

The Meeting was called to order by President Tevyan Sorensen at 1:30 pm.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by District 7 Director, Laurie Lillie.

The United States Women of today Creed was led by Administrative VP, Andrea Schue.

Guests were introduced by President Tevyan

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

Minutes from the Annual Exec Council meeting on May 17th, 2024, Elections meeting on May 18th, 2024, and Special Exec Council meeting on May 18th, 2024, were approved as written in the June Chapter Mailing. Minutes from the MNJOTS Exec Council meeting were approved as written in the July Chapter Mailing.

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

- Staff Reports-will update template for SPMs
- M/S/P (Secretary/COB) “Remove a revised copy of the state's bylaws and policies from Policy S 1.”

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

- Let’s hear it for your SOLID GOLD District Directors as they share their successes of 1st Tri and what they are looking forward to in 2nd Tri.
 - District 2 Director, Tami Borgen. My theme this year has been “Bloom & Grow”.
 - It was good to get my first district meeting under my belt! The highlight of our district meeting was that two of our district members, Carolyn Fortier from Warroad and Andrea Schue from Roseau, received USWT awards and they were presented at the meeting.
 - A goal I had was to have our bylaw and policy review meeting in Tri1 and to vote at our Tri2 meeting and that is on the agenda for our meeting.
 - A success is that we have a Girls’ Rock the Capital Committee formed again and in the planning stages, with a trip in 2025!
 - Our Tri2 District meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 20th, at The New Moon Coffeehouse in Baudette. Registration starts at 4:00 p.m. and the meeting at 4:30 p.m.
 - District 3 Contact Cindy Sanders will transition into Tri 2 with a theme of Together we Stand.
 - The district meeting will be Saturday, Oct 26th in Aitkin.
 - District 4 Director Tracy Neyens wants you to “Be the Reason someone Believes in Good People”
 - A goal of mine is to have someone representing from our district at every convention. Also, super excited District 4 had the highest retention in the state!
 - Our next district meeting is scheduled for October 21st at The Old Number 1 Bar and Grill in Morris.
 - Thank you so much to Andrea for all of your help, with hosting my first district meeting! Thank you so much to State President Tevyan and Shirley V. for attending and speaking as well!
 - Anita Smoley is letting everyone know they are “Everyday Heroes” in District 5.
 - My goal this Tri was to visit all the chapters, each I was able to do.
 - District meeting will be on Oct. 26 at the Boy Scout Building in Sartell at 9am. We will be doing a project for Make a Difference Day.
 - District 6 wants us to “Grow Together.”
 - The District 6 meeting was a great time with Deb Froemming speaking about REACH. 5 out of the 6 chapters were in attendance. Our Tri 2 meeting is Oct. 22nd in St. Michael.
 - We had a District Social in August in Rogers. We had dinner, played a Grease Trivia game and had door prizes.
 - Our biggest success this Trimester was having Elk River members attend both the District Meeting and Social for the 1st time in many years.
 - Laurie Lillie is “Growing Together” into the District 7.
 - District 7 has completed their policy review. We had not completed them since the merge of our 2 chapters last year.
 - White Bear Lake will host our tri 2 district meeting on Thursday, October 24 at Normandy Park Education Center in White Bear Lake, MN. Dinner at 6:00, the meeting will follow at 6:30.
 - “Coming Together, One Stitch at a Time” in District 8 with Kenya Czerwinski.
 - Success for this tri has been around communication. Communicating out to the chapters to keep them informed and sharing chapter events on the District Facebook page.
 - I was able to visit all chapters for a monthly meeting, it was encouraging to see the variations in meeting structures – it was great to see the chapters doing what works for their members. Tri 2 I’m planning to visit something fun such as craft shows, tree decorating, etc.

- Our Tri 2 meeting will be held on Saturday, November 2, Social and breakfast at 9:00 – 10 am social and breakfast, 10 am meeting. Our discussions will be around celebrating success and marketing events for success. If you would like to contribute to the session, please contact me.
- District 9 Director Allie Staley is letting her chapters know “Adventure is Out There”
 - Our next district meeting will be Wednesday, October 30th in New Ulm at 6:30pm.
 - One positive from the trimester is the communication increase and our amazing growth!
 - For Tri 2 she’s going to focus on encouraging community involvement and getting out there, so people know who they are.

