Minnesota Women of Today MNJOTS – Courtyard St Cloud

The Meeting was called to order by President Tevyan Sorensen at 11:17 am.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by District 2 Director, Tami Borgen.

The United States Women of today Creed was led by District 9 Director, Allie Staley.

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

Secretary, Liz Weigel (Secretary@mnwt.org)

- Chapter Mailing Highlights see calendar for due dates
- CIPS are uploaded & distributed into DD bags.

AVP, Andrea Schue (AVP@mnwt.org)

- Introduction of District Directors
- District 2 Director, Tami Borgen. My theme this year is "Bloom & Grow".
 - District meeting is planned for Sunday, June 30th.
 - o I am looking forward to getting to know each of the Chapters and how they are run.
- District 3 Contact Nicky Anderson (Absent) will kick off Tri 1.
 - District meeting will be Saturday, June 29th in Staples at 9:30am at Faith Lutheran Church.
- No update for District 4 at this time, Andrea will update once more information is available
- Anita Smoley is letting everyone know they are "Everyday Heroes" in District 5.
 - o District 5 meeting in Rice on June 17th, at the Lions building.
- District 6 wants us to "Grow Together."
 - District meeting is set for June 27th at Pizza Ranch in Monticello at 6pm. Looking forward to continuing to grow excitement in District 6!
- Laurie Lillie is excited to be stepping into the District 7 Director.
 - We Will be "Growing Together".
 - Maple Grove will be hosting the District meeting in July. Location and time TBD.
- "Coming Together, One Stitch at a Time" in District 8 with Kenya Czerwinski.
 - Theme incorporates things that will be coming together for us this year projects, events, chapter, and district members; and my love of crochet – you all have a Pocket Hug which I plan on handing out at each of my chapter visits.
 - o Tri 1 meeting will be held on Saturday, June 22, 9:30 am breakfast, 10 am meeting.
 - o Enrichment will be "the POWER of positive thinking". If you would like to contribute to the session please contact me to discuss further.
 - This year, I'm looking forward to the possibilities in our District. I'd like to focus on growth and how
 I can support those efforts and come up with ideas on getting the district together for socials and service events.
- "Adventure is Out There" with District 9 Director Allie Staley.
 - June 19, 2024 in Windom at the library in the BRAC building at @5:30 dinner with 6:30pm/7pm meeting start.
 - o I am excited to help chapters learn more about healthy traits and be successful as a chapter.

Membership VP, Carla Hanson (MVP@mnwt.org)

- Theme, "You Matter"
- Would like to make District visits
- Challenge for Tri 1- President Tevyan's B-Day Challenge-add 22 members state-wide by June 22nd, Tevyan's Bday. At time of meeting, 8 members had been added.
- Love Notes-send/give to people you don't typically connect with
- Thank you for all the help & support

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

- TLC Chapters:
 - Fridley and St. James.

- Goal: Get all our chapters to 15 or more members. This alone would increase our membership by 60 members. Including the TLC chapters, 18 chapters fall into this category. I'm going to be toughing base with these chapters, offering visits or help and guidance any way that I can.
- Chapter President Zoom
 - o June 26th, w/ President Tevyan
 - Walk through the steps to complete their fast starts.
 - Show them how the POA can be an important tool for their chapter members.
- President/State Delegate Retreat
 - W/President Tevyan and AVP Andrea on the President/State Delegate Retreat on Saturday, August 3rd.
 - Position training, leadership development and focusing on chapters.

Extensions Director, Kathy Hansen (Extensions@mnwt.org)

- First Tri Goal-2 extensions by the end of the year, focusing on Hibbing
- Challenges-if you reach out with a lead on an extension, your name will be put in a drawing held at Fall State
- Foundation Incentives:
 - o Extend a chapter before July 15 and the foundation will provide a \$500 grant.
 - Extend a chapter by August 31 and the chapter will receive a \$300 grant.

