

Eden Prairie Women of Today
General Meeting – St. Andrews Church
October 21, 2004

Attendees: Stacy Pearson
Tina Richter
Joanna Takes
Jan Mars
Fay Clark
Sara Muehlenbein
Estelle Schaefer
Tracy Lynch
Audra Compton
Jennifer Ackerman
Mary Boener
Crystal Kelley
Kelly Landaeta
Cyndy Mertz

Guests: Nina MacKay
Munna Yasiri
Sandy Dorn

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Stacy Pearson
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Stacy P.
US Women of Today Creed was led by: Mary B.

Jan Mars welcomed guests Nina MacKay and Munna Yasiri – candidates for the Eden Prairie City Council. Each woman was asked to tell about themselves. Jan then asked each what three things they felt were the most important to them regarding being on the council.

Pass the Prize was provided by Tina R. The word was Fall. Kelly L. won the prize.

Ice Breaker was led by Stacy P. – “What did I want to be when I grew up?”

Colleen Miller and Susie Jessop's birthdays were recognized.

Officer Reports

President – Stacy P.

The sign-up sheet was passed around for the November meeting.

Stacy received the chapter mailing from the state. She also received several e-mails congratulating us on a great event in September with five new members signing. Also received congratulations for having a great web-site and newsletter from leaders at the district, state and national level.

Quarterly member awards were given to Fay Clark for August. Lisa Vorderbruggen for September and Tina Richter for October.

Stacy asked for volunteers for a member to fill the Secretary position for the chapter.

State Delegate – Tina R.

The 2nd district meeting will be held on Thursday, October 28th in Farmington. Tina mentioned there would be a car-pool from her house.

Sign-up for the Fall Convention in St. Cloud is due by 10/27/04.

Membership

In September 11 members and two guests attend the social event at Chevy's. The members were: Joanna Takes, Fay Clark, Cyndy Mertz, Jan Mars, Crystal Kelley, Crystal Kokal, Tina Richter, Colleen Miller, Mary

Boerner, Sara Muehlenbein and Stacy Pearson. The guests were Melissa and Beth. Both have attended events in the past. \$35.70 was raised for the "Ways and Means" fund from those having dinner and drinks. In December, instead of a general meeting the chapter has a holiday party on the third Thursday of the month. Members were asked to volunteer for a committee to plan this years holiday party. Estelle Schaefer, Tracy Lynch and Audra Compton volunteered to plan the event. They have been asked to report back at the November general meeting.

Four members were up for renewal. Three people have re-joined the chapter. They are: Stacy Pearson, Mary Boerner and Sharon Joe. Six new members joined in the last month. Audra Compton, Tracy Lynch, Estelle Schaefer, Susan Malek, Janel Hartfiel and Kelly Landaeta. New member orientation was held on October 12th and all six new members were in attendance. Jennifer A. and Tina R. were also present. Cyndy M. and Crystal Kokal ran the orientation.

Treasurer – Mary B.

Mary B. gave the treasury report.

Secretary – standing in – Cyndy M.

There were no changes to the September 2004 meeting minutes.

A PALS event was held with members of our chapter and the Maple Grove chapter. We met in a conference room at the Ridgedale shopping mall. Employees from Origins gave us products to do our own facials and gave each a make-up makeover. The women attending from the Eden Prairie chapter are: Stacy Pearson, Cyndy Mertz, Colleen Miller, Mary Boerner, Kathy Brenner, Crystal Kelley, Crystal Kokal, Tracy Lynch and Joanna Takes. There were five members from the Maple Grove chapter that attended. They brought treats and beverages for all to share.

Parliamentarian – Fay C.

No Report

Internal Programming – Joanna T.

STEP – Crystal Kokal

Congratulations to Tina R. and Jennifer A. for completing their STEP II certifications. Also, Crystal Kokal completed STEP III. Tina R., Jennifer A., and Stacy P. plan to complete in the STEP II competition being held at Fall State this November.

PR – Jennifer A.

No Report

Web-master – Stacy P.

There is now a new photo album on the web-site. You can find this under Member Resources. If you have any photos to share, either e-mail them to Stacy or send them to her.

Newsletter – Crystal Kelly

Newsletter articles are due 10/28/04.

RAVE – Lisa V.

October is RAVE month.

Ways and Means – Mary B.

Herberger's Community Days Fundraiser - Coupons are for sale and must be used on 11/20/04. Mary has asked for a couple people to volunteer to help that day. Can sell coupon books before the event.

