a booth for \$50.00.

2nd Quarter District Meeting will be held at Valley Peace Lutheran Church on July 28th at 6:30pm. \$5.00 for dinner and the meeting or \$1.00 for the meeting only.

Membership – Tina Richter

C. Kokal passed signup sheet for Founders Day/Frisbee golf social on June 30th at 6:30.

The member in the “Member Spotlight” in the newsletter for the month is: #1 Crystal Kokal, #2 Sarah Muehlenbein.

Treasurers Report – Crystal Kokal

Current ending cash balance is \$413.35

If you are up for renewal first quarter and have not yet paid your dues, please mail to Crystal Kokal by June 24th.

M/S/P (K. Castro/Tina Richter) I move that we accept the 2005-2006 budget as proposed.

Secretary – Marie Robinson

April 2005 meeting minutes were approved.

We received a graduation card for the Maple Grove chapter.

Parliamentarian – Stacy Pearson – no report

Programming –

External Programming – Mary Boerner

Youth and Community – Therese Simmons

K. Castro passed a signup sheet for the EP 4th of July Kids’ Games. We will be volunteering from 11:00 – 8:00, and will receive a t-shirt and parking pass for the fireworks that evening.

K. Castro passed a signup sheet for the Chanhassen Rotary Beer Garden on July 3rd. We will be volunteering from 5:00-11:00 in three hour shifts.

M. Boerner discussed cooking for the Crisis Nursery at the Golden Valley location on August 20th. A signup sheet will be available at the July general meeting.

K. Castro discussed the Chanhassen Tulip Gala. A \$1,000 scholarship will be presented for the EPWT. We are also planning to volunteer more time to the organization, and they will donate funds toward a specific item of our choice. Volunteers are needed by June 24th. A signup sheet was passed around.

Internal Programming – Fay Clark (not present)

S. Pearson will be submitting an article for the newsletter regarding the District essay contest. The question is “How has Women of Today lit your life?”

Focus on Women – Cyndy Mertz

Provided Focus on Women certificate – would like to get 75% of members to certify and have the chapter certify.

October is Domestic violence awareness month. C. Mertz would like to make and distribute flyers that could assist Cornerstone.

A PEP course for the clients of Cornerstone is planned. We will be able to use state PEP courses.

Help with Cornerstone clean-up event is scheduled for October 30th.

Origins event in September.

C. Mertz is currently collecting Quilted Northern UPC's for breast cancer.

Yoplait yogurt labels – Edna Goebel – Focus on Women State Program Manger – Breast Cancer, will be drawing for the chapters or individuals that report to her. Give labels to C. Mertz. She will keep track of how many you hand in, and will forward them to E. Goebel.

C. Mertz will be submitting a monthly article to the newsletter regarding a woman in history.

C. Mertz provided an EMDR article for each of us to read

Personal Enrichment – Stacy Pearson

K. Castro recapped the District “Living Out Loud” PEP course. The program can be rented from state for \$10.00. Additional notes will be available in the newsletter.

S. Pearson delivered 2004/05 PEP certifications.

PR/Newsletter-Crystal Kelley

Newsletter articles for the July 2005 issue are due June 23rd. J. Takes will be assisting while C. Kelley is out of town.

Clipart can be submitted with articles. Each article should be emailed as a separate attachment. The newsletter will contain an article regarding jpeg pictures.

RAVE – Marie Robinson

C. Mertz discussed the chapter scrapbook worknight/card making social that will be on July 12th from 6:30 – 9:00 at St. Andrews. Please bring a beverage, small treat, and supplies.

Ways & Means – Fay Clark

S. Pearson discussed the cookbook fundraisers. Orders are due at the July general meeting, and checks should be payable to EPWT.

T. Richter provided flyers for the Chevy's Restaurant social/fundraisers. Flyers are also available at the website http://www.epwt.org/Chevys_Flyer.pdf

STEP – Crystal Kokal

J. Takes and C. Kokal completed the Step III year-end competition at annual awards in May. Both had a great time and learned a lot about the USWT organization. Crystal hopes that others will consider competing throughout this coming year.

New Business

S. Muehlenbein/Vinkemeir would like to broaden our view by sharing our unique experiences with objects meaningful to us in terms of our families or spirituality. She will have a member newsletter article on the topic every other month, and have a member give a presentation during the general meetings on the months with no article. She will speak at the July meeting.

C. Mertz reminded everyone of the children's book sale on July 16th 9:00 – 3:00.

S. Pearson will modify the Chevy's brochure so we may distribute them in our community on July 16th – 17th.

J. Takes mentioned that Barnes & Noble is having a Harry Potter book release on July 15th 9:00pm – 12:01am. 15-20 volunteers are needed for wand making, etc.

Inspirational Thought – M. Robinson

Good and Wellness

For Crystal Kokal's son to have low phosphorus levels, Crystal Kelley's safe trip to Nashville, successful surgery and speedy recovery for Janel Harti

An invitation join was extended to Natalie Kruger

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Secretary – Marie Robinson