

The Meeting was called to order by President Tevyan Sorensen at 9:11 am.

The invocation was given by Living and Learning SPM, Sharon Scholl.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by District 6 Representative, Connie Fink.

The United States Women of today Creed was led by District 8 Director, Kenya Czerwinski.

Guests were introduced by President Tevyan

Orders of the Day were given by Parliamentarian, Jeny Ohr. A quorum was established.

Minutes from the Business meeting on May 18th, 2024, were approved as written in the June Chapter Mailing.

Secretary, Liz Weigel (Secretary@mnwt.org), Stick To It

- Thank you to the 18 chapters/districts that turned in their Fast Starts, the 10 individuals, chapters, and districts that donated to the Plan of Action, and the secretaries that have turned in their minutes so far.
- Announced the winners of drawings for POA (Sauk Rapids) and for Tri 1 challenge (Amy Pumper from Byron).

Administrative VP, Andrea Schue (AVP@mnwt.org), You are Solid Gold

- Thank you to all members this trimester who supported their districts directors and state delegates.
- I had 21 State Delegates complete their fast starts, and 11 complete their trimester reports.
- Announced the winner of trimester challenge (Lisa Hahn) and Friday night project fair drawing (Shellie Haun).
- The district directors worked hard to get their year going, I hope you all enjoyed your first district meetings and I look forward to seeing more members as I visit district meetings in second Tri.

Membership VP, Shellie Lemmerman (MVP@mnwt.org), Make a Difference

- We welcomed 40 new members in Tri 1 and had retention of 78%. We started Tri 2 with 905 members.
 - We had 25 new members signed in May and June and met President Tevyan's birthday challenge to sign 22 new members. Two chapters won the drawing for \$100 donation to support a service project or organization of their choice. We also had 9 chapters & districts participate (and let me know they did) with an event during Membership week in August. They each received an incentive in the DD bags.
 - I received 10 fast starts from MVPs across the state. Thank you and your incentives were placed in the DD bags.
 - We are really looking forward to continuing the excitement and energy from Tri 1 and we have some great challenges for you to encourage that. The challenges for Tri 2 are detailed in my CIP:
1. Sign 75 or more members and President Tevyan will draw from all chapters with new members, 2-\$100 donations to their chapter
 2. If at least 40 chapters achieve 75% retention, one chapter will win a M-Event/Social hosted by the state staff
 3. If at least 40 chapters add 1 new member (or more), we will award 1 free Winter State convention registration each to 2 chapters
 4. For each new member a chapter signs in Tri 2, that chapter will earn 1 spot in the very first group through the buffet at the Winter State luncheon.
- We have two membership incentives sponsored by the MNWT Foundation. First, when your chapter signs 3 or more members AND shows growth in Tri 2, you will receive a \$25 rebate at Winter State. And second is that each chapter to achieve 100% retention in Tri 2 will receive a \$10 state store gift card.

Chapter Management VP, Shirley Viesselman (CMVP@mnwt.org), Success with Sparkle

- We have two chapters in their first trimester of TLC, Brooklyn Park and Hawley with 8 members each.
- Announced winners of the Sparkle boxes (Shellie Zaffke of Staples Motley Area & Shellie Hahn of Lincoln, NE)
- The winner of the taffy (only off by 2) was Nancy Larkey of Albany.

Extensions Director, Kathy Hansen (Extensions@mnwt.org), Stand Together and Shine

- We have been working hard to get a chapter started in the Iron Range. (Hibbing, Chisholm, Virginia, and Mountain Iron to name a few.) Our next meeting is planned for October 15 in Hibbing. Please follow the Iron Range Women of Today Facebook page for updates and share the news.
- The MNWT Foundation is providing the following incentives this trimester: Charter a chapter by Nov 15 and the new chapter will receive \$500. Charter by Dec 31 and the new chapter will receive \$300.
- 2nd Tri Challenge: contact me with leads for extensions, visit the Extensions Director MNWT webpage and let me know one resource you found useful, and/or to participate in Facebook posts throughout Trimester 2. Every time you participate your name will be put into a drawing for a prize at Winter State.

Programming VP, Michelle Kocak-Jones (PVP@mnwt.org), Shaking it Up

- Thank you to the 13 PVPs for completing your Fast Starts and to the 17 chapters for submitting your 1st trimester programming reports.
- Nominate at least one LPM or chair/co-chair for the Outstanding Program Manager of the Trimester and submit a Project of the Trimester nomination in at least two programming areas.
- Please contact me at pvp@mnwt.org if interested in becoming a SPM for the 2025-26 year.
- "USWT Domestic Violence Awareness Program Manager Dawn Nissen is hosting a DVA forum today .

Community Connections, Sara Rocksted (CC@mnwt.org), Things Come Together One Stitch at a Time

- 7 Completed their CC Fast Starts. Drawing winner (Viky Petrovich, Duluth)

- First Trimester CC hours were 2523 and monetary amounts were \$25,504.00
- CC Project Fair booth raised \$261 and the winner of the Quilt : Kathy Hansen. Table Runner: Shellie Matthes
- I look forward to seeing everyone who comes to my Forum! Lets get puzzled and learn about the importance of communication!!