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

- Importance of Reporting
 - o Emphasis on 5 W's: Who, What, When, Where, Why
- Trimester Programming Awards-encouraging chapters to submit nominations for Outstanding Program Manager
 - 25 presidential bonus success points in Tri 1 for those that nominate
- Fast Starts-encourage completion, more info in CIP
 - Incentives at Fall State

Community Connections, Sara Rocksted (CC@mnwt.org)

- True Friends-hoping to set-up tour during True Friends Emphasis Month and determine needs.
- National Night Out August 6th
 - Encourage participation & those that report participation will be entered into a drawing at Fall State
- Community Reporting
 - Interested in making a CIP page dedicated specifically to what chapters are doing in their community, another way to showcase to other chapters

Living and Learning, Sharon Scholl (<u>LL@mnwt.org</u>)

- Life Street Passport -
 - Encourage members to participate in completion of the Living & Learning Certification & to examine their own individual life – where they've been, where they are now and where they want to go.
 - o Activities planned will all correlate to items listed on the L&L certification.
 - The LIFE STREET Passport will record members progress with incentive drawings each trimester and year-end to encourage participation.
- Book Club
 - Each trimester a different book relating to a Minnesota person who has experienced social or emotional challenges will be selected.
 - o Participating will fulfill a LIFE STREET Passport.
 - Each trimester the selected book will be the topic of discussion at the convention fellowship chat event.
- Proposed Change Fellowship Service
 - o Change Title to "Fellowship Chat Session", or something similar
 - Change Scheduled Time from 8 am to immediately following Convention Business Meeting (open to other times as well)

Priority Area – REACH, Deb Froemming (Priority@mnwt.org)

- Trimester Challenge (Tri 2)-Drawing to be held at Winter State, to enter:
 - o For a donation of \$25 or more,
 - o introducing yourself to a school with the Reach program,
 - o inviting a teacher to speak at your meeting or visiting a class or volunteering for the REACH program. (A list will be available soon of contacts and teachers.)
- MNWT Webinar-June 12th

- Hoping to have Chad Harlander, program Founder & leader, as a speaker
- Zoom Info Meetings- bring members and REACH teachers together from around the state
 - o Give the opportunity to meet and share what is needed and what we can do to help and fundraise.
 - The first 3 meeting dates are July 23, August 27 & September 24 at 7 pm.

Women's Wellness, Sue Bay (<u>WW@mnwt.org</u>) (presented by Michelle K-J)

- Wiggle to Wellness "Wednesday Wiggle" Facebook posts.
 - o Challenge Chapters to make a quick video with members wiggling away at a meeting
- Women who Impact Award-Focus on Lois M. Christensen and her impact to the organization
 - Motions:
 - "I move to host a SINGO fundraiser event through Women's Wellness at Winter State for the Women Who Impact Award". 2nd by DD9. Motion Passed Unanimously
 - "I move to hold a fundraising campaign in January 2025 through Women's Wellness to honor Lois M. Christensen." 2nd by DD5. Motion Passed Unanimously.
 - This Campaign would consist of: in honor of her January birthday. She would have celebrated her 102nd birthday on January 22nd. I am going to request cash birthday gifts in memory of Lois be made to the Women Who Impact award by members, chapters, and Staff.
 - I will do a random drawing for all 3 groups of people that make a cash donation at Winter State
 - Staff members: If you make a donation for \$5 or more, you will be entered in the drawing.
 - Members: If you make a donation of \$10 or more, you will be entered in the drawing.
 - Chapters/Districts: If you make a donation of \$20 or more, you will be entered in the drawing.

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

- Kid's Week is August 20-26
- YT Projects-open to chapter visits to help run/organize activities
- OYA Scholarship-supported by the SPOOKTACULAR scholarship silent auction, stop by the Fall State Project fair booth for more info

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

- Founder's Day-light up the bridge (Blue)
 - Encourage Chapters to join & post on Social media
 - Chapter Challenge-see facebook
- PWHL- (Professional Women's Hockey League)-Puck drop instead of Day at the Diamond-more info to come
- Social Media-like, share, comment!

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

- Wheel of Treasure-for \$5 spin the wheel at the Fall State Project Fair, Fun prizes can be won!
- Fall State Fundraiser-Sheets Galore, watch for ordering info
- "Buy a Pie" on the wheel
 - o For every individual, chapter, or District who pays \$50 you will get to choose a "pie" on the wheel.
 - o At Annual Convention, Tevyan will spin the wheel twice for two Amazon gift cards.
 - o 1 spot per entity. 28 available. If all 28 are full we can have a 2nd board.

Parliamentarian, Jeny Ohr (Parli@mnwt.org)

- District Bylaw/Policy Repository
 - o This is a place where all district bylaws and policies will be held
- DD Challenge- send in your district bylaws and policies by Aug. 15th you will get an incentive at Fall State.

