

The meeting was called to order by President Amy Pumper at 1:04 p.m.  
The invocation was given by Living and Learning SPM Pat Undersander.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Priority Area SPM Sara Rocksted.  
The United States of Today Creed was led by Chapter Management Vice President Tevyan Sorensen.  
Introduction of Guests:

Orders of the Day were given by Parliamentarian Tawn Hanson. A quorum has been established.  
The minutes of the Winter State Executive Council meeting held on January 26, 2024, were approved as printed.

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

- The last Chapter Mailing articles are due by the end of this weekend.
- Cards were sent around to sign for our Sister States. Will have a small basket for each of them at National Year-End.
- Reminder to DDs to take the DD bags for distribution to their chapters.
- The winners of my Exec Council challenge were Tawn and Tevyan.

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

- Talked about what to expect this weekend at convention.
- Thank you to those who attended a District Meeting or Social in Tri 3.
- Your District Directors and Tri 3 Representatives are here to share with you their successes this trimester.
  - **Christine Sibelleau, DD2:** District 2 had a good mix of working and playing hard. The biggest success this trimester was getting to present Brenda her USWT Ambassador Award from 2020-2021.
  - **Linda Nindorf, DD3:** Many thanks to District 3 board members and all the chapter members who continue to use my theme this past year. District 3 third trimester meeting had all five chapters in attendance. Tri 3 district 3 had 3 of 5 chapters with 100% retention 4 of 5 chapters had growth with 3<sup>rd</sup> tri retention of 90% and overall, 85% retention for the year.
  - **Open, DD4:** District 4 had an amazing Tri 3 meeting in Benson. Amy and Cat helped with the meeting and by the end of the meeting District 4 had a Board elected for 2024/25 year.
  - **Anita Smoley, DD5 Tri 3 Rep:** The district has had its ups and downs over the year, but we finished on a very positive note. We had a successful district 5 meeting with a great speaker and voted in a full new board. Did trivia on butterflies with prizes. I was able to visit a couple of chapters new to our district this year.
  - **Connie Fink, DD6:** District meeting went well. Everyone liked the enrichment activity that President Amy presented and enjoyed the “Power of One” speech by Rose G. We had 5 members attend for the first time. The district had growth during 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester.
  - **Jennifer Wulff, DD7 (absent):** : In Trimester 3 we combined and updated the District Bylaws, opened a new bank account and created a new district budget. Had district growth.
  - **Theresa Carpenter DD8 Tri 3 Rep:** Tri 3 district meeting had 27 members including 3 first timers in attendance. Had our district wellness event, the Hot Chocolate 5k. One of the biggest successes this year was the impact the district had with Hugs from Hunter. Together the district prepped/tied 300 blankets.
  - **Sue Bay, DD9 Tri 3 Rep:** District meeting was in Hanska in March with brainstorming and sharing M events to host. There were 6 new members in our district 3<sup>rd</sup> Tri.

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

- Thank you for the fun this year. I enjoyed seeing all your great accomplishments. The Membership Team shared a lot of good information with the chapters.
- Close Out was held on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. We talked to 27 chapters. Amy, Tevyan, Connie, Cat and Tanya helped me out that night. We gave out gift cards to 6 of the chapters that called in that night.
- Congratulations to all the districts for their hard work this trimester. Here are their accomplishments for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tri: District 2 – 78% retention; District 3 – 90% retention; District 4 – 75% retention; District 5 – 87% retention; District 6 – 93% retention; District 7 – 82% retention; District 8 – 90% retention; District 9 – 85% retention. District 4 – Growth +4; District 5 – Growth +2; District 6 - Growth +17; District 7 – Growth +13

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

- Thank you to all of you who made calls, sent notes, of encouragement, completed visitations and spent time coaching and mentoring your sister leaders across this organization this trimester.
- The New Ulm chapter signed 3 new members this Tri for Growth plus 2 for the year and are no longer on TLC. The St. James chapter dropped to 9 and is on their 1<sup>st</sup> Tri. The Fridley chapter has dropped to 8 and is on TLC for their 1<sup>st</sup> Tri. Fridley gave their 90-day notice of intent to close in April.
- We held two successful sessions of Chapter Operations training following the regional meetings. We look forward to continuing this offering for chapters in the future.
- On May 4, we hosted 90 members in Rice for Local Officer Training. We provided another 40 members with printed materials. Thank you to all Trainers. We had 7 members attend the pilot for Leadership training and it was well received.

- We had 17 chapters submit Success this trimester. Congratulations to District 6 Director Connie Fink for adding at least one chapter submitting Success and District 8 Director Theresa Carpenter for growing their chapter submitting Success this year.

