

EDEN PRAIRIE WOMEN OF TODAY MINUTES
General Meeting – Burnet Realty Building
Thursday, September 18, 2003
7:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Members – Kathy Brenner
Sara Muehlenbein
Colleen Miller
Susie Jessop
Crystal Kokal
Joanna Takes
Debra Terrio
Mary Malone
Cyndy Mertz

Guests: Mary Zurn – State Membership Vice President
Therese Huppertz – State Ways and Means
Jane Hanson – State Treasurer
Paulie Skaja-Bell

The monthly general meeting was held Thursday, September 18, 2003 at the Burnet Realty Building in Eden Prairie. The meeting was called to order by President, Crystal Kokal at 7:15 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Susie Jessop. The U.S. Women of Today Creed was led by Joanna Takes.

Crystal Kokal welcomed our guests.

Ice Breaker

Guest - Mary Zurn – State Membership Vice President
Mary presented information on how to “Achieve membership growth.” ROAR - Recruitment, Orientate Members, Activating Members and Retention. Growth in our chapter rewards our members. You can contact Mary at mvp@mnwt.org.

Guest – Jane Hanson – State Treasurer
Jane keeps the books for the state of Minnesota Women of Today. She reported on how to use the transmittals. These are used to report ALL our donations. She can be reached at treasurer@mnwt.org.

Guest - Therese Huppertz – State Ways and Means Program Manager
Therese brings the State store to chapters. After the meeting we were able to purchase items from the merchandise she brought.

Officer Reports

President

Crystal handed out EPWT Plan of Action booklets to everyone and went through the information.

Nametags that were ordered were given to members that were at the meeting.

Crystal recognized Debra T. for chairing the Ice Cream Float Sale and presented her with a Thank you gift.

MAIL – Crystal received the Chapter mailing and the US Newsletter.

State Delegate – Open Position

Crystal reported on the Lakeville chapter meeting on September 9th that she attended. She also presented information on the President/State Delegate Retreat at Camp Friendship that she attended.

Fliers will be handed out when received regarding the October 23rd District meeting that will be held in Burnsville.

Our chapter charter will be announced at the Fall State Convention in Brooklyn Center that will be held on November 14th-16th.

Treasurer

Crystal briefly went over the bank account balance.

Secretary

Cyndy M. made a few changes to the August meeting minutes and minutes were approved.

Membership VP

Crystal K. reported on the Membership night being held on Tuesday, September 30th at 6:30 at Don Pablos. Fliers were passed out for members to hang up around the community. All members are invited.

Parliamentarian

Sara M. stated that she would like the Roberts rules to be very simplified in regards to the general meetings.

REMINDER TO ALL WHEN VOTING

Abstain means – I agree to something but I am not available to help.

Yes means – I agree to it and will help with it.

No means – I do not agree with it and will not help with it.

Programming VP

Joanna T. spoke in regards to the CEDAW Treaty (Convention to Eliminate All Discrimination Against Women.) Joanna read the legislation. It was suggested that you contact your senator. Joanna will supply addresses senators if you need them.

A Patriotic Prayer Vigil will be held at the fall convention honoring loved ones in the armed forces. Please send your names to Christi Fletcher, the state program manager for Chaplain/Family involvement. You can contact her at cfi@nwt.org or at 14908 Oak Ridge Ct. W., Burnsville, MN 55306.

The Personal Enrichment programming area is conducting contests in both effective speaking and effective writing to be held at the fall state convention. Entries need to be postmarked by October 24 and there is a \$5.00 entry fee. Please contact Joanna T for more information.

Volunteer opportunities:

Cemetery walk- Oct. 8th 7-9 pm needs volunteers to dress up as characters at Cummins Homestead

Halloween on the Mall is Oct. 31 at Eden Prairie Center

Cummins Homestead Christmas Party on Dec. 7 needs help with crafts and collecting tickets.

Our PALS chapter – Maple Grove needs help at their craft show on Saturday, October 17th and 18th. You can contact the chairperson-Mary Thompson at 763-427-9980 or abmsthompson@msn.com or the president-Sue Jammes at susan.jammes@norstan.com.

Kathy Brenner agreed to publish the chapter newsletter on a trial basis.

Old Business

Cyndy presented the “Current” fundraiser beginning today. The turn-in date of all orders will be Thursday, October 16th, our next general meeting. We receive 50% of profits for our Current sales.

The chapter banquet will be held on October 29th at Karen Torseth’s home in Lakeville. Costumes are not required but are requested.

Examples of shirts for the chapter were brought to the meeting by Therese Huppertz. Joanna T. made a motion to determine what color shirts the chapter would like to have. Debra T. seconded the motion. The colors: red, navy, hunter/forest green were chosen to pick from. Ballots were handed out by Crystal and votes were cast. Our Guest, Paulie Skaja-Bell counted the votes. The votes were: one navy, one forest green and six red. The color selected by the majority is red. Members are welcome to buy t-shirts, polo shirts or sweatshirts in red.

New Business

It was requested that all members please bring donations at the October 16th meeting for the PROP food shelf. They request cold cereals, breakfast foods, school snacks. Remember to write down the dollar amount of your donation.

Attending members were asked if they would like to get a reminder call or e-mail regarding upcoming general meetings. Most members replied they would like an e-mail reminder.

Some members are interested in gathering socially after the meetings. All are welcome.

Crystal and Sara will be co-chairing the “Tie Blanket” social on October 25th at 1:00 p.m. at Crystal’s home. Colleen M. made a motion that \$200.00 be spent on fabric for the blankets. Debra abstained.

All members are invited to join Crystal and Sara on Friday, October 3rd at 7 p.m. at the Joann Fabrics store in Edina to purchase fleece for the Tie Blanket project.

The next Chapter Board Meeting is being held on October 2nd at 7 p.m. at Joanna T’s. home. The next General Chapter Meeting is being held on October 16th at 7 p.m. at Burnett Realty

Inspirational Thought

Crystal read “I Wish For You.”

Minnesota Women of Today Creed was lead by Kathy Brenner

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

Secretary – Cyndy Mertz