

EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY
General Meeting – St. Andrew’s Church
Thursday, March 19, 2009
7:00 P.M.

Attendees:

MaryErickson-Kamp	Mary Boerner	Beth Wojahn
Stacy Pearson	Audra Compton	Joan Negri
Therese Simmons	Cyndy Mertz	Gail Weeks
Melissa Redzuan	Katie Castro	Nancy Cohen
Lisa Barrett	LeAnne Frolander	Pat Brandon
Sue Ellen Toppings	Marinda Glay	Joanna Takes
Marie Robinson	Suzanne Smith	
Shannon Seymour	Kerry Anderson	

Guest: Becky Jecha

A quorum was established.

Call to order by President M. Robinson

Pledge of Allegiance led by K. Anderson

US Women of Today Creed led by Marinda Glay

Ice Breaker provided by K. Anderson – What is your heritage?

Programming Reports

Internal Programming – Marinda Glay

Share Your Lights Night- 2nd Tuesday of each month

March 10th recap – C. Mertz – 8 members contributed 11 service hours volunteering at PROP, and then went to Baja Sol to eat

April 15th – Silly Supper –location TBD – C.Snyder/M.Boerner

2009-2010 sign up sheet passed around

Living and Learning – B. Wojahn/F. Clark – there will be another meeting of impromptu speaking for certification

Records & Recognition – K. Castro – there was a thank you to us in the Eden Prairie newspaper for our help at the Eden Prairie Foundation Ball

Newsletter – J. Takes – there was no winner in the last newsletter

Articles for the newsletter are due March 26

Webmaster – S. Pearson

Ways & Means

External Programming VP (EVP) K. Anderson

Womens Wellness – C. Mertz

Domestic Violence – K. Anderson go to the website below to get a newsletter – can go towards certification

Cell phone collection – K. Anderson – cell phones can be turned in and given to women who need them – National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Youth of Today –M. Redzuan

March for Babies on April 26 – S. Seymour –so far we have 5 members walking, and donations of \$475.00

March 22 – S. Pearson – an evite for Family Bowling was sent out and 15 have signed up so far to bowl at Brunswick Zone. Another sheet passed around for sign up. Coupons available at bowlbrunswick – click bonus for \$1.99 coupon

April 26 – Crisis Nursery – M. Boerner – sign up sheet sent around

Community Connection – S. Seymour

Bingo recap – K. Anderson – 3 members volunteered 4 ½ service hours

April sign up sheet passed around

Eden Prairie Foundation Ball recap – M. Robinson – 13 members and 2 Waconia members volunteered at the ball – thanks to all who served

April 18 –annual park cleanup will be at Red Rock Park – J. Mars

Change the World on April 18 – S. Pearson – the funds go to combat Malaria

No more mosquito nets-each net is \$10.00

May 2nd Tulip Gala –K. Castro –will be held at Oak Ridge Conference Center in Chaska

We may be able to set up Friday night prior to the event-sign up sent around

Friends of the Library – S. Toppings – volunteers needed to help sort books for their book sale – sign up sheet passed around

Friends of the Family Center – S. Toppings – calling campaign will be March 26 from 6-8

H.O.M.E. (Household Outside Maintenance Everybody) – K. Anderson – since it was very physical work at least 10 members needed for this –sign up sent around

Officer Reports

President – M. Robinson – an April sign up sent around

Chapter Shirts- there are 2 choices: a navy blue polo for \$21.50, and a white button down shirt with the logo in colors for 23.50 (1x-3x add \$3.00). We need a minimum of 18 to place an order – sign up sent around

M/S/P (B. Wojahn/ S. Toppings) I move that we support Katie Castro in her bid for State Treasurer

Parliamentarian – K. Castro -2009-2010 Board election – the slate of members has passed

State Delegate – K. Castro for C. Snyder

April 3rd – Area Meeting – areas have 4 districts (8,9,10,11) which meet once a year
Cost is \$7.00, payable to District 11 Women of Today, Send payments to K. Castro at 14314 Holly Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55346 by March 25. It will be held at Valley of Peace, 4735 Basset Creek Drive in Hopkins. Visit with President Sarah.

April 23 – S. Pearson - District Meeting will be held at St. Andrew's –theme is Denim and Diamonds. Bring a salad, etc., and your \$7.00 fee will be waived

May 15-17 - Annual Convention in Duluth

June 11-14 – National Convention in Kansas City

M/S/P (S. Pearson/B. Wojahn) I move that we as a chapter put in \$20.00 for the chance to win 2 convention registrations and one night at the hotel

Membership VP (MVP) – S. Toppings

March 30 (7:00) is Maritime Monday Beer and Darts at Brunswick Zone

Membership Challenge – to win Sue Ellen time you must : recruit a new member, write an article for news, chair or cochair a project

Treasurer – M. Boerner

Beginning Balance \$717.99

Expenses \$337.50

Income \$834.73

Ending Balance \$1215.22

Secretary P. Brandon – the minutes were approved as written

New Business/Announcements

Awards:

Marie Robinson received a Presidential Medallion

Katie Castro received a Presidential Medallion

Sue Ellen Toppings received a USWT Presidential Pin

Shannon Seymour received the District 11 Member of the Quarter for 3rd quarter

Our chapter was recognized 3rd quarter for 75% retention

We came in 5th for Success

S. Pearson - April 21, 2009 is the Go Green Event at Rasmussen College

S. Pearson – Worldlink Inc. is a foreign exchange program for students 15-18 who speak English and live with a family and attend Eden Prairie High School.

There is a possibility they could work with us to fulfill their volunteer hours

S. Toppings gave an update our sponsorship in Cyprus:

They held their first event

The response has been very good – could be 30-40 women

Trish Powell has been giving radio and TV interviews

They have event ideas, such as Beauty and the Beach (picking up trash), and

I Heard it Through the Grapevine (where to find the best...)

Inspirational Thought provided by S. Pearson

Good & Wellness

Minnesota Women of Today Creed – led by L. Barrett

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Pat Brandon, Secretary