

EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES
General Meeting – St Andrews Church
Thursday, March 16, 2006
7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Members -	Crystal Kokal	Jennifer Morris	Beth Wojahn
	Marie Robinson	Stacy Pearson	Mary Boerner
	Audra Compton	Joanna Takes	Crystal Kelley
	Katie Castro	Cyndy Mertz	Jan Mars

A quorum was established.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by J. Mars

US Women of Today creed was led by J. Takes

Icebreaker was provided by B. Wojan. Where did you take your favorite vacation?

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

J. Takes recognized birthdays of: Trish Powell, Natalie Owen and Mary Boerner

Officer Reports

Membership – Katie Castro

Membership emphasis will be the week of April 16th. The Live Out Loud course will be held on the 17th at 6:30 at St. Andrew’s Church, a social at Chevy’s on the 18th (the flyer will be emailed), social at Dunn Bros. or Caribou on the 19th, the City Manager will be at our meeting on the 20th, and park clean up will be on the 22nd.

Everyone enjoyed the Oscar night/wine tasting on March 5th. We may consider this for an annual event.

Parliamentarian/Past President – Stacy Pearson

M/S/P (S. Pearson/C. Mertz) I move that we approve the bylaw changes as presented in the newsletter, provided in the email to each member and provided at this meeting.

We will vote on the 2006-2007 nominees at the April meeting.

State Delegate – Katie Castro

The Area Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7th at 6:00pm. State President and Treasurer nominees will be available for questions.

The Annual Convention will be held May 19-21 in Rochester. The vote on programming has been postponed until convention.

The Maple Grove chapter has invited everyone to attend the Maple Grove Spring Fling Craft Show on March 25th from 9:00 to 4:00, volunteers are not needed.

The Golden Valley chapter would like volunteers for their Golden Valley Days on May 20th. 25 people are needed for 2 hours shifts from 10:00am to 6:00pm. We would assist with selling tickets, kids' games, face and hair painting.

The fudge fundraiser deadline has been extended. The first order must be returned by March 20th. The second order must be in by April 30th, these will be delivered at Annual State Convention.

See K. Castro if interested in filling a State Board position.

Secretary – Marie Robinson

February 2006 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurers Report – C. Kokal

Current ending cash balance is \$1,300.01

Expenses should be submitted by the end of April

We will vote at the April meeting, to determine what charity will receive a donation of approximately \$500.00.

President – Joanna Takes

Passed around the sign-up sheet for April's meeting.

St. Urho's Day was celebrated by all attendees. Prizes were awarded for those dressed and acted appropriately for the holiday.

Programming –

External Programming – Mary Boerner

Civic Awareness – Jan Mars

The 2nd annual park cleanup will be held on April 22nd at 10:00am. We will be meeting at the Red Rock Park. More information will be available at the April meeting.

Youth and Community –

K. Castro discussed the Chanhassen Rotary Tulip Gala begin held on April 29th. 250 frames for items are available. Volunteers will be needed in two shifts – 2-5 and 6-11, a sign-up sheet was passed around. We will be handling the set-up of silent auction items, the registration table and close-out cashiers. A \$10,000 scholarship will be given in the name of the EPWT.

B. Wojahn recapped the EP Foundation Ball. F. Clark received a thank you call, for our work at the event. F. Clark will provide details at the April meeting.

Internal Programming – Fay Clark (not present)

Public Relations/Newsletter – Crystal Kelley

Newsletter articles are due by March 28th.

C. Kelley is interested to see if we are reading the newsletter. She will “bury” a word in the next newsletter. We should email her with the word and it’s location in the newsletter, to be enrolled in a drawing.

Personal Enrichment – Stacy Pearson

C. Kokal announced that a Live Out Loud course will be held on April 17th at 6:30pm at the St. Andrew’s Church. T. Powell will be co-chairing.

Focus on Women – Cyndy Mertz

C. Mertz will contact Cornerstone to check into options other than Adopt-a-Home are available.

New Business

K. Castro will contact Biaggi’s regarding using their backroom for our yearend banquet on May 11th.

C. Mertz mentioned that volunteers are needed for the Eden Prairie adult book sale. Set-up on April 6th and 7th and the sale on the 8th from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

C. Mertz is looking for ideas for the Prairiefest Fundraiser.

C. Mertz asked that we bring pop-tabs to the April meeting. The person donating the most will be given a prize.

There is a continual Current Fundraiser. See the catalog linked to our website.

Inspirational Thought – C. Kelley

Good and Wellness

T. Ritcher was in the top 10 of her pageant last weekend, C. Kelley’s daughter, Amber, won Miss Mankato, the next step is Miss Minnesota then Miss America, J. Morris’s Daisy Camp will be March 31-April 2, the Pioneer Press will have a release, she will also be on KARE11 news and WCCO radio, K. Castro is pregnant and due in October, S. Pearson will be running a 5K on May 6th, C. Kelley will be in her 2nd triathlon on June 4th.

K. Castro led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

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