

EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES
General Meeting – Burnet Realty Building
Thursday, October 16, 2003
7:02 p.m.

Attendees:

Members:

Colleen Miller

Susie Jessop

Crystal Kokal

Joanna Takes

Debra Terrio

Mary Malone

Kathy Brenner

Stacy Pearson

Sharon Joe

Cyndy Mertz

Guests:

Jackie McMartin

Michele Thompson

Margaret Niemi - DPM Kidney Disease

Stephanie Malone - Girl Scouts

Tie Vei - Girl Scouts

Karen Torseth - Lakeville

Cindy Langer - Lakeville

The monthly general meeting was held Thursday, October 16, 2003 at the Burnet Realty Building in Eden Prairie. The meeting was called to order by President, Crystal Kokal at 7:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stacy Pearson. The U.S. Women of Today Creed was led by Sharon Joe.

Crystal Kokal welcomed our guests.

Ice Breaker – Mary Malone asked all to tell of a remembrance of a past Halloween.

Tie Oei & Stephanie Malone - Girl Scout Council of Greater Minneapolis. The ladies handed out information and spoke on the Girl Scouts and their connection with Women of Today. All members are encouraged to help with volunteering for Girl Scouting events. Eden Prairie will be holding the July 2004 Girl Scout Jamboree. Many volunteers are need and fliers will be coming out soon on this event.

Michele Thompson – Chaplain/Family Involvement DPM - spoke about awards that are given through Women of Today. She also spoke about certifications that can be achieved and she handed out certification forms. Names are still being accepted for the Prayer Chain for men and women over seas. Michele passed the teapot for donations for the Children's Hospitals.

Margaret Neimi – Kidney Disease DPM - did a "Can you guess how many kidney beans are in the jar?" contest. She spoke about Kidney Disease and the Chemistry Club Membership.

OFFICER REPORTS

President – Crystal Kokal

Colleen and Susie's birthdays were recognized. Crystal awarded the "Daisy Award" to Debra Terrio and to Kathy Brenner. Chapter's shirts are still available to order tonight. A motion was made by Kathy B. and Seconded by Susie J. to accept Debra Terrio as the chapter State Delegate and Colleen Miller as the chapter Treasurer. A new meeting location is needed. Burnett Realty will no longer let us use their facility. Various members offered to do searching for a new location. General meetings will start at 7:00 with a ten-minute break half way through the meeting. A sign up sheet was available to sign up for snacks and refreshments, the Ice Breaker and the Inspirational Thought, for the November 20th General meeting.

MAIL – Crystal received the Chapter mailing and the District Newsletter. A Thank you letter was received for the Girl Scout donation given from donations from the Root Beer/Orange pop float sale.

State Delegate – Debra Terrio

The District meeting will be held on October 23rd. The cost is \$5.00 if paid by October 20th or \$6.00 at the door. Crystal will purchase fabric and make a tie-blanket for the "Lucky Buck Item" we need to donate.

Our charter banquet will be held on October 29th at Karen Torseth's home at 7:00. It is a Halloween theme. Costumes are requested.

The Fall State Convention will be November 14th in Brooklyn Center. The theme is "Tropical Paradise." The deadline to pay is October 22. The business meeting and banquet will be on Saturday the 15th. Our chapter will be chartered at the banquet on the 15th.

Membership VP – Susie Jessop

Susie did a recap of the M-night at Don Pablo's. Sharon Joe and Stacy Pearson joined that evening. There were around 20 people that attended.

Secretary – Cyndy Mertz

Minutes from the September 18th meeting were accepted and approved. If anyone is interested in joining the PALS book club, please contact Joanna T.

Parliamentarian

No Report

Programming VP – Joanna Takes CIP fliers were available to look through during the meeting break.

Debra Terrio has agreed to chair the “Personal Enrichment Course – Stress Management.” This will be our first action with the Personal Enrichment Courses. She will be emailing everyone to see who would like to participate and decide on a date to hold the course. It was discussed that these courses may be open to the public when future Enrichment Courses are held.

Fabric was purchased by Sara M. and Crystal K. to make tie blankets. This event will be held at Crystal K's home on October 25th, which is also “Make A Difference Day.” We hope to take pictures at the event and put an article in the Eden Prairie paper. Enough fabric was purchased to make 17 blankets in designs for boys and girls. PLEASE BRING SCISSORS.

It was requested by Cyndy Mertz, Current Fundraiser chairperson that all orders are handed in at this meeting. The orders will be sent on Monday, October 20th. On-line orders will continue to be accepted through November.

Joanna reminded all about the Effective writing and speaking competition. Please contact her for more information.

Joanna presented a gift to Kathy Brenner for her fabulous job on creating the Newsletter for October and for continuing to produce the Newsletter for the chapter. Kathy asks that the deadline for getting information to her for the newsletter be no later than one week following the general meeting each month. If you are not able to get the Newsletter per e-mail, please contact her and a copy can be

mailed. Copies will be available at the general meetings each month also. The theme for the November newsletter is of course Thanksgiving. Get those recipes sent.

Old Business

Sharon Joe and Stacy Pearson will be co-chairing the “Christmas cards for seniors” social. The making of the cards will be held on Saturday, November 8th from 1:00 to 4:00 at Pax Christi Church. Directions to the church will be e-mailed to all. Paper and stickers were donated by “Catch a Falling Star.” If you have stamps, paper, glitter, scissor etc.....please bring along to the social. A date to meet with the seniors and write cards for them still needs to be decided.

It was suggested that the chapter Christmas party be held on Thursday, December 18th. A location for the party has yet to be determined.

It was suggested by Crystal K. that the money raised from the 2nd and 3rd Cookbook fundraiser go to Toys for Tots for Christmas.

New Business

The next Chapter Board Meeting is being held on October 6th The next General Chapter Meeting will be held on November 20. Location to be determined.. Stacy P. will bring snacks and beverages. Joanna will run the Ice Breaker

Inspirational Thought Crystal read “Slow Dance”

Minnesota Women of Today Creed was lead by Cyndy M.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.00 p.m.

Secretary – Cyndy Mertz