

## **MNWT Business Meeting Minutes**

May 21, 2011

### **Annual Awards Convention, Jackpot Junction Resort, Morton, MN**

President, Anne Johnson, called the Annual Awards Business meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Michelle Gag, Living and Learning SPM, read an invocation. Mary Ann Johnson, Community Connections, SPM, led the Pledge of Allegiance. District 10 Director, Mary Pramann, led the United States Women of Today Creed. Parliamentarian, Pam Przybilla, gave Orders of the Day. Minutes of the Winter State Business Meeting on January 28, 2011 stand approved as printed. 40 out of 84 chapters present. Quorum was established.

- M/S/P (C.Sanders/District 10-M. Pramann) moved to accept Woodbury Women of Today into District 10.

#### **Secretary-Kelly Porter**

- Thank you to everyone who donated to the printing for the State Plan of Action. The winner of the Pamper Me basket was the G-M-T chapter.
- Accepting 2011-2012 PALS applications.

#### **Administrative Vice President-Terri Dahlberg**

- State Delegate year end entries totaled 7! These seven ladies were eligible for my incentive: The Bright Wine Award, during the Exec Council meeting yesterday, President Anne drew the name of the winner: Sharon Erickson of Champlin.

- We have 3 districts that are still without a District Director for 2011-2012. Chapter members from these districts, please stay after the Elections meeting. We will need to meet with you for a few minutes.

- Thanks to the 7 District Directors who completed their year-end entries: DD4 Leslie, DD6 Kelly, DD9 Barb, DD10 Mary, DD 13 Tina, DD15 JoAnn, and DD16 Laura. I'd like to thank all of the DDs and District Rep for a great year – you've worked hard, welcomed me to your district meetings, and warmed my heart through rain and snow.

#### **Membership Vice President-Nicky Anderson**

- We had Growth + 20. Welcome to the 184 new members 3rd trimester. They joined the 466 members who renewed their membership. We had 25 chapters with growth, and 7 districts with growth. 34 chapters had 75% retention or higher and 10 chapters had 100% retention. We had 12 in chapter extensions and we have 1 chapter in the one-a-month club.

- Winner of the Mystery Monday Challenge in Jan is Eagan. We had 9 chapters call Treasurer Jane on March 28th. The winner of the picnic basket goes to St.Cloud Chapter. Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Mystery Mondays.

- 3rd trimester Growth promotion was Breakfast with President Anne. The winner was New Ulm chapter.

- We had 13 chapters that qualified for 3rd trimester rebate program. Congratulations!

- I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Deal or No Deal challenge at Close out! Winners come forward and get your prizes when I call your chapter:

- Thank you to everyone who participated in my membership challenges this year. Thank you to all of the Membership Vice Presidents across the state who took on the challenge of being their chapter or district MVP. I am proud of you.

#### **Chapter Management Vice President-Marie Robinson**

- LOTS 2011 was held on May 7th in Monticello. Congratulations to the 92 leaders of our chapters who were able to begin their year with training! There were 27 chapters that participated this year.

- The Gold Team Manual has been updated and approved for printing.....

- Thank you to everyone who has assisted with chapters in need of assistance this year.

#### **Extensions Director-Cindy Sanders**

- Welcome the 1 new extension-Woodbury

- Looking for chapter, district or individuals to go into Norwood/Young America and Hutchinson

- We continue with 4 extensions in progress- Lakefield, Milaca, Owatonna and St. Peter

- Lucky Buck for extensions fund will be held at the luncheon today to support extensions and reactivating chapters. Please bring out your dollars and participate

#### **Internal Vice President-Dana Hoenigschmidt**

- Introduction of 2011-2011SPMs: Living & Learning-Brenda Nomensen, JoAnn Miller-Records and Recognition, Dana Hoenigschmidt-Ways and Means, Sue Ellen Toppings-Public Relations, and Newslet-Barb Swalinkavich to bid at MNJOTS.

