

EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES
General Meeting – St. Andrews Church
Thursday, November 18, 2004
7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Members –	Audra Compton	Tina Richter	Guest: Katie Castro
	Tracy Lynch	Munna Yasiri	
	Susan Malek	Stacy Pearson	
	Crystal Kelley	Sara Muehlenbein	
	Crystal Kokal	Jennifer Ackerman	
	Katie Castro	Joanna Takes	
	Fay Clark	Estelle Schaefer	
	Jan Mars	Mary Boerner	
	Colleen Miller	Cyndy Mertz	

The monthly general meeting was held Thursday, November 18, 2004 at St. Andrews Church in Eden Prairie. The meeting was called to order by President, Stacy Pearson at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Colleen M. The U.S. Women of Today Creed was led by Sara M.

Pass the Prize was provided by Audra C. – The word was “Thanks.”

Ice Breaker was led by Crystal Kelley

Officer Reports

President – Stacy P.

Stacy passed out “Warm Fuzzy” cards that she made for each member. The members were asked to write one nice thing in each person’s card. Each person received their own card at the end of the meeting.

Stacy recognized Deb T., Audra C., J. Mars and Joanna T. birthdays

The sign up sheet for the January 2005 general meeting was put on the table.

Stacy asked everyone to fill out a “Mid-year evaluation sheet” regarding how the 1st half of the year has gone. She asked that they be turned in by December 20th.

Since Stacy will be missing some meetings in the 4th quarter (baby), Joanna T. will be stepping in to run those meetings.

A Participation sheet was passed around for people to check off different things they have done so far this year.

Mail

Two items from the state were put on the table for everyone to look at.

State Delegate – Tina R.

Tina gave a recap of the 2nd quarter district meeting in Farmington

Tina mentioned the “Winter District Meeting” being held by our chapter on January 27th. Jennifer A., Tina R. and Crystal Kokal are on the committee. A sign up sheet was handed around to sign up to bring food.

Membership – Crystal Kokal

Crystal welcomed our new member Munna Yasiri

The chapter Holiday party was discussed by Tracy Lynch. It will be held at Estelle’s house on Thursday, December 16. A sign up sheet was sent around to sign up to bring food. There were recipe cards to take to write up the recipe of what you plan to bring. Everyone was asked to bring a \$5.00 gift to exchange and an unwrapped toy to give to “Toys for Tots.” The Eden Prairie Mayor will be at the party at 7:15 to present Tina Richter with her Mrs. Hennepin Cty. International 2005 banner.

Crystal recognized all those members that have been with the chapter for a year and have renewed. Deb Terrio, Cyndy Mertz, Colleen Miller, Therese Simmons, Kathy Brenner, Stacy Pearson, Sharon Joe, Mary Boerner

Crystal emailed everyone and asked them to answer some personal questions for the “Mystery Member Spotlight” for the Newsletter.

Treasurer – Mary B.

Mary gave the treasurer’s report. The ending cash balance is \$673.36.

Secretary

Cyndy M. asked for any changes to the October 2004 meeting and then approved the minutes. Cyndy has also agreed to continue doing the Secretary’s role for the 2004-2005 year.

Parliamentarian – Fay Clark

Corrections to the By-laws that were requested by the State will be in the next Newsletter

External Programming VP – Cyndy Mertz

Cyndy held a “Guess how many M&M’s are in the jar” contest to collect money for the March of Dimes. Guesses were \$1.00 a piece. \$18.00 dollars was collected and Tina Richter was the winner. A check was received from “Current” for our on-line sales fundraiser.

Cyndy M. donated shirts to “Cornerstone” under her companies name “Norstan” and Eden Prairie Women of Today.

Children’s books collected for Cornerstone can be given to Cyndy M.

The Butter Braid sale was completed and butter braids were delivered after the meeting. Cyndy M. sold the most butter braids with Stacy P. selling the second most. A motion was made by Joanna T. that the Butter braid proceeds go to the “Hennepin Cty Special Gift Fund.” The motion was amended by Cyndy M. and then again by Crystal Kokal and seconded by Fay Clark to donate \$190.00 to the Women of Today Foundation and that \$500.00 go to the “Hennepin Gift Fund.

