

**EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES General Meeting
Camp Edenwood Thursday, November 20, 2003
7:00 p.m.**

Attendees:

Members:

Kathy Brenner

Joanna Takes

Crystal Kokal

Stacy Pearson

Debra Terrio

Mary Boerner

Cyndy Mertz

Sara Muehlenbein

Guests:

Karen Torseth - Lakeville

Janel Bitzan

Cindy Umland

Melind Gorder

The monthly general meeting was held Thursday, November 20, 2003 at Camp Edenwood in Eden Prairie. The meeting was called to order by President, Crystal Kokal at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Crystal Kokal. The U.S. Women of Today Creed was led by Stacy Pearson.

Crystal Kokal welcomed our guests.

Ice Breaker – “What are you Thankful for?” led by Joanna T.

Janel Bitzen – Focus on Women SPM told us her theme for the year is I’m Thumbody. Take time for yourself. She gave many ideas on how we all should give ourselves time for us. She told us about the Outstanding Young Woman Award. This quarter is concentrating on Health and Personal Concerns. There is an essay contest anyone can participate in. 800- 1200 words on What woman has influenced you?

Cindy Umland – March of Dimes SPM is promoting education. The March of Dimes new campaign is “Premature Births.” She presented a baby bottle for raising money for the March of Dimes. From April 12 through May 16 there are many walks that will be held throughout

Minnesota. Cindy is asking that there be a team captain from each chapter.

Mary Boerner has accepted the position of March of Dimes Local Program Manager.

OFFICER REPORTS

President – Crystal Kokal

Leslie Adams and Mary Boerner were recognized as new members.

Debra and Joanna's birthdays were recognized.

Sara M. made a motion that we donate \$200.00 towards the supply list provided by Camp Edenwood. The motion was seconded by Cyndy M.

A basket of goodies was presented to our chapter at the State meeting. It was discussed that the basket would be given away in a drawing at the chapter Holiday party.

Crystal gave thank you gifts to the recent fundraiser chairs. Cyndy M. for Current. Stacy P. for Stamping and Sara M. for tie blankets.

MAIL – Crystal received the state newspaper.

State Delegate – Debra Terrio

Debra T. will hold the first Personal Enrichment Class in January 2004. A sign up sheet was posted. Attendees will be asked to preview the book before the class. Each booklet is \$3.00.

The Winter State Convention will be held on February 20-22 at the Doubletree Park Place on 100 & 394. The theme is "Through the Looking Glass."

Debra T., Crystal K., Joanna T., and Mary B. attended the Fall State Convention. Our chapter was chartered into the organization. Everyone attended programs on Saturday. Joanna competed in the speaking competition. RAVE, PEP, Presidents Round Table were some of the events attended. Our chapter received a \$100 grant. Our chapter won a few awards.

Membership VP – Susie Jessop

We will be bowling on M-night on a date to be determined in January 2004.

Secretary – Cyndy Mertz

Minutes from the October 16th meeting were accepted and approved.

Parliamentarian

No Report

Programming VP – Joanna Takes

Joanna explained Steps 1 and 2. You can still certify if you have not already done so.

Since the beginning of the year we have donated \$507.99 in cash and goods and 58.5 services to the community.

It costs \$25.00 per quarter to be a member of the “Chemistry Club” with Kidney Disease.

We all participated in a quiz given by Joanna regarding women in history. Sara M. had the most correct.

There will be a Gopher Women’s Basketball game on 1/25/04. Sign up is by December 16th.

Tie blankets will be brought to the Shriner’s Children’s hospital on November 21.

The Current Fundraiser will end November 30th. At this point our profit will be over \$300.00. Thanks to all that sold.

December 6th from 3:30-5:00 we will write Holiday cards for Srs. A motion was made by Stacy P. that we would donate postage for the cards up to \$37.00. Debra T. seconded the motion. Stacy will pickup the stamps.

Kathy had requested that all information for the Dec. newsletter be in by November 28th.

New Business

Kathy B. made a motion that we provide presents through the “Adopt a child and a Sr. through PROP program.” We will donate \$40.00 for the child and \$25.00 for a Sr. This was seconded by Stacy P. Kathy and Mary B. will co-chair.

Stacy has the website updated as of 11/20/03. epwt.org

The December 18th Holiday party will be held at Cyndy M’s. (Directions to come later). There was a sign-up sheet for food. Please bring a wrapped gift costing around \$5.00 for a dice game. If you plan to attend and were not able to sign up at the last meeting, please contact Cyndy at home: 952-974-8466 or work: 952-352-3806.

The Eden Prairie fire department is looking for some much-needed equipment. It was suggested that our next fundraiser possibly go towards that.

The next Chapter Board Meeting is being held on January 8th, 2004

The next General Chapter Meeting will be held on January 15. at Camp Edenwood.

Inspirational Thought: Kathy B. read “Everyday Thanksgiving”

Minnesota Women of Today Creed was lead by Mary B.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.00 p.m.

Secretary – Cyndy Mertz