

The meeting was called to order by President Amy Pumper at 9:05 a.m.  
The invocation was given by Living and Learning SPM Pat Undersander.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Financial Vice President Jane Holmberg.  
The United States of Today Creed was led by District 3 Director Linda Nindorf.  
Orders of the Day were given by Parliamentarian Tawn Hanson. A quorum has been established.  
The minutes of the Annual Business meeting held on May 20, 2023 were approved as printed.

**Secretary, Candi Frick ([secretary@mnwt.org](mailto:secretary@mnwt.org))**

- Keep reading your Chapter Mailings and looking for the icons. The winner of the drawing is Michelle Cloutier from Burnsville
- Thank you to those who made donations for the State Plan of Action. The winner of the drawing basket is New Hope.
- Congratulations to the 15 chapter and 1 district secretaries who completed their Fast Starts. Incentives were placed in DD bags. The basket winner was Denise Kociemba from Melrose Area.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester challenge is to send me your minutes for review, and you will be in a drawing for a basket at Winter State.

**Administrative Vice President, Shirley Viesselman ([avp@mnwt.org](mailto:avp@mnwt.org))**

- I'm excited to have received 19 Chapter State Delegate Fast Starts. Incentives were given out.
- Thank you to each of the 15 State Delegates who completed the 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester State Delegate Report. The drawing winner is Karen Peterson Brainerd Lakes Area. Had State Delegates stand and be recognized.
- Each District Director has been working hard to use the updated District Meeting guidelines. They have met many challenges but are focusing on strengthening the chapters through networking, training enrichment and chapter's needs.
- I hope you had fun playing Jeopardy with the District Directors last night at the Project Fair. The winner of our drawing is Carolyn Fortier from Warroad.
- Welcome these amazing women as they introduce themselves and share their biggest success, what they learned, and what they look forward to first trimester.
  - **DD 2: Christine Sibelleau** - leading Greenbush, Lake of the Woods, Red Lake Falls, Roseau and Warroad Area
  - **DD 3: Linda Nindorf** - leading Aitkin, Brainerd Lakes Area, Duluth, Longville, and Staples-Motley Area
  - **DD 4: Open** – leading Benson, Hawley, Montevideo, and Morris Area
  - **DD 5: Sue Lemke** – leading Albany, Avon, Melrose Area, Rice, Sauk Rapids, St. Cloud, and St. Joseph
  - **DD 6: Connie Fink** – leading Big Lake, Elk River Area, Hutchinson Area, Monticello, Rogers-Otsego-Dayton, and St. Michael-Albertville
  - **DD 7: Jennifer Wulff** – leading Anoka, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Coon Rapids, Fridley, Maple Grove, and White Bear Lake
  - **DD 8, Tri 1 Rep.: Michelle Cloutier** – leading Blooming Prairie, Burnsville, Byron, Eastern Carver County, Glenville and New Hope
  - **DD 9, Tri 1 Reo.: Laura Gaylord** – leading Fairmont, Hanska, Madelis, New Ulm, Slayton, St. James, and Windom

**Membership Vice President, Glorie Balfanz ([mvp@mnwt.org](mailto:mvp@mnwt.org))**

- Each member is an MVP. We are all responsible for membership.
- Thank you to: Melrose, Aitkin, Coon Rapids, St. Joseph, Byron, New Hope, Monticello, St. Cloud, Maple Grove, Brainerd Lakes, Avon, and Burnsville for participating in the MVP Tri 1 Challenge. The winner of the Challenge is Maple Grove.
- MVP Challenge Trimester 2: Review the 5 Traits of a Healthy Chapter, hold a Renewal Ceremony, hold an orientation, hold an M-Event. Email me when completed to be entered into a prize drawing at Winter State.
- Reward your Chapter with membership incentives. Have members complete the STEP certifications.
- Early bird renewals are due by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Submit 75% of your ultimate renewals for the trimester and be recognized at Winter State. Chapters who hold a membership event during Membership Week October 8-14 will also be recognized.
- Let's have a big Beer and Pizza Party! MNWT would like to celebrate Membership Week with the theme of Beer and Pizza. A Vision Packet with ideas for Socials and M Events will be sent to your chapter.