- SPMs needed still for Women's Wellness and Youth of Today

- STEP Certifications-50 were completed

- Outstanding Achievement in Programming (OAP)

## **Living and Learning SPM-Michelle Gag**

- In 2010-2011, MNWT had a wonderful year in L&L; many tamed the beast of clutter, public speaking, and certification (125). Do not stop your momentum. There is still more!

- Learn more about the important Minnesota historical event: the State Fair!

- Memorial Day reminds us of our responsibility to US soldiers and their families. How will you show your gratitude?

- Outstanding LPM is Candi Mills-Byron

#### **NEWSLET SPM-Julie Hammel**

- Hot Flashes –Cost is one for \$3 or two for \$5. They are available for the Annual issue. What a great way to congratulate someone for a job well done!

- Most submissions for Winter State issue: Individual – Sue Schoenborn, Mahnomen; Chapter – Mahnomen; and District – District 11; April issue: Individual – Leslie Goble, Aitkin; Chapter – Aitkin; and District 6.

- The incentive drawing winner is: Tanna Egan-Middle River.

- June 2011 issue priority publishing: District 11, 12, and 16. Priority publishing includes chapters in those districts. Articles will be accepted until May 25, 2011.

- Outstanding LPM is Cindy Mertz-Eden Prairie

#### **Public Relations SPM-Sue Renz**

- Thank you for LPM, DPM, & other reports sent at the end of this trimester (and all year)

- Thank you for any pictures, clippings, or e-mails sent for the scrapbook for Pres. Anne

- Mark your calendars for Sept. 18th - the next "Day at the Diamond" and send your orders to Sue Ellen early

- Founder's Day (July 1st) comes up quickly after the Annual Convention. Make plans for it soon!

- Outstanding LPM Melissa Kloss-Leiser-Foley.

#### **Records & Recognition SPM-Janice Schwartz**

- SUCCESS submissions: 23 Chapters for 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester

- President/State Delegate Year End Evaluations submitted-11

- SUCCESS Party basket goes to Aitkin chapter.

- SUCCESS Yearend party basket goes to Sauk Rapids chapter.

- Eight chapters submitted SUCCESS electronically.

#### **Ways and Means**

- Thank you to everyone who purchased drink mixes during the 3rd Trimester promotion. There are a few items still available at the State Store. Bet them before they are all gone.

- Thank you to the 6 chapters and 1 district that donated \$50 or more to Ways and Means during 3rd Trimester. The winner of the State Store Incentive pack is Albany.

- Thank you to all the individuals, chapters and districts that made Ways and Means donations throughout the year. Your donations added up to nearly \$2100.

#### **External Vice President- Sue Schoenborn**

- 3 Year Priority Bids to be heard today: Isaac's Journey, Community Grief Connections, and Girl Power 2 Cure. To be voted on at Fall State in September 2011.

- External SPM bid was heard yesterday. Congratulations to Leslie Goble for Community Connections.

- External SPM needed for Women's Wellness and Youth of Today

- Transmittal and Service Hour totals to be heard at the luncheon

#### **Community Connections SPM-Mary Ann Johnson**

- Thank you to all chapters who supported Clutch for Cause this year

- Thank you to all chapters and districts for your work in the Community Connections programming this year

- Total service hours and donations to be heard at the luncheon

- Outstanding LPM-Chris Goodin-STMA

#### **Can Do Canines- Heidi Westerlund**

- Our Puppy has arrived, her name is Faith! Puppy's first year is going to be so exciting!

- Thank you for this absolutely wonderful year. We were very successful this year, and at the luncheon, you will hear how great we were. This is a celebration of our year, and I want to thank, each and every one of you, for your help. Without you...this would not be possible!

- Who is going to be the LPM and DPM for our last year with Can Do Canines?? The job is yours. Please consider signing up for these important positions to make our last year with Can Do Canines the most successful to date! Our "Faith" would sincerely appreciate it!!

