

EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY
General Meeting – St. Andrew’s Church
Thursday, November 19, 2009
7:00 P.M.

Attendees:

Beth Wojahn	Sue Ellen Toppings	Fay Clark
Linda Niedzielski	Melissa Redzuan	Barbara Pabst
Lynn Pederson	Charlotte Perz	Joan Negri
Hetal Agrawal	Beth Kohler	Erin Trader
Stacy Pearson	Kerry Anderson	Cyndy Mertz
Marie Robinson	Nancy Cohen	Mary Boerner
Katie Castro	Cathy Snyder	Gail Weeks
Susan Gillis	Mary Erickson-Kamp	Lisa Barnett
Shannon Seymour	Licia Jacques	Joyce Arlt
Joanna Takes		

GUESTS: Jen Kinzer---Aitken WOT—MN State President

Wendy Homyak---Champlin WOT
Sharon Erickson---Champlin WOT
Oana Zayic
Kevin Crystal---Chanhassen Rotary
Tim Erhardt ---Chanhassen Rotary
Karmen Black---EP PROP

Call to Order at 7:05 P.M. by President Sue Ellen T.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Hetal A.

US Women of Today Creed led by Sharon Erickson—Champlin WOT

Ice Breaker provided by Melissa R. –Tell us something you are thankful for that begins with the first letter of your name.

Orders of the Day –Marie R.

A quorum was established.

Presentation to PROP--\$724.30 raised at Jerry’s hot dog stand and \$2500.00 given in our name from Chanhassen Rotary

Guest Speaker—Jen Kinzer MN State President

Programming Reports

Change in reporting format was announced. Recaps of past events should be printed in the Newsletter.

Internal programming VP (IVP) – Sue Ellen T. for Pat B.

Living and Learning –Nancy C.

Book Club - Three Cups of Tea” meeting at Hetal’s at 7pm November 25.

Share Your Light Nights – 2nd Tuesday each month (usually)

December 13 12-5pm Gail’s cookie bake at Gail’s

Sign up sheet was passed for the next four months—

January –Barb P.

February—Katie C.

March—Melissa R.

April—Erin T and Beth K

16 mini scrapbooks are available for \$1.00 each (leftover from November SYLN)

see Cathy S to purchase

Records and Recognition & STEP-Katie C.

2nd trimester reporting party will be Dec. 15 from 7-9 –location TBD; this is for LPM’s and board members especially; all others welcome!

Public Relations—Fay C.

Newsletter-Mary E-K

Articles due November 26 –Email DIRECTLY to Mary E-K with articles and ZOOT notes. If you do “Your WOT Story” for Joanna’s state competition, submit a copy to Mary for publication in the EP Newsletter.

Webmaster—Stacy P. — no report

Ways and Means – Cathy S.

Bachman Cards –next order due December 10 to Cathy S.

Butter braids Fundraiser—Barb P.and Katie C Orders should be picked up at Katie’s on Nov. 20 Service \$642.00 raised

Poinsettias Fundraiser—Cyndy M and Fay C co-chairs—flowers will be ready for delivery Monday November 23 contact Cyndy if you can help with delivery.

71 plants were sold/\$147.00 profit

M/S/P that the proceeds (\$147.00) from the poinsettia sales be used to purchase fleece for the Project Linus blanket making.

M/S/P that the money donated by Cathy S. from Sam’s Club be used for the PROP Adopt a family/Adopt a senior program.

Three Winners Cards-Stacy P—if you took cards please remember to get your money (\$20/each) to Stacy. There are still six cards left to sell; we do NOT get to return them

\$5 for Friendly Service—Christmas Gift wrap basket (donated by Melissa R.)

PLUS two hours of Sue Ellen’s wrapping time

Tastefully Simple fundraiser: we received \$27.00 from Cathy S.

External Programming VP (EVP) –Melissa R.

Women’s Wellness – Kerry A

Move It Move It Challenge with Cyprus WOT—turn in your activity points to Sue Ellen via email in the next few days. Winner will be announced in December newsletter

Fall Frolic 5K—1 member/30 minutes service hours/\$0

Youth of Today – Mary B..

Outstanding Young Adult—Stacy P—EPWT’s nominee for OYA is Alison McElveen, a sophomore at EPHS. Contact Sue Ellen if you’d like to see the nomination file.

Hot Dog Stand—79 service hours/\$724.30/22 people worked/450 + people served

Magical Mystery Tour—Fay C. Mpls. Institute of Arts 17 service hours/\$0/5 adults and 6 children—will check into a spring women’s tour.

Crisis Nursery—Mary B. –November 15 –17 service hours/\$45.00 spent/ 8 members participated

ABC House Foundation Dinner and Silent Auction at Olympic Hills in EP—postponed until spring

Hearing and Service Dogs of MN—Lisa B—20th anniversary celebration (The Fetching Ball) held November 7 at OPUS. 9 service hours/\$0/ 3 members

Candy bars for \$1.00 were available for purchase—state fundraiser-3.5 service hours/\$100.00 raised/ 7 members

Community Connection – Cyndy M.

Santa Letters—Sue Ellen—We have already received over 60 letters. A training session will be held at Dunn Bros on Eden Prairie Road from 7 to 9 on December 3. Sue Ellen will email those interested in writing letters with further details. She has CDs and flash drive with letter templates available. Letters need to be printed and sent around December 15th.

