

EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES
General Meeting – St Andrews Church
Thursday, May 19, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Members -	Mary Boerner	Tina Richter	Munna Yasiri
	Therese Simmons	Marie Robinson	Joanna Takes
	Rachel Melberg	Stacy Pearson	Audra Compton
	Katie Castro	Jennifer Ackerman	Tracy Lynch

Guests - Kim Bergeron, Karen Torseth and Cindy Langer – Lakeville

Call to order was at 7:01 p.m. by J. Takes

Pledge of Allegiance was led by M. Robinson

US Women of Today creed was led by R. Melberg

Pass the Prize word will be “convention” the prize was provided by C. Kelley

Icebreaker was provided by T. Lynch – What activity besides eating happened at your kitchen table?

J. Takes recognized birthdays of: Tracy Lynch and Sara Muehlenbein

Officer Reports

President – Joanna Takes

Sign up sheet for June was available at the back table.

Briefly discussed history of Women of Today organization and Eden Prairie chapter. As Eden Prairie chapter graduates to no longer be a “two and under” chapter this weekend, need to build on this history to create a good future.

Theme for the year: We may not always reach our goal, but there’s recompense in trying. Horizons broaden so much more, the higher we are flying. (paraphrase: If you want to be a butterfly, you must have the courage to stop being a caterpillar.)

Recognized Karen Torseth and Cindy Langer of Lakeville chapter for working on the Extension team which helped to start Eden Prairie chapter and worked closely with us for the first two years. We have appreciated their help, and are glad to know that they will be our PALS chapter for the 2005-2006 year.

State Delegate – Katie Castro

District 10 recap- Held in Richfield at Cornerstone. A new board was setup, gift was presented to the district director. S. Pearson was recognized as the president of the year and J. Takes was recognized as the member of the year.

M/S/P (S. Pearson/T. Richter) I move that the Eden Prairie Women of Today voting delegates for the state presidential candidates attend the convention as informed by uncommitted. Discussion and informal poll followed. 3 members indicated preference for Sharon Robinson.

District social will be at Brookview Park on June 14th at 6:30pm. Additional information was passed around, including a sign-up sheet for a main dish, dessert, salad, paper plates and cups. Please bring your own beverage (non-alcoholic) to the picnic.

M. Boerner, J. Takes, C. Mertz, M. Robinson and K. Castro volunteered to be on the committee for the District 10 Meeting on Oct. 27th. Katie will send an email to set up a meeting time/location.

The book club meeting will be 7:00 p.m. on May 25th at Borders in Minnetonka.

Membership – Tina Richter

The M-night social will be frisbee golf. More information will be in the newsletter.

The member in the “Member Spotlight” in the newsletter for the month is: Kelly Landaeta.

T. Richter suggested a flyer distribution. S. Pearson will create a flyer with up coming event dates.

C. Mertz passed around a card for Debra Terrio.

Treasurers Report – Mary Boerner

Current ending cash balance is \$551.80

Secretary – Marie Robinson

April 2005 meeting minutes were approved.

S. Pearson discussed PALS social. She is planning a barbeque at her home in Savage on August 14th. More to follow in the newsletter.

Parliamentarian – Stacy Pearson – no report

Programming –

Programming Brainstorm – Each member was asked to provide a cause or charity to support and a project she would like to do for the coming year. This information will be used in planning the 2005 –2006 calendar.

Joanna	Literacy; tour the State capitol
Stacy	Autism/special needs
Therese	Anything that could benefit the City of Eden Prairie (park and rec scholarships?)
Munna	Eden Prairie ABC (A Better Chance) Program fundraiser
Audra	Autism/Special needs
Mary	Crisis Nursery ; fun social
Marie	Crisis Nursery; Girl Scout project
Tracy	Crisis Nursery; helping children/young people/schools (helping with dances?)
Cyndy	Cornerstone; training
Jennifer	Chanhassen Rotary Gala; scholarship from EPWT
Katie	Animal Humane Society Walk for the Animals; annual Girl Scout project; helping with a hands-on project at St. Andrew’s Church.
Rachel	Police/Fire Dept; Loaves & Fishes, toiletry supply kits for shelters

External Programming – Mary Boerner

Youth and Community

M. Boerner recapped the card writing for seniors. Three members and Mary’s sister helped three seniors write and address cards. They are considering changing the location of the tables and the time of the event.

J. Ackerman recapped the Chanhassen Rotary Gala at the arboretum. A silent auction and live auction were held to raise money for college scholarships and a fresh water project in Brazil.

M/S/P (M. Boerner/K. Castro) I move that the Eden Prairie Women of Today have a budget of \$60.00 for the crisis nursery.

K. Castro talked to the city of Eden Prairie to further discuss assisting with kids’ games at the July 4th event. She also email the New Hope Women of Today chapter for advice on how they run games at Duck Duck Days.

J. Takes discussed the Crohn’s fundraiser “Heal to Heel” being held Oct 9th. They are in need of registration workers, and assistance with their silent auction.

Girl Scouts – Katie Castro

Read thank you letter for Girl Scouts for ordering a stone for the Promise Path in Elk River.

Civic Awareness – no report

March of Dimes – M. Boerner recapped the WalkAmerica event. She worked the registration table and collected \$50.00.

Internal Programming – Fay Clark (not present)

STEP – Crystal Kokal (not present) – STEP book was passed around.

PR/Newsletter-Crystal Kelley

Newsletter articles for the June 2005 issue are due May 25th.

RAVE -

C. Mertz recapped the SPE judging. Thank you to everyone that helped and brought food.

Plan a weeknight to work on the chapter scrapbook and make cards. C. Mertz will be sending an email to see what night will work best for everyone.

Ways & Means –

J. Takes discussed having a fundraiser at Chevy's. M. Yasiri mentioned that she and K. Landaeta had a list of restaurant's they had previously contacted. M. Yasiri will work with F. Clark on a location and event date.

S. Pearson passed out brochures and order forms for Mini Gourmet Cookbooks. 25 varieties are available for \$5.50, EPWT will retain x of the profit. The brochure is available at the website along with other items for sale. Orders are due by July 21st and products will be delivered on August 18th.

Personal Enrichment – Stacy Pearson

The Golden Valley chapter is hosting "Living Out Loud" on June 6th. Please RSVP by June 1st. S. Pearson will send email to see who is interested.

S. Pearson passed out PE Effective Writing & Speaking Certification form.

Focus on Women – Cyndy Mertz

C. Mertz mentioned that volunteers are needed on July 14th and 15th for setup, and on July 16th to assist with the children's book sale at the Eden Prairie library. An Eagle Scout will also be looking for help with kids' activities during this project. Young teens are also invited to help.

Chaplain / Family Involvement – S Muehlenbein (not present)

K. Castro invited everyone to get together either before the general meeting at Bear Rock Café or after the meeting at Ruby Tuesday's. The location will remain the same every month, so no reminder will be sent.

New Business

Lakeville is sponsoring cheerful givers. A bag is donated to a food shelf or shelter. Someone in need can select a bag to give their child for their birthday. More information is available in Lakeville's newsletter.

Inspirational Thought – K. Castro**Good and Wellness**

Our thoughts go to Debra Terrio after her hip surgery. Best of luck to Crystal Kokal in her triathlon.

S. Pearson led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Secretary – Marie Robinson