Living and Learning, Sharon Scholl (LL@mnwt.org), Taking a Journey Down Life Street

- Thank You for the 10 Living & Learning LPMs for completing your Fast Starts and to the 5 Living & Learning Certifications received. Thank you to the 12 members who participated in the LIFE Street Passport challenge. The winner of the Passport incentive challenge is Julie Keets, Maple Grove.
- Check out my Tri 2 CIP for new LIFE Street Passport challenges that are due January 5th.
- Join the Book discussion, talking about All Rise, the Journey of Alan Page
- First Trimester LL hours were 225.5.

Priority Area – REACH, Deb Froemming (Priority@mnwt.org), REACHing Out Hand to Hand

- Thank you to the 9 Priority Area program managers for completing Fast Starts.
- The winner of the gift basket at the Project Fair is Stefany Nikolaus.
- 37 service hours reported. Donation of funds are \$248.
- Learn more about REACH during the forum.

Women’s Wellness, Sue Sangren (WW@mnwt.org), Wiggle to Wellness

- 10 Fast Starts for WW were completed. Winner of the random drawing is Rhonda Eckhart, Monticello.
- My CIP has a wiggle worm hidden. Snap a photo of it to me to prove you have read my CIP. I received 15 photos from members and the winner of the random drawing is Shelly Zaffke of Staples Motley.
- My goal is to have 5 chapters participate financially or in the May 2025 walk.
- 191 volunteer hours were reported and \$1072 was raised for WW 1st trimester
- Thank you for the OPM nominations! The winner for the random drawing is Kathy Johnson, Maple Grove
- Join me for SINGO

Youth of Today, Cheryl Watson (YT@mnwt.org), Connecting with Children

- 6 Fast starts for YT were completed. Incentives are in the DD bags.
- 20 chapters participated in Kids Week with 30 activities. Drawing winner is Atkin.
- YT had 1,138 service hours and \$15,338.95 in donations (in kind and monetary combined)
- Outstanding Young Adult Scholarship Goal 6 entries
- Come and Check out the Enrichment activity.

Marketing VP, Michelle Cloutier (MKVP@mnwt.org), Recipe for Success

- Thank you to Wendy Homyak and Sharon Erickson for helping us with our vendors for the Project Fair.
- Thank you to the 14 chapters that participated in my Tri 1 challenge for Founder’s Day. The winner of my gift basket is St. Joseph.
- Our next Webinar Series is October 23rd. Our sessions will focus on The 5 W’s of reporting, Newsletter 101, How to Host a Convention and MNWT Q&A.
- Our next Marketing Committee Meeting will be Nov 16th at Star Bank in Eden Prairie. Marketing will kick off the day starting at 10am.
- Photo challenge for Tri 2. Submit a updated chapter photo or two to be used on the carousel for the MNWT Website.
- The deadline for NEWSLET Personals is Sept 29th for the Fall State edition.
- I am introducing a new award, Marketing Award, at the banquet tonight. Nomination forms for Tri 2 will be available soon.

Financial VP, Connie Fink (FVP@mnwt.org), Wheel of Treasure

- Thank you to the 17 treasurers that turned in Fast Starts. I had two Fast Start Drawings. The first winner for turning in by June 30th is Deb Froemming from Hutchinson. The second winner of all turned in is Teresa Earl from Maple Grove.
- Thank you to all who ordered from the Driven Coffee Fundraiser. As of this morning we have raised \$396! That is awesome! Thank you for your support!!
- 10 out of the 28 spots are filled on the “Buy a Pie” on the wheel! Donate \$50 to Ways and Means and your name can go on for a chance for a \$150 Amazon Gift Card. If I fill two boards, there will be more chances to win and a special activity for President Tevyan. The winner for the Ways and Means drawing is Tevyan from Burnsville.
- I also had 3 \$ icons in my MNJOTs CIP. The winner for finding them is Teresa Earl from Maple Grove

Parliamentarian, Jeny Ohr (Parli@mnwt.org), Tips with Bob & Me

- Thank you to the chapters who either sent in a fast start, chapter bylaws and policies or invited me to their chapter bylaw and policy review during Tri 1. I received 30/46 chapters. The winner of my Tri 1 challenge is the Champlin Chapter.
- MNWT Bylaw and Policy Review- will be held on October 8th at 6:30pm by zoom. Recommendations should be sent to parli@mnwt.org by October 6th. All members that attend will be entered into a gift card drawing at Winter State.
- Tri 2 Challenge- Send in your chapter’s bylaws and policies or invite me to your chapter’s bylaws and policies review by Jan. 20th and you will be entered in a drawing for a gift card at Winter State.