**Chapter Management Vice President, Tevyan Sorensen ([cmvp@mnwt.org](mailto:cmvp@mnwt.org))**

- Thank you to the 19 Chapter Presidents who submitted their Fast Starts. Check out my CIP for tips on how you can use what you started to continue your year. The winner of my Fast Start drawing is Carolyn Fortier from Warroad
- A shout out to the 16 Chapter Presidents and 14 State Delegates from 17 chapters who attended the President/State Delegate Retreat on August 5<sup>th</sup> in Monticello.
- Thank you to the 19 Chapters who submitted Success this trimester. We had 2 chapters Roseau & Warroad Area submit for the first time in at least a year. The Success march will be at the banquet tonight. For Tri 2 we will have a drawing for all chapters who submit Success as well as a 2<sup>nd</sup> drawing for all chapters submitting Success for the first time in at least a year. Check out the President's or CMVPs CIPs for 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Presidential Success Points.
- An updated Success form was approved at the July Future Directions Committee. Make sure your chapter is using the form dated July 6, 2023. Questions can be sent to [success@mnwt.org](mailto:success@mnwt.org)

- Unfortunately, we said goodbye to the Jackson chapter. We have two chapters on TLC, Hawley (2<sup>nd</sup> trimester) and New Ulm (1<sup>st</sup> trimester).
- Today at the luncheon, in addition to our celebration of membership we will be introducing a new annual recognition of years of service milestones. We will recognize at Fall State annually as part of the Membership luncheon those with 20, 30,40, and 50 year anniversaries. We will also be honoring members at milestones and will be sending postcards and honoring with certificates at the 10 year anniversaries.

**Extensions Director, Andrea Shue ([extensions@mnwt.org](mailto:extensions@mnwt.org)) (absent)**

- Thank you to everyone that participated in my Tri 1 challenges. My winners are JoAnn Miller, Jeanne Wolbeck, and Duluth Area.
- Be on the lookout for a meet & greet for potential chapters in your area. I will be advertising them on Facebook and in the chapter emails. I would love to have surrounding chapter members attend.
- The MNWT Foundation is generously offering \$500 to any chapter that extends in Tri 2

**Programming Vice President, Mary Kaminski ([ivp@mnwt.org](mailto:ivp@mnwt.org))**

- Thank you to the 14 Programming Vice Presidents that submitted their Fast Starts. They will be recognized at the Banquet this evening. Thank you to the 13 chapters submitting their Trimester Programming report. Across all programming areas: Service Hours were 3,216.50, Monetary & in-kind donations were \$56,837.10. If you did not send a report for 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester you can combine your reporting for both trimesters by January 2, 2024.
- Drawing for chapters turning in their Trimester report winner was Anoka.
- Thank you to everyone that attended the Visions of Success Project Fair. Winner of the drawing for completing their Vision is Frances Nelson from St. Joseph.
- Looking for new programming ideas or have some great ideas. Make sure you attend the Programming Roundtable.
- Women's Wellness SPM Sharon Bergquist is hosting an enrichment session to learn Hands Only CPR. Youth of Today SPM Sandy Trossen has speakers on Youth Homelessness and how we can help.
- Are you passionate about programming? Do you enjoy recognizing individuals and chapters for accomplishments? Are you ready to move to the next level of Women of Today? Then being a State Program Manager is just what you are looking for. To learn more, attend the SPM Open House this afternoon.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Webinar will be October 25<sup>th</sup>. Join the SPMs and me for a "Programming Pick-Up". More information coming.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester PVP challenge is submit the Trimester Programming Report and nominate Outstanding Program Managers and Outstanding Project of the Trimester by January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Community Connections, Sandy Greninger ([cc@mnwt.org](mailto:cc@mnwt.org))**

- ✓ Thank You to the 7 Program Managers who submitted their Fast Starts. They will be recognized at the banquet this evening.
- ✓ With 13 chapters submitting their Trimester Programming Reports the current service hours were 2106 and cash and in-kind donations total \$26,296.10.
- ✓ Trimester 2 challenges are Person of Determination and \$100 to True Friends and completing project of the trimester.