- Outstanding LPM is Shannon Maebralten-Avon

#### **Women's Wellness SPM-Dawn Scouton**

- Thank you to all of the chapters that participated in this year's March for Babies! Stay tuned to find out totals!

- Thank you to all of the chapters that raised money for Cancrurables and other Women's Wellness related charities. You have made a difference in many people's lives

•It has been my pleasure to be your Women's Wellness SPM this year. I hope along the way I have encouraged you to Reach for your Dreams!

•Outstanding LPM is Barb Pabst-Eden Prairie

#### **Youth of Today- Wendy Lindberg**

•Final donations made to Isaac's Journey this year will be reported later on convention weekend.

•Cookbook sales this year brought in a total of \$266.00 for the OYA Scholarship.

•Total service hours and donations to Youth of Today Projects will be reported later this weekend.

•Thank you to all chapters who participated in Youth of Today events this year.

•Drawing for 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester for doing a project for Isaac's Journey is White Bear Lake

•Winner of the Basket for most money raised for Isaac's Journey is District 6 with \$3666.21

•Outstanding LPM is Dawn Hendricks-Monticello

#### **Treasurer-Jane Hanson**

•Thank you to the treasurers who completed the 3rd trimester challenge – winner of the drawing is Nancy Guerman, Albany.

•Fudge from Walnut Grove Mercantile is for sale this weekend – get yours before it's gone.

•Thank you all the chapters that turned in transmittals this year. They are a very important tool in reporting our success. Approximately 500 transmittals from 48 different chapters were submitted this year. I will not give out the totals as we will hear those totals during the luncheon.

•Raffle tickets are still available. Winner to be announced at the luncheon

•The next finance meeting will be held on Friday, May 27th 6:30pm at the Albertville City offices. The budget meeting will be held in the afternoon.

#### **Parliamentarian- Pam Przybilla**

•Thank you for submitting your bylaws and policies for review.

•There were 23 chapters and 9 districts that submitted for the year. Congratulations!

•Have motion slips prepared ahead of time if possible. See me if you need motion slips.

#### **Chairman of the Board-Jen Kinzer**

•March planning recommendations distributed to Staff and committee chairs.

•USWT Year-End Convention, June 12-14 in Pittsburgh, PA. Let me know if you plan to attend.

•ONTO shirts for \$12, see me if you would like to purchase one.

•Elections for state president and treasurer held after business meeting.

•New Committee Chairs for the 2011-2012 year are: Future Directions-Terri Dahlberg, MMC-Fay Clark, and Marketing-Stacy Pearson  
M/S/P (J.Kinzer/T.Dahlberg) moved to send the MN delegation to USWT convention uncommitted

#### **Executive Director-Katie Castro**

•Officer Sheets – need immediately. Please send via the website

•Trimester Dues Billing-1<sup>st</sup> trimester billing out soon. Renewals August 15 postmark. Early Bird July 15 postmark

•MNJOTS 2011-Training session for new Executive Council members, June 3-5, 2011, Cragun's Resort near Brainerd, MN. Information at Sunday/Special Executive Council meeting

•Chapter Service Center hours-Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:30-3:00 and Tuesday 2:30-8:00. Watch publications for any adjustments over the summer

•Federal form 990 – Have received approval for group exemption from the IRS. We are still waiting for all of the local chapter records to be updated on the IRS computer. Watch for updates from the Chapter Service Center, as further instructions will be forthcoming. Thank you for your patience with this difficulty and lengthy process.

•Conventions: Annual 2012 bid today, Fall State 2012 priority bid has been received. Will hear at Fall State. Winter State 2012-Hosted by State Organization, January 27-29, 2012 at the Doubletree Park Place Hotel in St. Louis Park. Fall State 2011-informatin in MNJOTS packets, hosted by the Aitkin Women of Today, September 23-25, 2011. "A Trip to the Orient" at Cragun's Resort & Conference Center in Brainerd

#### **Presidential Assistant –Christine Harkess**

• Thank you to all the chapters and Exec Council members who did a page for President Anne's scrapbook.

