

EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES
General Meeting – St. Andrew’s Church
Thursday November 15th, 2007

Attendees:

Katie Castro	Stacy Pearson	Kerry Anderson
Carol Baltzer	Lynn Pederson	Crystal Kokal
Patricia Powell	Sue Ellen Toppings	Marie Robinson
Beth Wojahn	Mary Boerner	Marinda VanDekieft
Fay Clark	Cyndy Mertz	Pat Brandon

A quorum was established

Call to Order at 7:00pm by President Katie Castro

Pledge of Allegiance led by Audra Compton
US Women of Today Creed led by Fay Clark

Ice Breaker provided by Joanna Takes “Have you ever hosted a holiday & would you do it again?”

Birthdays

November	December
Audra Compton	Marie Robinson
Jan Mars	Kerry Anderson
Joanna Takes	Julie Eckerson

Presentation of Donations

Tonight we had the honor of having guests, Dr. Michael Leonard from the Chanhassen Rotary, Cynthia Singleton; Executive Director of PROP and Lisa Toomey from Meals on Wheels. Donations were presented to Lisa & Cynthia on behalf of EPWT and Chanhassen Rotary. Cynthia and Lisa also spoke on behalf of their organizations to make us aware of how valuable the donations and volunteering by EPWT has been to them.

Programming Reports

Internal Programming

- The 11%ers will have their first meeting on Thursday November 29th at Trish’s house. Evite will be forthcoming. Trish passed around sign up sheet for upcoming 11%ers events for members to participate.
- The next Share Your Light Night will be Tuesday Dec. 11th and members will be taking a tour to see the Holiday Lights and then winding up at Old Chicago for beverages and appetizers, etc.
- The Holiday Party will be on Thursday December 13th at Fay Clark’s house. Sue Ellen is the chair for this event and will be sending out an evite.

- Marie gave a recap of the Success Reports.
- STEP - Update from Fay Clark. Four members have completed step 3 and 1 member has completed step 1 qualifications.
- Fay Clark gave a recap of the Time Management course that several members had attended. The course offered great ideas to help manage time and avoid stress, etc. Members wrapped up the day by going to lunch at Beijing.
- Newsletter articles are due to Stacy by November 23rd. and December 27th.
- Website shopping fundraiser has now raised a total of \$574.30 for Ways and Means.
- Ways and Means; Recap of Butter Braids fundraiser provided by Lynn. A total of \$679.50 was raised.
- Tonight's \$5 for Friendly Service is Holiday Letter writing by Joanna and Gift wrapping by Katie. A total of \$25 was raised.

External Programming

Youth & Community Involvement – Mary Boerner

- Make a difference Day Food Drive – A total of 268 pounds of food was collected.
- Fay gave a recap of the ABC Gala which again was a great event for EPWT. Eight members attended to help with the Silent Auction.
- Mary and Marie will be co-chairs for the upcoming Angel Foundation Gala taking place on February 2nd, 2008.
- Cyndy gave recap of Poinsettia sales and passed around sign up sheet to help with sorting and delivering.
- December 1st, members can attend our card writing event for seniors at The Colony starting at 10:30. Crystal Kokal is the chair for this event.
- Fay Clark gave an update for the upcoming EP Foundation Ball which will be taking place on February 9th and passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers.
- Carol Baltzer and Pat Brandon will be co-chairs for our upcoming Project Linus event on January 26th.
- A motion was made by Mary with a 2nd from Trish to use a total of \$400 for the PROP Holiday program for members to use toward shopping. May Boerner and ?? will be doing the shopping. All members were in favor of the motion.
- Civic Awareness – Trish handed out CA forms for people who had voted.

Officer Reports

President – Katie passed around October sign up sheet and passed around raffle tickets for State W&M.

It is time to start thinking about elections for next year.

State Delegate

Fay Clark and Sue Ellen Toppings received members of the quarter ?? award.

Beth, Katie and Marie will be attending Fall State Convention.

The District meeting will be on January 24th and location is TBD.

Membership VP – Fay Clark

Two of five members renewed. We have 4 new members and Fay would like seasoned members to be a “be-friender” and help show new members the ropes of the WOT organization.

Treasurer – Sue Ellen recapped monthly Treasurers report.

Secretary – Lynn Pederson - October minutes were approved as written.

New Business/Announcements:

Cooking for Crisis Nursery – Mary Boerner will set up date for sometime in February.

Sue Ellen recapped the SYLN event at Joanna’s .

Inspirational Thought - Sue Ellen read a motivational quote for the Inspirational thought.

An invitation to join was extended to our guest June Swart.

Minnesota Women of Today creed was led by Sue Ellen

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