

EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES  
General Meeting – St Andrews Church  
Thursday, October 20, 2005  
7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Members -	Crystal Kokal	Trish Powell	Lynn Pederson
	Marie Robinson	Cyndy Mertz	Jan Mars
	Stacy Pearson	Sara Vinkemeier	Joanna Takes
	Katie Castro	Audra Compton	Jennifer Morris

Guests - Ellen Hoerle, Jan Eian

A quorum was established.

Call to order was at 7:00 p.m. by J. Takes

Pledge of Allegiance was led by L. Pederson

US Women of Today creed was led by J. Mars

Icebreaker was provided by C. Kokal. What dessert best describes you?

J. Takes recognized birthday of: Colleen Miller

Guests Ellen Hoerle and Jan Eian, both candidates for Eden Prairie's school board introduced themselves. Both gave short presentations about themselves and their desire to join the school board.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **President – Joanna Takes**

Announced 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Members of the Quarter: C. Mertz, C. Kokal and F. Clark. J. Ackerman was presented her gift for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Member of the Quarter.

The November sign-up sheet was available at the back table.

Each member was given a mid-year evaluation form. The form will also be emailed to each member. The form can be completed electronically or by longhand anonymously. Paper forms can be returned at the next meeting or mailed to the EPWT post office box.

The President's Quiz prize was given to S. Pearson.

#### **State Delegate – Katie Castro**

We can begin setting up for the District 11 meeting at 4:30 on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets were passed around for volunteers to bring food and pumpkin carving. L. Pederson and C. Kokal will provide our gift for the Lucky Buck Auction.

3 members are currently attending the Fall State Convention in Brainerd. Early bird registration had to be post marked by October 20<sup>th</sup>.

A poll was taken regarding the priority project. We can choose between the Arthritis Foundation, the Jacob Wetterling Foundation or Cheerful Givers. The majority present are showing support for Cheerful Givers.

A Premier Jewelry consultant will be at the district meeting. A portion of the sales will go to the district.

Donations are needed for Katrina's kids. Bring items to the district meeting or contact K. Castro. Items will be brought with the chapter to the Fall State Convention.

**Treasurers Report – C. Kokal**

Current ending cash balance is \$414.94

**Secretary – Marie Robinson**

September 2005 meeting minutes were approved.

PALS makeover is scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>. K. Castro will be bringing wine, C. Mertz and M. Robinson will bring cheese and crackers.

**Programming –**

**External Programming – Mary Boerner (not present)**

**Youth and Community –**

S. Vinkemeier recapped the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual CCFA. Due to an increased number of donations and participants, the walk will be held in the Mall of America's rotunda next year.

C. Mertz recapped the fire department's open house. Four members and three guests attended the event. They applied 350 tattoos.

S. Pearson passed around a sign up sheet for sorting and delivering pointsettias. Members were also provided order forms.

K. Castro discussed the EP library gala that will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>. A sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers to work the silent auction from 7 to 9pm. Donations are also needed.

M. Robinson invited members and guests to St. Andrew's Church on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 9:30pm. We will be making holiday cards for seniors. A date to write cards will follow.

C. Kokal provided brochures for our Butter Braid Fundraiser. Proceeds will go to Ways & Means. Orders should be returned by November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Butter Braids will be delivered at our November meeting, please bring payment. Samples were available during the meeting break.

J. Takes was contacted by Barnes and Noble. We will be gift wrapping on December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 to 10pm. A recipient of the donations will be selected at the November meeting.

Bring Toys for Tots donations to our December holiday party. C. Mertz will deliver donations.

### **Internal Programming – Fay Clark (not present)**

#### **Focus on Women – Cyndy Mertz**

Cornerstone Fall cleanup will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00am. This is Make A Difference Day. Contact C. Mertz for the address.

C. Kokal discussed the Hope Chest. Pricing is being done on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6 to 9pm. The sale is on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, shopping helpers are needed. See the newsletter regarding the donation party event.

#### **Personal Enrichment – Stacy Pearson**

S. Pearson recapped the October 18<sup>th</sup> event. 8 people attended. We may have a PE course during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. There will definitely be one offered during 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

#### **Public Relations/Newsletter – Crystal Kelley**

Newsletter articles are due by October 27th.

#### **Ways and Means – Fay Clark (not present)**

Herberger's Community Days Fundraiser November 19<sup>th</sup>. One or two volunteers are needed from 6 to 9pm. Contact M. Boerner for details.

#### **Chapter Holiday Party**

T. Richter and K. Castro are chairing the event. The party will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> at Tina's home. More details at the November meeting.

#### **New Business**

C. Mertz will have a Focus on Women table at the District 11 meeting.

#### **Inspirational Thought – T. Powell**

#### **Good and Wellness**

C. Mertz mentioned that the EP library sale was a success. She met with member from PROP after the sale, and hopes to visit with them about future projects.

S. Vinkemeier led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Secretary – Marie Robinson