**Living and Learning, Pat Undersander ([ll@mnwt.org](mailto:ll@mnwt.org))**

- ✓ Thank you to the 10 program managers or chapters submitting Fast Starts. They will be recognized at the banquet.
- ✓ I received 17 USWT Wellness & Personal Development Certifications 11 MNWT Living & Learning Certifications and 1 chapter with a total of 8 participants completed a Personal Enrichment (PEP) Course.
- ✓ The winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester challenge is Nancy Wiscus from Anoka.
- ✓ For 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester 6 chapters reported spending 203 ½ hours on Living & Learning activities.
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Challenges: Chapter complete a PEP course and notify LL SPM or have 3 or more members complete a LL project and notify me to receive an incentive.
- ✓ Sharpen your Impromptu Speaking skills at the Speaking Competition at 4:30

**Priority Area (Crescent Cove), Sara Rocksted ([priority-area@mnwt.org](mailto:priority-area@mnwt.org))**

- ✓ Thank you to the 9 program managers that submitted reports. We will recognize them at the banquet. The winner of my drawing is Denise Wille from Aitkin.
- ✓ Fundraising totals for 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester were 65 service hours and \$975 in cash and in-kind donations.
- ✓ We will be having a fundraiser at the Pumpkin Patch again and we will also be participating in the Holiday Drive Through for Crescent Cove.
- ✓ Raffle Basket raised \$82 and winner is Kim Lourer from Warroad.

**Women's Wellness, Sharon Bergquist ([ww@mnwt.org](mailto:ww@mnwt.org))**

- ✓ Thank you to the 12 members who submitted their Fast Starts. Your certificates are in the DD bags.
- ✓ A special thank you to the 4 chapters/LPMs who participated in the Tri 1 LPM Challenge to give a presentation at their chapter meeting on Know Your Numbers. Congratulations to Char Ostenberg from Duluth, winner of the Tri 1 Challenge.
- ✓ Congratulations to Bernie Grading from the Sauk Rapids chapter winner of the Heart Healthy Basket at the Project Fair
- ✓ Focus for Tri 2 in WW will be Domestic Violence, Smoking Cessation and the Lois M. Christensen Women Who Impact Award. Nominations are due by Nov. 1
- ✓ Chapters have reported a total of 182.25 service hours with a value of \$5,795.55.
- ✓ Selling Red Dress pins for \$2 each.

### **Youth of Today, Sandy Trossen ([yt@mnwt.org](mailto:yt@mnwt.org))**

- ✓ Thank you to the 7 chapters and 1 district who submitted their Fast Starts. They will be recognized at the banquet.
- ✓ I am happy to announce that 15 chapters met my Kid's Week Challenge to hold a Kid's Week event during or near Kids Week. Chapters who participated are Monticello, New Hope, Duluth, Brainerd Lakes Area, Albany St. Cloud, Warroad Area, Avon, Sauk Rapids, Aitkin, St. Joseph, Burnsville, Fairmont Anoka and Fridley. These chapters were entered into a drawing for 3 baskets and the winners are Aitkin, Albany, and Avon.
- ✓ 2 chapters donated \$25 to the OYA fund 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester. These chapters were given a gift card incentive in lieu of a gift card drawing. The chapters were Monticello and Sauk Rapids.
- ✓ I received 3 responses from chapters regarding a potential OYA nomination. For each response a personal care item was donated to the Crisis Nursery Shelter program.
- ✓ I had a challenge to chapters to find local youth homeless shelters or agencies in their areas and email me. I received 5 emails. Chapter incentives are in their chapter bags.
- ✓ I am happy to announce that with 20 chapters reporting that we had 659.75 service hours and \$28,383.00 cash and in-kind donations.
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Challenges: Drawing for chapters submitting OYA nomination. Donate \$25 for OYA scholarship for State Store gift certificate; volunteer at youth homeless shelter; donate holiday wish list items to youth homeless shelter.

