

Brooklyn Park Women of Today
General Meeting Minutes - Grace Fellowship
November 11, 2009, 7 p.m.

Attendees: Darcy Iserman, Jackie Sticha, Julie Fackler, Kelly Straton, Linda Heltnes, Cat Lein, Terri Johnson, LuAnn Miller, Theresa Anderson, Angela Weeks, Candi Frick, Dana Anderson, Bonnie Braasch, Bernie Miller, Sherry Boike, Sandy Froehlich, Brenda Reeves, Julia Steinkopf, Karen Wendt, Renee Martin, Bernie Zwilling, Jill Nolley, Val Holt, Radka Leng, Cheryl McLaughlin, and Lisa Stordahl

Called to Order @ 7:02 p.m.

USWT Creed led by Julie Fackler

Pledge of Allegiance led by Catherine Lein

Invocation led by Darcy Iserman - *Inneractions* by Stephen C. Paul

Introduction of Guests:

- Kat Christopherson, District 9 Director - Nothin' But a Good Time in District 9. Recognized Sandy Froehlich and Darcy Iserman for going above and beyond in the chapter.
- Deb Brown, guest from crop
- Kelly McLaughlin - Cheryl's daughter

Icebreaker led by Linda Heltnes - Thank your veterans

Past President - Darcy Iserman

- Established Quorum: 26 out of 49 members.
- Clothing orders due by Friday
- Proposed Bylaw change as requested by state. We will discuss this further at our meeting and vote on it at our Dec. meeting.

ARTICLE XIII

Annual Budget

Section 5. The fiscal year shall run from May 1 to April 30.

Proposed change

Section 5. The fiscal year shall run from June 1 to May 31.

Secretary's Report - Karen Wendt

- Changes/Approval of Minutes - Will approve in Dec.
- PALS report - Still waiting to hear from Golden Valley joint PE course on Fish

Treasurer's Report - Kelly Palm (a)

- Checkbook Balance - no report
- 09-10 Budget update - M/S/P - Darcy Iserman, Sandy Froehlich. I move that we accept the 2009-2010 proposed budget.

State Delegate's Report - Sandy Froehlich

- National convention - Oct. in Nebraska City, NE. Candi Frick and Dana Anderson attended. Next one is in June in Rochester, MN
- District 9 Social - Nov. 15 - Regal Theater in Brooklyn Park, 2:00 - Christmas Carol in 3D
- Winter State Convention - Jan 29-31 - Mpls Doubletree. More info in Dec.
- President/State Delegate Retreat - Oct 24-25, Camp Friendship - Sandy Froehlich & Brenda Reeves attended and learned a lot
- District Meeting - Oct. 15 - Candi Frick, Brenda Reeves and Sandy Froehlich attended. We were also awarded the S'more and More kit for growth
- Women's Gopher basketball game - Jan 3 - sign up on clipboard

President's Report - Brenda Reeves

- Next General Meeting: Holiday party potluck, Wed, Dec 2, @ 6:30pm at Treehouse
- Next Board Meeting: Nov. 25 @ Grace 7pm
- Hostesses for December: Linda Heltnes and Darcy Iserman
- Internal Survey to come out soon via e-mail

Presidential Assistant #2 - Lisa Stordahl

- Success - 2nd at Convention!
- Please fill out certifications

Membership Vice President's Report - Jeni Asaba (a)

- Member of the Month for October - Jackie Sticha, thanks for all your hard work at Crop!

- M-night 2nd trimester - Nov 30 S'mores and more - Home of Brenda Reeves
- Will start holding orientations 30 minutes before meetings begin
- Welcome new members: Amy Reinhardt and Karen Wendt
- Coffee social - 1st Saturday of Month at Caribou 610 & Zane 9am, casual, open house atmosphere, Just come and gab!

Friendship - Julia Steinkopf

- October birthdays - Jeni Asaba
- November birthdays - Joan Lindgren, Cheryl McLaughlin, Martha Peterson, & Lisa Stordahl
- Secret Sis gifts were handed out

Internal Vice President's Report - Dana Anderson

Living & Learning - Linda Heltemes

- Book club met Oct. 17 to discuss *The Lecture*. Brooklyn Park Caribou, 5 WT members attended. Next book is *The Secret*. Discuss in Dec.
- PE Course Wine Women and Wealth - Oct 20 - Kelly Stratton, 8 WT members and 4 guests attended. Good wine and great food.
- Cookie Exchange - Dec 16 -at Kelly Palm's house. Sign up on clipboard.
- Family social - Card making in Jan - Looking for someone to chair

Newsletter - Anna Weber (a)

- Thanks to Jackie Sticha for doing this temporarily
- Nov. 27 newsletter articles due

Public Relations - Theresa Anderson

- Park Pages & the Sun Post have a great article coming out on us soon!