Cyndy M. asked that everyone save their pop top tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and to continue collecting labels for PDC.

Stacy P. asked for Yoplait pink lids for “Breast Cancer.” 125 were collected from the members.

Girl Scouts – Crystal Kokal

Andrea Nordic and Brandon Campos from the Greater Mpls Girl Scout Council will be attending the January meeting. We will be holding a brainstorming session with them.

A Senior Girl Scout will be coordinating the “Brownie Smile Day” this year

The following members have completed STEP since the October meeting.

STEP I – Tracy Lynch and Estelle Schaefer.

STEP III – Cyndy Mertz

Youth and Community – Fay Clark

Cards for Seniors Project is being chaired by Tracy L., Janel, and Crystal K. The event will be held on Saturday, September 4 at 9:00 a.m. at “Summit Place Senior Campus.” Crystal K. made a motion to cover the cost of postage and envelopes up to \$60.00.

Gift wrapping for the Cornerstone book drive will be held on Tuesday, December 21 from 6 to 10:00 p.m. You are still able to sign up for a shift. Please contact Joanna T.

Jan M. gave a recap of the “Painting in St. Louis Park.” Those that attended are: Estelle, Fay, Jan and Cyndy.

Cyndy M. gave a recap of the “Cornerstone Adopt a Home” raking project

Poinsettia Sale Update – Crystal K. – 104 plants were sold. They will be sorted on November 30th at Mary B’s home and delivered on Wednesday, December 1st. \$480.00 will be donated to PROP’s “adopt-a-child” and “adopt-a-senior” programs.

Internal Programming VP – Joanna T.

Certifications – You can certify in Civic Awareness, STEP, Focus on Women, Chaplain/Family Involvement and Personal Enrichment(which is: Effective Speaking, Effective Writing and Personal Enrichment (PEP courses.)) It is pretty easy to certify in all of these. Please check them out to see if you have already completed the requirements or what you have to still do. A “Super Bowl of Certification Night) is being planned for January 5th. You will be able to complete some of the requirements that night with help from other members of the chapter. A date will be decided on for this event.

Joanna T. recapped the “Personality” course held at Tina R’s. home on November 5th. 10 members attended.

Members have also expressed an interest in the “Listening” course. A date in the 4th quarter is being looked at.

Joanna sent around a sign up sheet for an activity for “Chaplain/Family Involvement” to locate a location to hold an event and to sign up for food. This would possibly be a “game day” for families of members.

Newsletter – Crystal Kelley

Articles were due on November 23.

Ways and Means – Mary B.

Herberger’s Community Days fundraiser will be held on 11/20/04 from 5-9 p.m. Contact Mary to volunteer.

All members attending the meeting played “Programming Bingo.” The winner was Mary Boerner. Crystal Kokal donated a scarf for the prize.

The Inspirational Thought was read by Tracy L.

Katie Castro was invited to join.

Minnesota Women of Today Creed was led by Tina R.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Dates to Remember

Deliver Poinsettias	December 1
Writing out Cards for Seniors	December 4
Chapter Holiday Party	December 16
Gift Wrapping for Cornerstone	December 21 at Barnes & Nobles in EP Mall
Certification Night	January 5???
Project Linus Chapter Social	January 15
General Membership meeting	January 20 at St. Andrews
District Meeting	January 27 – Hosted by Eden Prairie
Deadline to register for Winter State	January 28
Women of Today family week	January 23-29
Family Week Game Day	January 29
End of 3 rd Quarter	January 31

Pals Book Group Dates and Books

December 9	“The Staggerford Flood” by Jon Hassler
January	“West With the Night” by Beryl Markham
February	“Rebecca” by Daphne Du Maurier
March	“The Left hand of Darkness by Ursula K. LeGuin

Secretary – Cyndy Mertz