### **Marketing Vice President, Allie Staley ([mkvp@mnwt.org](mailto:mkvp@mnwt.org))(absent)**

- Thank you to all the chapters and individuals that submitted pictures for the State Fair Bench. The winner of the Ducky Surprise Basket is Mary Kaminski from New Hope.
- Looking for individuals that would help on our Subcommittees on the Marketing Committee. Looking for chairs for the Expo Committee and Promoting MNWT. If interested contact me.
- Wanna step out of your comfort zone? I'm looking for individuals to make time with me at Winter State to do video testimonials to be used as a marketing tool on our website and on Facebook. Email me and I will set up a time with you.
- All Chapters or Individuals are to vote on their preference for the MNWT Logo. Look in the chapter emails for the link to vote on the Logo. Voting ends November 4<sup>th</sup> and will be voted on December 2<sup>nd</sup> by the marketing committee.
- Welcome our Marketing Committee Reps Area 1 Liz Weigel, Area 2: Cindy Umland, Area 3: Connie Fink and Area 4: Sue Bay

### **Financial Vice President, Jane Holmberg ([fvp@mnwt.org](mailto:fvp@mnwt.org)) (absent)**

- Thank you to the 14 Chapters and 1 District Treasurer who submitted their Fast Start. Chance cards and incentives were placed in the DD bags.
- Thank you to the chapters and individuals who donated to state Ways and Means during Trimester 1. Property Cards were placed in the DD bags. Our donation goal is \$3000. Each Chapter or District that Shows Me the Money of \$50 or more will get a property on the Visionopoly Board. Those Chapters who have already donated \$35 only \$15 more will get you that property. Hats off to Monticello and New Hope for being the first property owners.
- Shop til You Drop at the State Store. Stop by and see our latest items. Spend \$100 or more this year and get one of those special railroad or utilities spots. Volunteer workers are always appreciated at the Store.
- The following were approved for two-year terms on the finance committee at the Executive Council meeting. Tevyan Sorensen and Jeny Ohr.
- Finance Committee is having our yearly raffle. Tickets are available from Jane Hanson or at the State Store. Success points available to chapters selling 2 books of tickets. Tickets are \$5 each with chances to win hotel stays or cash. Drawing will be at Winter State.
- Next Finance Committee meeting will be on Saturday, January 6, 2024, starting at 9 am via zoom. A mid-year budget review will be held Friday night.

M/S/P (FVP/St. Cloud) I move to approve proposed budget for 2023-2024 with income of \$94,270 and expenses of \$92,934.25 with a surplus of \$1,335.75.

### **Parliamentarian, Tawn Hanson ([parli@mnwt.org](mailto:parli@mnwt.org))**

- Thank you to the 4-chapter parliamentarians that completed their Fast Start. Your gift is in the DD bag.
- My CIP has a chapter activity to help you educate your members about parliamentary procedure.
- The winner of my first Trimester basket for Bylaw and policy submission is St. Joseph.
- If you haven't already reviewed your Bylaws and Policies, now is the time. Everyone who sends their Bylaws and Policies to me by Nov 15, will be entered into a drawing.
- The State Bylaw and Policy review is October 21<sup>st</sup>. A zoom link will be available if you would like to attend. Send me your email to receive the link.

### **Chairman of the Board, Jenise Teske ([cob@mnwt.org](mailto:cob@mnwt.org))**

- Thank you to the 3 past chapter presidents who participated in my 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Challenge Frances Nelson of St. Joseph, Fawn Widmann of Sauk Rapids and Barb Boeck of Monticello.
- Start planning for the 2024-2025 year. Contact me for more information. But remember that if you file for a state position, you should only share with me.
- Do you have recommendations for improvements and/or changes in the process of our organization? You can submit a recommendation any time UNTIL March 10, 2024. The form can be found on the MNWT website. March Planning will be held on

March 2, 2024, at the Boy Scouts Center in Sartell. 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Statewide Committee meetings will be held in Staples on March 16, 2024.