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

- We signed 24 members in May and June for President Tevyan’s Birthday. President Tevyan drew a number for winner.
- We had a number of chapters and districts working hard at retention and recruiting this trimester. We will be recognizing those chapters who achieved retention goals, new member adds and chapter growth tomorrow. For District retention achievement, I would like to recognize the following: District 5-76%, District 9-78%, District 2-80%, District 7-80%, District 6-82.5%, District 8-82.9%, and the District with the highest retention for Tri 1 is District 4 with 83.3%. District 4 DD Tracy will be carrying the Minnesota flag in at the luncheon tomorrow. While every district signed new members in Tri 1, we had two districts that achieved growth for the Tri. Lets congratulate District 4 for growth +1, and with the highest growth, District 9 with growth +3. We will have Amanda Ackerman, co-president of the St James chapter carrying the American flag and representing District 9 at the luncheon.
- Membership Week is November 3-8. The theme is Gratitude. This is a great opportunity to be visible with your district or with chapters around the state.
- The Membership Challenges and Foundation Rebates are all designed to help chapters with membership and become healthy chapters. The healthier we are the more appealing we will be to others. Please encourage chapters, especially if they are looking for help to try at least one of these and to participate in the zoom calls and webinars. We have a number of fun challenges this trimester and hope you will encourage chapters to participate

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

- The St James Chapter signed a new member 1st trimester and has come off the TLC list. Our other TLC chapter, Fridley, decided to close. We have 5 members remaining from Fridley who are being invited to transfer to another chapter or their membership will lapse at the end of this trimester. We have two chapters in their first trimester of TLC, Brooklyn Park and Hawley with 8 members each.
- As you have heard a few times, my biggest goal this year is to get all our chapters to 15 or more members. This alone will increase our membership by 62 members. Including the TLC chapters, I started the year with 18 chapters under 15 and at the end of tri 1 we are down to 17. Congratulations to New Ulm for rising to 16 members. We are here to support these chapters so please encourage them to reach out.
- We had 36 members attend the President/State Delegate retreat in Aug. WE had a lot of positive feedback. People loved the interactive presentations & crafts. Sparkle boxes were given to each chapter in attendance with a random act of kindness project. A special thank you to Tevyan, Andrea & Michelle, they were AMAZING.
- I’ve attended a few district and chapter meetings this Tri. Sharing the importance of positivity, being intentional and sharing a random act of kindness project.
- October 29th President Tevyan and I will be teaming up with the Chapter Presidents on zoom, to walk through chapter agenda best practices.
- As CMVP, I’m here to help wherever I can. Please reach out.

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

- No Report

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

- Please support SPMs in nominations for Outstanding Young Adult (YT), Person with Determination (CC) and Women Who Impact (WW) Awards.
- Encourage your chapters and districts to complete Trimester Report Forms.
- Encourage your chapters and districts to nominate an Outstanding Program Manager and Project of the Trimester.

Community Connections, Sara Rocksted (CC@mnwt.org), Things Come Together One Stitch at a Time (Presented by Michelle K-J)

- I am planning on promoting Person with Determination Award Friday night business Fair, Via Facebook and email so I can reach my goal of 5 nominations by November 1st.
- I will be encouraging chapters to Communicate How they plan on celebrating Make a Difference Day in Their Communities. To reward their Communications I will be putting them in a drawing at Winter Convention for a basket and also incentives to all who participate
- I will be promoting the Joint Ventures Award, Community Impact Award, Civic or environment project, giving details and ideas of past nominations.
- All Communications will be done via email, Facebook, and visitation

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

- Please share within your districts and chapters the LIFE Street Passport- positive comments from chapters participating. Goal to increase participation for Tri 2 by 20%.
- Tri 2 member challenges:
 - Vote

- Create New Family Holiday Tradition
- Read book Misdiagnosed.
- The Tri 2 LPM challenges are:
 - host a chapter PEP course
 - Submit a 2nd Tri Project of Trimester Nomination. Goal to increase participation for Tri 2 by 20%.
- Help promote Effective Writing Competition - Topic "Who is the most influential woman you know? How did/does she inspire you?"
- M/S/P (LL SPM/DD03) "Jean Abbott's book "Misdiagnosed" be sold at the Living and Learning table during Fall Convention Project fair on behalf of the author for a retail cost of \$15.00 (tax included)."

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

- No Report

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

- Life update, I changed my name to Sue Sangren.
- For Exec Council, there will be a special drawing for anyone that donates \$10 to the Woman Who Impact award to receive a delicious 6 pack of cupcakes at Winter State. Donate by January 1st

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

- I will have a Spooktacular Silent Auction at the YT table to raise money for the OYA scholarship. I will also be collecting donations at the Spooktacular spoons session on Saturday.

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

- We are still looking for personals for the Fall State Edition. Personals can still be turned in this weekend. The cost is \$2.00 per message or 25 for \$20.
- I will be introducing a new Marketing Award this weekend. Nomination form will be available soon for Tri 2. Once it is announced tomorrow we can then promote during Tri 2.
- I shared our hashtag for this weekend #MNWTFallState2024. When you are posting photos this weekend, please include this. I would encourage posts to share the excitement of convention. If someone is here and they get an award, awesome post away. 😊 It is however fun to build some excitement to entice members for meetings that take place after convention. Let there be some surprises. 😊 An example would be if you have lots of awards don't photograph them all upright with what they are. Leave them in the envelope or flip upside down and say something like....we cleaned house! Come to the next meeting to share in the convention recap

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

- I had 11 Fast Starts turned in by June 30th. President Tevyan drew a number for winner.
- I had 6 more Fast Starts turned in by July 15th. President Tevyan drew a number for winner.
- Donations made by Sept 1st to Ways and Means were entered in a drawing. President Tevyan drew a number for winner.
- 5 members found my three \$ icons in my CIP. President Tevyan drew a number for winner.

