

**EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES**  
**General Meeting**  
**Camp Edenwood Thursday, May 20, 2004**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Attendees:

Members:

Crystal Kokal

Stacy Pearson

Kathy Brenner

Jan Mars

Tina Richter

Joanna Takes

Sara Muehlenbein

Cyndy Mertz

Lisa Vorderbruggen

Jennifer Ackerman

Guests:

Crystal Kelley

Fay Clark

George Essbensen - Eden Prairie Fire Cheif

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

We all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lisa V. led the US Women of Today Creed.

Stacy introduced the Pass the Prize game. The prize was passed to anyone who heard the words "Eden Prairie" Tina led the Ice Breaker: "What song makes you smile or is funny?"

Stacy welcomed guests

Cyndy presented a check for \$150 to George Essbensen of the Eden Prairie Fire Department to be used to purchase defibrillators.

Stacy recognized Sara's birthday on May 25.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**President - Stacy P.**

Stacy noted the sign-up sheet for June's meeting is available. You can sign up for snacks, ice breaker and inspirational thought.

Stacy mentioned the year-end banquet was a great success.

The chapter mailing was reviewed.

Stacy announced the theme for the year and passed out a card for each of us. "Dance as if no one were watching, Sing as if no one were listening, and live each day as if it were your last"

**Crystal Kokal moved that we spend \$45 to renew our website for two years. The motion was seconded by Joanna and approved.**

The board has prepared a budget for the coming year. This will be presented at next month's meeting.

Stacy is updating the calendar of events on our website EPWT.org. Additional changes and updates are in the process of being made to enhance our image and communication.

### **State Delegate - Jan and Tina**

Stacy announced that Tina and Jan have agreed to be co-state delegate.

Cyndy and Crystal Kokal gave a recap of the recent District 10 meeting. Cyndy has been elected as District Secretary and Crystal has been elected as District Treasurer. The ladies discussed the Annual State Convention that will be held May 2005 at the Holiday Inn in Minneapolis. Crystal will participate in a skit "Weekend in Vegas"

Stacy talked about the LOTS training that most of the board attended on May 8. We now have manuals for all positions.

Stacy and Crystal Kokal led a discussion regarding the election of a National President. There are two candidates - Mrs. Hecker from Chicago and Maxine Turner from Nebraska. Our chapter has chosen to support Mrs. Hecker in this election.

### **Membership VP - Crystal Kokal**

Crystal Kokal welcomed new members Jennifer Ackerman, Lisa Vorderbruggen, and Therese Simmons to EPWT. New member orientation for Jennifer was held April 21.

Crystal led discussion of M-Night planning. We tentatively plan to play Putt - Putt Golf on June 28, which is also Founder's Day week. Lisa and Jennifer are helping plan the event.

### **Treasurer - Mary B**

Stacy passed out the Treasurer's report. We currently have a balance of \$442.02.

Mary has taken on the responsibility for completing and sending in the transmittal forms. These forms record funds or goods that we donate. As chairwoman of any project, you will be asked to provide the necessary information so that Mary can complete this form.

### **Secretary - Kathy B**

The April minutes were approved and submitted.

PALS - Joanna noted that we have requested the Maple Grove chapter to be our PALS group again this year and that we will attempt to organize one social each quarter.

We are invited to attend the next book club discussion on June 7 at the Minnetonka Borders bookstore with our PALS group. The current book is "The True and Outstanding Adventures of the Hunt Sisters" by E. Robinson.

### **Parliamentarian**

**Cyndy moved that we approve the by-law changes presented at the April meeting. The motion was seconded by Crystal Kokal and approved.**

### **Internal Programming VP - Joanna T**

Joanna announces that Jennifer has agreed to be our Public Relations LPM. Lisa V has agreed to be our RAVE LPM. Crystal has agreed to be

our STEP LPM.

Kathy who has been our Newsletter LPM this past year, requests that she step down from this position. Joanna would like to hear whether there is someone else who would be interested in preparing the newsletter.