Chairman of the Board, Amy Pumper (COB@mnwt.org), Keeping the Vision Alive

- Thank you to the three members that met the Chairman of the Board Challenge first trimester: Jeannie Wolbeck from Albany, Brandy Mausbach from Blooming Prairie and Gerin Dehn from Brainerd Lakes Area. An incentive was place in the DD Bags. Past chapter presidents check my CIP for the second trimester challenge.
- I met with the District Directors to discuss redistricting, and we will vote on the following changes at Winter State: move

Hawley to District 2 and Melrose Area to District 4. See me if you have any questions.

- Start planning for the 2024-2025 year. Contact COB for more information. But remember, that if you file for a state position, you should only share with COB. At the Executive Council meeting yesterday the following were approved to serve on the 2024-2025 Elections Committee Marie Pedigo from Area 1, Maggie Holmberg from Area 2, Mary Hansen from Area 3, and Dorene Perkins Monn from Area 4.
- March 1st is March Planning and March 2nd will be the 3rd Trimester Committee Meetings. You can submit a recommendation at any time. Contact me for more information.
- President Tevyan's ONTO Shirts are available for sale for \$20 for sizes S-2X and additional for larger sizes. ONTO flowers are now on sale for \$2.50 each or 5 for \$10. There will be an ONTO T-shirt quilt to buy chances on at Winter State – the chances will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. There will be an ONTO T-shirt quilt to buy chances on at Winter State.
- National Mid-Year will be held October 11-12 in Omaha, Nebraska. Registration is now \$115. Welcome some of our ONTO Committee members for a presentation.

Executive Director, Tanya Rothstein (CSC@mnwt.org), You are the Magic

- Fall State CIPs are available on the website and any chapter that requested paper copies on the Chapter Officer Information form or from me directly, the DDs have them.
- I am Seeking a convention host of Annual 2025 Arrowwood in Alexandria for May 16-18, 2025. Please contact me for more information. I will be sharing information on what is involved in hosting a convention, how you can make money doing it and how much fun your chapter can have on the October 23 webinar. Please make plans to attend.
- If you have not yet filed your 990n with the IRS be sure to do so before October 1 to avoid the next late fee of \$40. If you have trouble or your filing was not accepted, you must contact me at the CSC for assistance. Please also be sure that your Annual Renewal has been filed with the MN Secretary of State's Office.
- We are working on a new website so please bear with us as we are converting over the pages from the old website to the new one. If there is something on the website that is crucial to be fixed we will get it fixed on the current website otherwise it will be addressed on the new site as we are creating and converting it. You can either fill out the form on the website for the fixes/updates or email CSC@MNWT.ORG.

Presidential Assistant, Mary Sobczak (PA@mnwt.org), Live and Learn

- All scrapbook pages for President Tevyan's scrapbooks that are turned in by April 1, 2025, will be entered into a drawing for a fabulous prize to be awarded at Annual Convention
- And if your chapter or district hasn't already, please consider donating to President Tevyan's Year End gift.

Future Directions Committee Chair, Cat Schuman (FDC@mnwt.org)

- The 2nd trimester meetings will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at Star Bank in Eden Prairie with FDC starting at 1 pm.
- This state committee advises and makes recommendations to the Executive Council on a variety of topics including MNWT structure, administration, and programming. FDC has the authority to make decisions on state matters except for bylaws & policies. FDC consists of various subcommittees and task forces that review ideas, recommend changes, and implement actions that are approved by the full committee.
- Give to the Max Day November 1st.

Membership Management Committee Chair, Anna Nichols (MMC@mnwt.org)

- The MMC Project Fair drawing winner is Lorisa Hanson from Blooming Prairie.
- The Membership Management Committee (MMC) is currently working on various orientation trainings including and orientation retreat, membership recognition, guidelines for handling member deaths, and leadership support. All members can attend MMC. Contact Anna Nichols at mmc@mnwt.org for more information.
- Our next MMC meeting is Saturday, November 16, 2024 at Star Bank in Eden Prairie. Meetings can be attended in person or via zoom.
- Extension Support & brainstorming zoom Oct 9th @ 7pm. Check your chapter emails for more information.

MNWT Foundation Chair, Laura Gaylord (Foundation@mnwt.org) (presented by Vice-Chair Cindy Umland)

- Lucky Bucks will take place at the luncheon: Home Sweet Home basket, Gift Card basket and Tech basket
- 40th Anniversary Jewelry enter to win: You can go to the members home page on our MNWT website scroll down and you will find the link to the form to fill out with your information, how many chances you want, and how you would like to make payment.
- Chapter Grant deadline is Dec 1st; to be awarded at Winter State.

MNWT President, Tevyan Sorensen (President@mnwt.org), We Go Together

Ongoing Business-None

New Business-None

Announcements-None

Benediction was said by LL SPM, Sharon Scholl

Minnesota Women of Today Creed Was Led by District 2 Director, Tami Borgen

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am by MNWT President, Tevyan Sorensen