- President Amy's ONTO shirts are available for sale for \$15. ONTO flowers are now on sale for \$2.50 each or 5 for \$10. An order form will be available online after convention. You do not need to attend Winter State to give or receive these flowers.
- National Mid-Year Convention is coming up October 6 & 7 in Omaha, Nebraska.

**Future Directions Committee Chair, Jane Hanson ([fdc@mnwt.org](mailto:fdc@mnwt.org))**

- Webinar on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – topics are Extending a New Chapter, Programming Pick Me UP and ROAR Roundtable.
- FD is working updating manuals, created task forces for Project Library and Conventions. Approvals were made to new success form, updated State Plan of Action, and on-line submission for Exec Council expenses reports.
- On-line training chair is needed.
- Next meeting is Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Resurrection Church in Monticello.

**Membership Management Committee Chair, JoAnn Miller ([mmc@mnwt.org](mailto:mmc@mnwt.org))**

- The New Member Information Sheet task force led by Anna Nichols completed the form and it was approved by MMC and presented to the Future Directions Committee for final approval. Future Directions asked us to define "TLC" and "watch list" and create a policy with those definitions. A task force was set up led by Anna Nichols.
- Next MMC meeting is December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Resurrection Church in Monticello at 10:00. I'd love to see you all there.

**Executive Director, Tanya Rothstein ([csc@mnwt.org](mailto:csc@mnwt.org))**

- Winter State 2023-2024 will be held January 26-27 at the Crowne Plaza Mpls West in Plymouth with the theme Fun with Games. Registration is in the CIP and online.
- Fall State CIPs will be available online.
- I am seeking hosts for Annual 2024 at Arrowwood Alexandria and Fall State 2024 at Arrowwood Brainerd. See me for further information.
- Be sure to clean up your official email boxes. Attachments take up a lot of storage, so do not store them in your email. Be sure to clean up your inbox, send folder and trash to free up storage. Contact me if you need help logging in.
- If you have not yet filed your 990s with the IRS be sure to do so before October 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid next late fee of \$40. If you have trouble or your filing was not accepted, you must contact me in the CSC for assistance. Also be sure that your Annual Renewal has been filed with the MN Secretary of State's office.

**Presidential Assistant, Cat Shuman ([pa@mnwt.org](mailto:pa@mnwt.org))**

- I'd like to get a scrapbook page form each chapter, which will be put into an album for President Amy. You should have received a 2-sided scrapbook page from your District Director. If you need a scrapbook page, let me know. Completed pages are due to me by April 1 or at regional meetings.
- At Annual convention it is a tradition to give a special gift to our President. We ask each chapter to donate between \$10-\$20 toward the gift. You can send your donation to the Chapter Service Center and earmark it for president's gift. In 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester, there will be Success points and a special incentive given at Annual for all chapters that donate to the gift and turn in a completed scrapbook page.
- I'm looking for pictures and articles about your chapter, especially highlighting special events or a visit by Amy. You can text or email them to me.

**MNWT Foundation, Nicky Anderson ([foundation@mnwt.org](mailto:foundation@mnwt.org)) Given by COB Jenise Teske**

- Chapter Grant applications are due December 1<sup>st</sup>
- Lucky Buck baskets will be auctioned off at the luncheon.
- Cheryl L Anderson Jewelry Auction will be held at Winter State. Donations are needed. Contact Wendy Homyak or myself.
- If you buy gift cards, then please review my CIP and you can help raise funds for the Foundation by using Raiseright.
- The next foundation meeting will be held by zoom on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to attend let me know and I'll send you the link.
- Give to the Max Day is Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Bingo Night 7:00-7:45. Play games and have fun to raise money for the Foundation.

**President, Amy Pumper ([president@mnwt.org](mailto:president@mnwt.org))**

**New Business:** Priority Area Bid – The new 3-year Priority Project is REACH

The benediction was led by Living and Learning SPM Pat Undersander.

The Minnesota Women of Today Creed was led by Chapter Management Vice President Tevyan Sorensen.

The 2023 Fall State Business Meeting of the Minnesota Women of Today was adjourned at 10:59 a.m. by Amy Pumper.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Candi Frick, Secretary MNWT**