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

- Most participation all year challenges. Winners will be announced at the Business meeting.
- Sadly, no extensions this year but will be setting the incoming director up for success.
- Thank you for all your support this year.

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

- SPMs did a great job this year. Thank you to all executive council members for your support. The awesome year-end programming numbers will be announced at the luncheon.
- The winner of my DD Challenge Basket is District 6.

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

- ✓ No Report

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

- ✓ I received 94 USWT Wellness & Personal Development Certifications, 78 MNWT Living and Learning Certifications and 11 chapters completed a PEP course.
- ✓ Consider entering the Impromptu Speaking Competition this weekend.

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

- ✓ It's been a year of mistakes, improvements, growth, and learning. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tri focus was on fundraising. It's been a great year.

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

- ✓ The Red Dress Campaign collected \$119 at Fall State and an additional \$133 at Winter State for a total of \$252. My goal was to raise \$200.
- ✓ Spare Change Fundraiser for the American Heart Association raised \$311.88.

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

- ✓ Stay tuned during the business meeting for 3<sup>rd</sup> Tri challenges and basket winners.
- ✓ Total raised for the OYA will be announced tomorrow.
- ✓ Goals accomplished – 15 chapters held Kid's Week activities, exceeded goal for OYA fundraising, and chapters embraced the youth homelessness programming.

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

- Thank you to all that helped me this year with achieving goals.
- We will be moving to a new website host. Please be patient with us if the website goes down for a bit. We are trying to make the transition as smooth as possible.

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

- **M/S/P (FVP/PA)** I move to delete Policy N (Financial Policies) #3 and renumber accordingly.
- Thank you to 3 districts, 4 individuals and 14 chapters who donated to Ways and Means and helped fill the Visionoply Board.
- 50/50 Raffle will be during the Banquet tomorrow. Half the Pot to the winner and Half the Pot to the State. \$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5.
- Tax will no longer be added to State Store items.
- Next Budget meeting will be Thursday May 23 @ 6:30 and the Finance Meeting Friday May 24 @ 6:30. Both via Zoom. Ask for link.

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

- We will vote on the bylaw change at the Business meeting.
- 6 Chapters and 2 Districts sent their Bylaws and Policies for review. The challenge winner will be announced at the business meeting.
- Thank you for your support this year.

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

- **M/S/P (COB/CMVP)** I move to Add to Policy D. Membership, "6. TLC Chapters, a. A TLC chapter is defined as any chapter that ends the trimester with less than 10 members and/or has non-payment of dues over 120 days."
- **M/S/P (COB/DD6)** I move to Add to Policy D. Membership, "7. Watch List, a. Defined as a tool for the membership team to address concerns, brainstorm solutions and offer support. Any chapter who ends a trimester with 15 or less members and/or has had zero contact with either the district or state level for one entire trimester and/or has any known internal conflicts and/or any chapter that requests extra support shall be placed on the Watch List."
- **M/S/P (COB/DD5)** I move to Add the Policy J. Officers' Duties, 4. Chapter Management Vice President, "c. Shall be in charge of Watch List," and re-letter accordingly.
- **M/S/P (COB/PA)** I move to approve Suzanne LaLond for the NEWSLET Editor coordinator position for 2024-2025.
- There were 7 participants in my 3<sup>rd</sup> Tri Challenge. The winner will be announced at the business meeting.
- Thank you for a great final year on Exec Council and Staff.

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

- No Report

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

- No Report

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

- Looking for Convention host for Fall State 2024, Fall State 2025 and Annual 2025. Please note Winter State 2025 will be in Burnsville this year.
- Remind chapters to complete the chapter officer sheet online ASAP. This is how I report chapter presidents for the year to USWT for dues billing. This is where you elect to receive paper or electronic versions of CIPS and State POA. Encourage use of the chapter information sheet to make changes to meeting night, time, location, etc. Both forms are in the important items on the website section of the members' home page.
- Remind chapters that they can start filing the 990 and Annual Renewals as of June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

- Thank you to greeters Linda and Jenise.
- Room list is being passed. Secret Sis gifts will be handed out at break.
- Awards set up discussed for Business meeting and Luncheon.
- Cocktail reception for medallion winners will be after the banquet around 10:15 followed by President Amy's year end Open House around 10:45.
- Thank you to Exec Council members who submitted scrapbook pages.

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

- Our annual meeting will be held today following Exec Council as you are the primary body you are required to attend. If you would like to be a member of the Foundation, let me know. We are always looking for new members to join us.

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

**Ongoing Business:**

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

The Minnesota Women of Today Creed was led by Financial Vice President Jane Holmberg.

The 2024 Annual Convention Executive Council Meeting of the Minnesota Women of Today was adjourned at 2:52 p.m. by Amy Pumper.

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