Webmaster - Brenda Reeves

- No report

Ways & Means - Open

- Ticket Drawing for Wine from Wine Styles in Champlin
- Casino Social - Nov. 14 - Kelly Palm (a) - no report
- Enjoy the City Coupon Books - Jackie Sticha and Darcy Iserman - Sold approx. 20 books so far, will continue 3 more weeks
- Spruce Top Sales & Wreath Sales - Dana Anderson - Thank you for your orders they will be in after Thanksgiving
- State Spice Orders 20% to chapter - Due Dec 31 - Order form on clipboard

Records and Recognition - Open

- If interested talk with Dana Anderson for more information

External Vice President's Report - Jill Nolley

Community Connections - Renee Martin

- Make a Difference Day - Wini Froelich - Donated \$100.00 worth of crafts and projects to the child life department at Minneapolis Children's Hospital. Two members and three guests attended the Cancer Kids Comedy Showcase, for a \$100.00 donation. And 50 books went to the family care area, a \$250.00 donation!
- Adopting a Military Wife - Lisa Stordahl - Looking for a family with a spouse overseas to adopt. Let Lisa know if you know of anyone
- Many Faces of Brooklyn Park - Jan 16 - Renee Martin - Will be selling beverages. Will have free food samples, tons of entertainment and FUN! Sign up to help on clipboard.
- Community Café with Brooklyn Park - Chance to voice your opinion about Brooklyn Park, City Council Chambers, Dec. 5 at 9am, 1 or 6pm
- Herberger's Fall - Nov. 14 - Sandy Froehlich and Darcy Iserman - Sold approx. 60 books so far. Will be selling in the store on Sat. 3-4pm. Sign up on clipboard if you can help.

PDC - People with Developmental Challenges - Darcy Iserman

- Report on PDC Costume Party - Oct 27 - We celebrated Nancy, Stacey, & David's Birthdays & had a Halloween Costume party. We had 4 WT members, 2 guests, 20 service hours and \$80 in food, card making supplies and presents were donated.
- PDC Christmas Party - Dec 8 - Signups on clipboard for food for potluck dinner and to adopt a resident and buy them gifts, also sign up if you can attend.
- The Group Home is having an open house for THEIR friends and family and have invited all of us. It's Friday, Dec. 4, 5-8pm
- Continue to collect soup labels! All the money raised throughout the state goes directly to Camp Friendship to buy supplies and equipment for respite care participants.

Youth of Today - Radka Leng

- Babysitting Clinic - Will be both 3/6 and 4/17 - Henn Tech - Sandy Froehlich, Wini Froelich & Lisa Stordahl
- Santa's Secret Shop - Sat. Dec 12 - Linda Heltemes and Darcy Iserman - Community Center - Sign up on clipboard for help setting up Friday night and Saturday help wrapping, shopping and clean-up. Also need teenagers to assist with shopping on Saturday.
- Letters from Santa - Jill Nolley - Let Jill know if you can help sell on the 12th, \$3 a letter
- Operation Christmas Child - Linda Heltemes - We will be packing boxes on Saturday Nov. 21 at the Lakeland Park Activity Building from 9-11am. If you can't make it please get your donations to Linda H.
- Feed My Starving Children - Darcy Iserman - Jan 22, 8-9:30pm - Sign up sheet on clipboard. New Coon Rapids location.

Domestic Violence Awareness - Brenda Reeves

- Home Free Spa Night - Dec 10 - Ladies from massage school coming, Mary Kay, spa activities and help with childcare provided, please be there at 5:30. Sign up on clipboard.

Hearing & Service Dogs - Renee Martin

- Will be at Many Faces, check them out.

Buckets of Sunshine (Shriner's Hospital) - Candi Frick

- Collection of items for Shriner's at Winter Convention - start collecting now. Focusing on pre-teens and teen ages. Sports apparel, electronic devices, DVDs, CDs, curling irons, flat irons, books, fleece blankets. Candi also has fabric to make blankets.
- Upcoming State service project at the Shriner's Hospital in Minneapolis - Wed. Dec. 9, 9:30 - 11:30 serving cookies and juice. Let Candi know if you are interested in helping.

Women's Wellness - Linda Heltemes

- Crop for a Cause - Jackie Sticha - 10/23-10/24 - No expenses, \$565 profit! The 6 crops to date have raised a total of \$5782.00!
M/S/P Jackie Sticha/Bernie Zwilling. I move that monies generated from the Fall 2009 Crop for a Cause event, \$565 be distributed in the following way: \$150 to Grace Fellowship Church, \$200 to American Heart Association, Go Red Campaign, \$200 to CEAP and \$15 to Ways & Means.
- Self Defense Course - Sherry Boike - Saturday Nov. 21 at the Lakeland Park Activity Building, 11:00 - Noon
- Women's Wellness Expo - April 24 - Linda Heltemes, Darcy Iserman, Sandy Froehlich, & Jeni Asaba.
- Linda reviewed overall list of ideas, see attached. Working with Grace as a potential co-partner. Discussion of additional ideas. Let Linda know if you are interested in being on the committee.
- Get-Away Weekend - Bonnie Braasch, Feb 5-7, Camp Holiday, in Deerwood. First stop beauty school, lunch together, Friday night party, Sat different activities, Sat group dinner. About \$65 a person for the house, plus food and expenses.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

MNWT Creed led by Brenda Reeves

Adjournment @ 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Darcy Iserman