Personal Enrichment

Jennifer A. and Fay C. gave impromptu speeches to certify in "Effective Speaking."

A "Personality Personal Enrichment Course" will be held on 11/5/04 at Tina Richter's home. Contact Joanna T. if interested in attending. Please bring a snack or beverage to share, a pad of paper and pen and wear your favorite color."

Cyndy M. certified in "Effective Speaking" and "Effective Writing."

Focus on Women

Joanna spoke about a program called "Girls on the Run." This is a non-profit program for young girls. It is through the Park and Recreation department. There is also a spring and summer camp program. You can contact Beth at 952-949-8447 if you are interested in helping.

Chaplain/Family Involvement

A "Family Week Games Day" is planned for January 29th. More information will be coming.

External Programming – Cyndy M.

Girl Scouts – Crystal Kokal

Two members are planning to attend a "girl Scouting" event on October 27th. The contact is Marge Beard at the Girl Scout council.

Our chapter may be helping with "Brownie Smile Day" and an "April " dance in 2005.

Youth & Community – Fay C.

Tracy has volunteered to chair the "Cards for Seniors" project. Stacy stated that there are about 100 cards left from last year.

Jan reminded those volunteering for the "Pride & Living Program" painting project on Saturday, October 23 in St. Louis Park.

Cyndy is still looking for volunteers for the "Adopt-a-Home" project for Cornerstone being held on Saturday October 30th in Bloomington. Starting time is 9:00 a.m. She will email those helping the address and directions.

This project helps cut property management costs for people living in homes provided by Cornerstone.

Fay C. did a recap of the CCFA Walk-A-Thon. Tina R. wanted to thank everyone from our chapter and the Maple Grove chapter that helped.

The chapter – "Linus project" blanket making will be held on Saturday, January 15th. More information and a location will be coming. Contact Sara M. or Cyndy M. with questions.

Jennifer thanked those that helped stuff envelopes last Sunday for the "EP Foundation Ball." Those that met at Dunn Brothers were: Jennifer A., Cyndy M., Fay C., Estelle S., and Kathy B. Volunteers are again needed on November 17th to stuff more envelopes. Please contact Jennifer to help.

Jennifer A. asked members to stuff envelopes with the letters and order forms for the Poinsetta sale at the chapter meeting. There were sign up sheets to help with sorting Poinsettias on November 30th and delivering Poinsettias on December 1st. They will be delivered to Mary B's. home.

Civic Awareness – Jan Mars

Jan reminded everyone of voting on November 2nd and what women had to go through to be able to vote.

Kidney Disease

Cyndy M. made a motion to donate \$25.00 to the Caring Vine Club for Kidney Disease. Fay C. seconded the motion. Everyone agreed. We will receive 50 Success Points for joining before the end of the quarter. Mary B. will send the check in. Cyndy also brought in copies of information regarding "Kidney Stones" for all to take.

March of Dimes

Cyndy M. put out information regarding "Prematurity Awareness Day" on November 16, 2004. The information was taken from the marchofdimes.com/share web-site. Cyndy asked that everyone bring change for a donation for the March of Dimes at the November meeting.

People with Developmental Challenges

Cyndy M. reported that she met with a representative of Friendship Ventures/Camp Eden Wood regarding the "Outstanding Individual" and "Opened My Heart" Awards.

Cyndy had also put out a challenge for the most labels turned in. Fay C. had the most labels. About 100 labels were handed in.

Everyone received an order form for the "Butter Braid" sale. All orders and monies are to be turned into Cyndy M. by November 4th. They will be delivered on November 18th at the general meeting. It has not been determined yet where the proceeds from this fundraiser will go.

Inspirational Thought

Jennifer A. handed out a card with the inspirational thought for the evening printed on it.

Good and Wellness

Everyone welcomed the new members to the meeting.

The Minnesota Women of Today Creed was led by Jan M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Dates to Remember

District 10 Meeting	October 28 in Lakeville
Adopt-A-Home clean-up for Cornerstone	October 30 in Bloomington
End of 2 nd Quarter	October 30
November board Meeting	November 4 at Tina's
Personality PE Course	November 5 at Tina's
District project Linus social	November 11 in Richfield
EP Ball invitation envelope stuffing	November 17
Card making Social and M-Night	?
General membership meeting	November 18 at St. Andrew's
Herberter's Community Days	November 20
Fall State convention	November 19-21 in St. Cloud
Writing out cards for Seniors	December 4
Chapter Holiday party	December 16
Gift Wrapping for Cornerstone	December 21 at Barnes & Nobles in EP Mall