Focus on Women - Crystal Kokal volunteered at the Hope Chest for Breast Cancer Fashion Show held in the Galleria on May 2. Crystal Kokal also noted that in November the Hope Chest will be having a Warehouse Sale. Volunteers are needed for this event.

STEP - Crystal Kokal reviewed the 3 levels of STEP - Success Through Enthusiastic Participation. The program is designed to get new members involved in the organization and keep seasoned members active. She is starting a form for each member and will pass the folder around at each meeting for updating.

### **External Programming VP - Cyndy M**

Girl Scouts - Cyndy recapped the Brownie Smile Day which was a success. Many of our members supported Cyndy on the day of the event.

Crystal Kokal and Sharon Joe have signed up to help at Minnesota Dreams Jamboree to be held July 14-18 at St. Olaf College. There are still opportunities to volunteer at this event.

Ways and Means- The planning for the fundraisers at the 4th of July celebration is in full force. A tent has been reserved, tattoos and wather have been purchased. Crystal Kokal will have a sign up sheet at next month's meeting.

Youth and Community - Cyndy presented a check for \$150 TO George Essbensen, Eden Prairie Fire Department Cheif, to be used to purchase defibrillators. George talked to us about the imprtance of defibrillators in saving lives. He also noted that the Fire Department puts on a 4 hour CPR course to groups such as ours.

Cyndy recapped many voluntere opportunities that are available.

Stacy indicated that the Cookie Baking contest is being handled by

another group. City of Eden Prairie officials would prefer a long term commitment on support of a garden. We decided to pass on this opportunity.

Crystal Kokal inquired about the Relay for Life. This will be held July 23-24 from 6 pm to 6 am. Recommendations are that teams should consist of 8 to 15 people. Other volunteer opportunities are available if we don't get a team to walk.

Tina presented a talk about Crohn's Disease and Colitis. There is a walk scheduled for October 10 to raise funds for research and treatment. Tina passed around a sign-up sheet for participation.

Stacy led a discussion of a chapter social at Let's Dish. This might be used to create meals for our members in need of support.

Stacy and Crystal Kokal are working on improvements to our website.

## **New Business**

Founder's Day is July 1. Our summer social on June 28 will be used to commemorate the event.

Stacy asked members which organizations they would like to support. We will attempt to focus on these causes when opportunities present themselves. The list includes: Diabetes, Project Linus, Crohn's Disease, Breast Cancer, Literacy, American Red Cross, Shriner's Hospital, Women's Resource Center, Stand Up for Kids, Anna Westin House, needy chapter members, Kidney Disease, March of Dimes, PROP, EP Volunteer Fire, Second Harvest, Store to Door, Eye to the Future.

**Announcements** Member Debra Terrio who recently lost her husband, is living in her daughter's home. Notes of encouragement can be sent to either Deb's address or her daughter's address.

Mary Boerner's mother recently had triple by-pass surgery. The chapter will send best wishes to Mary and her mother. Mary has requested a leave of absence and will spend the month of June at home with her mother.

Member Susie Jeesop gave birth to daughter Hannah Rose. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

Inspirational Thought was shared by Stacy who read a poem about smiling monkeys.

Stacy invited Crystal Kelley and Fay Clark to join our group.

Crystal Kokal led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed.

**Dates to Remember:**

Annual Convention May 21-23 in Mankato

Deadline for newsletter articles - May 28 to Joanna  
June Board meeting - June 2 (Wednesday) @ Joanna's house  
USWT Year End Convention - June 10 - 13 in Framingham, MA  
June General Meeting - June 17 at Camp Edenwood  
July Board meeting - July 1 E.P.'s 4th of July celebration July 4

Relay for Life - July 23-24 at Central Middle School

Stacy adjourned the meeting at 9:05. Our next meeting will be held on June 17 at 7:00 PM at Camp Edenwood. **Announcements**

Stacy was contacted by a woman from the Castle Ridge home asking for volunteers to help the residents with music time, crafts, etc. during the day and in the evening. She will get more information.

Crystal asked that members find ways to help out Debra Terrio either with visiting her, taking her out, bringing in food. Whatever she may need.

Secretary - Kathy Brenner