•Thank you to the chapters and districts who contributed to Anne's year end gift

•All are invited to the President's year end reception following the banquet

#### **MNWT Foundation Chair-Candi Frick**

•Cheryl L. Anderson or Straight River Scholarship applications are due postmarked July 1, 2011.

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•Silent Art Auction to benefit the Cheryl L. Anderson scholarship program will be held at Fall State. Donations are being accepted. Please contact Nancy Dvoracek

•New officers were elected for 2011-2012: Christine Harkess-Chair, Bonnie Waller-Treasurer, Jen Kinzer-Vice Chair, and Lisa Leisenheimer-Secretary.

•Renewal of Membership: Candi Frick, Dana Anderson, Christine Harkess, Jodie Meyer, Julie Hammel, and Lisa Leisenheimer

•GiveMN.org is a great way to be able to donate to the Foundation using credit cards.

•Foundation Fundraiser-tickets are on sale for \$50 a piece. August 14, 2011 at the Old Log Theater in Excelsior.

•Next Foundation meeting is Thursday, August 4, 2011 at Billy's in Anoka starting at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome

#### **Future Directions Chair-Kayla Hermann (given by Katie Castro)**

• Looking for a new chair for the Strategic Planning Committee

• Gold Team Manual was approved and it is in the printing process

• Train the Trainer program is getting a facelift.

• Several March Planning Recommendations were reviewed and discussed. A full list can be obtained from the new FD chair

• Chapter Structure Sub Committee gave its report and recommendation and FD voted to maintain support of the current bylaw.

#### **Membership Committee-Sue Ellen Toppings**

•Thanks to the MMC Members and our CMVP Marie Robinson, the Gold Team Network Manual's revision was completed! Read through it and see how ALL members are qualified to be Gold Team Members!

•Check out any 1st Timers' Booklet to see the new page added – the Passport Page! 1st Timers attending specific events listed on that page will get a sticker on their Passport Page! Thanks and good luck to all the 1st Timers joining us this weekend!!

•Have you ever had a Prospective Member ready to write a check but you were without a Chapter Membership Application, so you got her information on a napkin only to realize later one major piece of information was missing? Soon you can just go directly to the MNWT Website and find a Generic Membership Application to print and will get all the necessary information from your new member AND will answer many of your new member's questions about your chapter meetings and other valuable information!

#### **Marketing Committee-Amy Schoch (given by Terri Dahlberg)**

•The Bucket of Sunshine Statewide Project for 2011-2012 was approved at a special meeting of the Marketing Committee last night. Our project will be Green Sneakers! Watch for more information in the MNJOTS CIP.

•The Marketing Committee has two well traveled display boards that are being updated. Becky Lysen of the Benson Chapter is looking for action shots from all levels of the organization for inclusion on these boards; please contact Becky if you have photos to offer. The boards are available for chapters to reserve with a security deposit. Email marketing@mnwt.org to reserve your date.

•The Mall of America Volunteer Expo was a huge success. Approximately 20 names were forwarded to chapters and 60 brochures were handed out. Thank you to Mary Kaminski of Golden Valley and Cheryl Maras of Avon for helping to staff our booth.

#### **President of the Minnesota Women of Today-Anne Johnson**

##### **Ongoing Business-none**

##### **New Business-**

M/S/P (K. Castro/N.Anderson) moved to accept Fridley's 2012 Annual Convention Bid

•Three Year Priority Area Bids were heard

##### **Announcements-None**

Learning and Living SPM, Michelle Gag, read a benediction. Chairman of the Board, Jen Kinzer, led the Minnesota Women of Today Creed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m..

Submitted by Kelly Porter, Secretary