Memorial Blood Center Donation Drive—Mary E-K and Erin T—sign up sheet for volunteers was sent around. Date is December 5 from 9-12 outside the food court at EP Mall.

Eden Prairie Foundation Ball—Sue Ellen T—will be held March 27, 2010. Details to follow.

Friends of the EP Library Book Sale—Sue Ellen for Suzanne S—Also on December 5; shifts available from 8:50 until 1:30. Sign up sheet passed around.

Feed My Starving Children—Hetal—28 service hours/\$0/14 people

BINGO at Park Health & Rehab—Fay for Suzanne—will be the 2nd Wednesday of the month-first event is January 13 from 6:30-8:00;l we can bring treats and prizes...some prizes are supplied by the facility

Officer Reports

President – Sue Ellen T.

The January 2010 sign up sheet was passed around.

A photo roster of members will be established and emailed to MEMBERS ONLY. Pictures will be taken at the Holiday Party.

2nd Trimester Renewal Ceremony—by WOT State President Jen Kinzer.

Those participating in the renewal ceremony were: Mary B., Stacy P., Lynn P., Kerry A., Nancy C., Gail W., Lisa B., Joan N.

State Delegate – Gail W.

District Meeting Recap –

Waconia's 1st hosted their first district meeting, and it was a great success. Please review all the details in the most recent newsletter.

Trips & Visitations –

Sue Ellen and Gail attended the President/State Delegate Retreat at Camp Friendship where they had the opportunity to network with lots of other chapters, and get tips on how to better support our chapter. Our new agenda format was an out-growth of those discussions on the importance of actually reporting on all that we do.

Beth and Gail also visited the New Hope chapter on 10/26, and we picked up some tips on how to better deal with all the sign-up sheets we generate.

Sue Ellen joined Gail and Beth when they visited Richfield on 11/9 where they suggested that our next PALS activity be an ice skating event after the holidays. So watch for more info to come.

Next Visitation is planned for Thursday January 14th to the Fridley Chapter. Please let Gail know if you are interested in coming along.

Winter State – St. Louis Park - 60th Anniversary Celebration – Friday Jan 29th-Sunday January 31st – Come join in the fun and discover lot of fun facts about our history. A couple of rooms have been reserved for anyone who doesn't want to drive home after an evening of partying. If you may be interested in attending, please add your name to the sign-up sheet that Gail passed around.

Reminder – Mark your calendars and watch for more details! Our State Annual convention will be May 21st-23rd in Alexandria, and our USWT National convention will be held in Rochester, MN June 10th -13th.

Next District Meeting – We are hosting this on Feb 25th. Melissa R will chair –please contact her if you'd like to help out.

Waconia Extension Update – Fay Clark

Feed My Sheep Event: Thanksgiving – A Great Success! -Svc Hrs: 48 hrs/\$250 in donated food/#People 12 ; if anyone is interested in this program Chaska serves dinner every Monday night and can usually use help...contact Fay for further info

WAWT's Adopted Families: Anyone interested in participating- please contact Fay Clark

Lions' Wild Game Feed Info—watch for more info

Sponsorship to **Cyprus** Update – Sue Ellen will be visiting Cyprus at their March 2010 meeting.

Buckets of Sunshine—Shriner's Hospital Dec 5th Joanna reported that the donation goal for this year's Buckets of Sunshine Statewide Project, the Shriners, is \$6,000 worth of donations, to go along with the theme of the 60th anniversary of Women of Today at Winter State Convention, where these donations will be presented. Items sought include fleece blankets and toys, videos, books, etc. for hospitalized children, especially boys and teens. EPWT will be collecting donations at the January 2010 meeting.

A service project of serving cookies and juice to patients and families has also been scheduled at Shriners Hospital for Wednesday, Dec. 9. If anyone is interested in donating cookies, they could give them to Joanna for passing on to the statewide project chair at the December state marketing committee meeting.

Membership VP (MVP) – Kerry A.

Member of the month – Gail W.

New Member Orientation was held after the November meeting by Kerry A.

Five members attended: Beth K., Joyce A., Linda N., Barb P., Licia J.

Mystical Mondays (5th Monday of a month)

November 30th- Barb P and Linda N. co-chairs—dinner and a movie at EP

Center...meet in the food court at 6:30 and go to Blind Side after dinner

Dining Out Club 1st Wednesday of the month-Suzanne S. – December 2 will be at

Patrick's French Café and Bakery (across from Southdale) at 6:00. An evite will

be sent with further directions. PALS chapter (Richfield) will be invited also

Treasurer – Lisa B.

Ending Balance: \$858.29

Secretary –Beth W.

September and October minutes approved as printed.

New Business/Announcements

Holiday Party—will be at Nancy C's. –Committee is: Nancy C, Cyndy M, Cathy S, Beth K start time 7 PM on December 17; sign up sheet sent around if people want to bring something to share; bring a less than \$10 gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange

Mary E-K handed out pamphlets that people had ordered from the Living Wills Share Your Light. Please pay her directly for the \$3.00 fee.

Stacy P informed us that she is posting many EPWT events on Face Book. If you aren't on FB you can contact her to get a list of people that RSVP. IF you **don't** want an event posted on FB notify her of that also.

M/S/P that we support District 11 in the bid to host the Fall 2010 state convention.

Invitation to Join

Inspirational Thought provided by Erin T.

Women of Today Creed led by Lynn P.

Adjourn – the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Secretary Beth W.