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

- District Director Tri 1 challenge winner- Thank you to the 3 District Directors who invited me to their District Bylaw and Policy Review. You have helped me complete my goal for the year. Here is a thank you card.
- District Director Bylaw and Policy Repository- Thank you for those of you that have sent in their district's bylaws and policies. Here is a thank you card. I know a few still need to get their approved at their Fall meeting. We are almost at 100% sent in.
- District Director challenge- Every chapter that sends in their bylaws and policies during 2nd and 3rd trimester will get the DD's name entered into a drawing for a gift card at Annual Convention. Please reach out to your chapters and encourage them to send them to parli@mnwt.org.
- M/S/P (Parli/COB) "Remove Policy J. OFFICER'S DUTIES 5. Programming Vice President f."
- M/S/P (Parli/Secretary) "Add the following to Policy J. OFFICER'S DUTIES 8. Secretary; Shall serve on the Marketing Committee."
- M/S/P (Parli/PA) "Change shall serve a one (1) year term to shall serve a two (2) year term to Policy O. COMMITTEES 3. Statewide Committee Descriptions and Specifics c. 2)"
- M/S/P (Parli/DD05) "Add Executive Director and change shall a one (1) year term to shall serve a two (2) year term to Policy O. COMMITTEES 3. Statewide Committee Descriptions and Specifics d. 2)"
- M/S/P (Parli/Extensions) "Add State Store Manager to Policy O. 3 Statewide Descriptions and Specifics a. 1)"
- M/S/P (Parli/Marketing) "Add Policies W. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 3. h Shall serve on the Future Directions Committee, i. Shall serve on the Marketing Committee, j. Shall serve on the Membership Management Committee."

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

- You can begin filing for the 2025-2026 positions on December 1st. Call COB, Amy 507.206.1508 for more information.
- The Redistricting Plan has been shared with the District Directors. There are just a couple of changes we are looking at.
- The 2nd Trimester Committee Meeting will be Saturday November 16th. The 3rd Trimester Meeting will be Sunday, March 2nd. March Planning will be Saturday, March 1st. The Regional Meetings will be Saturday March 22nd and March 29th.
- M/S/P (COB/DD05) "Approve Jane Hanson, Lisa Hahn, Wendy Homyak, Sharon Erickson, Laura Gaylord, Cathy Shuman and Cindy Goldbuff for two year terms beginning with the 2024-2025 year to the Finance Committee."
- M/S/P (COB/DD03) "Add Char Ostenberg to the ONTO Committee."

- M/S/P (COB/DD03) “Approve the following members to the Marketing Committee for the 2024-2025 year: Area 1 Rep. Nicky Anderson, Area 2 Rep. Mary Hansen, Area 3 Rep. Sharon Erickson, Area 4 Rep. Cindy Goldbuff, Expos Coordinator, Wendy Homyak, General Members: Anna Nichols, JoAnn Miller and Connie Fink.”
- M/S/P (COB/DD03) “Approve the following members as 2024-2025 Election Representatives: Marie Pedigo representing Area 1, Maggie Holmberg representing Area 2, Abi Baker representing Area 3, and Dorene Perkins Monn representing Area 4”

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

- Mid year executive council is scheduled for November 17th at Wyndham in Burnsville. We will be handing out the registrations.
- I am looking for someone to host convention for Annual 2025 in Alexandria if you know of anyone, please send them to me. it is May 15-18, 2025.

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

- Last Call to have quilt squares made.
- See Mid-year exec hand outs for registration info, etc

MNWT Foundation Chair, Laura Gaylord (Foundation@mnwt.org) (presented by Amy Pumper)

- Stop by the Foundation table tonight at the project fair to get a peak at the jewelry and you can buy your chances! While you're there don't forget about checking out how you can become a sustaining member!

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

- The second trimester state committee meetings will be held Saturday, November 16, 2024 at the Star Bank in Eden Prairie. Registration starts at 9:30 am followed by Marketing Committee at 10 am, Membership Management Committee at 11 am, and Future Directions Committee at 1 pm. Break for lunch around 12:30 pm. Light breakfast and lunch are provided by the state committee chairs. Anyone can attend these meetings, so please join us in person or by zoom.

Membership Management Committee Chair, Anna Nichols (MMC@mnwt.org) (presented by Amy Pumper)

- All members of executive council are invited to be part of in the Minnesota Women of Today Membership Management Committee. As an extra incentive, Anna will have a special drawing for Exec Council members only that attend her next meeting in November. Rumor has it one of you could be the winner of a \$20 Amazon gift card. More information about MMC and the 2nd trimester meeting by Anna at our business meeting tomorrow morning.

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

- Special Presentation, Presidential Medallion Presented to Anita Smoley

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 4 Director, Tracy Neyens

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 pm by MNWT President, Tevyan Sorensen