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

- ONTO Committee-looking for members
- ONTO Committee Motions
 - "I move to approve Brandy Mausbach, Diane Grant, Jean Wayne, Cat Shuman, Theresa Carpenter, Rochelle Platz, Jane Holmberg, and Carolyn Fortier as members of the 2024-2025 ONTO Committee". 2nd by DD(. Motion Passed Unanimously.
 - o "I Move to hold an ONTO T-shirt Quilt Fundraiser for the ONTO committee with chances selling for \$1 each or 6 for \$5." 2nd by DD9. Motion Passed Unanimously.
 - Collection of shirts to take place at Fall State

- National Year End Convention-June 7-8, Des Moines, IA
- Statewide committee meetings-
 - July 13th in Staples/Motley Area
 - Nov 16th, Star Bank in Eden Prairie
 - Mar 2nd, Rochester
- Statewide Committee Motions
 - "I move to approve Heidi Westerlund as the 2024-2025 Leadership Subcommittee Chair".
 2nd by DD5. Motion passed unanimously
 - "I move to approve the following as the 2024-2025 Membership Management Committee Area Representatives. Area 1-Liz Weigel, Area 2-Mary Hansen, Area 3-Connie Fink, Area 4-Michelle McGowan". 2nd by Marketing VP. Motion Passed Unanimously.
 - "I move to approve Jeny Ohr, bonnie Martin, Wendy Homyak, and Flora Crenshaw as the 2024-2025 Membership Management Committee General Representatives:. 2nd by DD8. Motion passed unanimously.
- Redistricting-work with AVP & DDs

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

- Committee Members-all are welcome, Contact Anna for more info
- New Leadership Subcommittee Chair
- Next Meeting-July 13th-contact Anna to get on email list for ZOOM link if unable to attend in-person

Executive Director, Tanya Rothstein (CSC@mnwt.org)

- I am looking for a host for Fall State 2024, Winter 2026, annual 2025 and Fall State 2025. Fall state 2024 & 2025 is at Arrowwood in Brainerd, Winter 2025 at _____ in Burnsville and Annual 2025 will be at Arrowwood Alexandra. I am going to be checking out other hotels to host winter state we are looking to find one with some deals.
- Don't forget to follow up with your chapters about officer sheets; the link is on the home page of the
 website. Remember to indicate if you wish to receive CIPs, the State Plan of Action hard copy or
 electronically. Also, DD could you please fill out the District Officer Sheet for your board.
- I put the statewide calendar and membership bases with the cips in DD bags. I've handed out the EC calendar so if you did not get one, please let me know. If any chapter did not receive the paper copies but stated, they wanted some they need to fill out the form online checking they want printed copies.
- Reminder your chapters to file their 990s with the IRS and their Annual Registration with the State of MN Secretary of State's office as it was available as of June 1. These must be filed no later than September 1 to avoid late fees.
- If you are still needing help with your email or google account, please let me know. We did do some training on it this weekend but there may still be questions so please ask. Check out what is in the EC only area on the web site to see what is in there. If you need help with that let me know. You use the same password as the email and google drive. Make sure to not change the google password or personalize it. It is better if you don't change or personalize the email and email password either. Make sure to keep your email clean up keeping the emails in the folders on the side of the email still counts as the amount in the Email. If you have attachments and want to save them, you may want to put it in google drive. Also make sure the check the spam/blocklist that you don't have any MNWT.org emails addresses in there.

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

- Exec Council Directories are ready to go
- Scrap book pages-handed out to DDs, return at Regional meetings or by April 1, 2025
- PR Photos-submit photos throughout the year for the year end slideshow
- Year End Gift-each chapter & district is asked to donate \$10-20 towards YE gift for President Tevyan.
 Pleases mail to CSC or to PA Mary & notate "Year End Gift"

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

- Scholarship Deadlines
 - Cheryl L Anderson (August 1st)
 - Straight River Scholarship (anytime) is approaching
 - Applications can be found linked from the MNWT Foundation page or contact Anna Nichols for information
- Lucky Buck Baskets this year will be at Fall State. We are looking for donations:
 - Home Sweet Home in MN
 - Gift Card
 - Tech basket.

- Donations are needed for the MNWT programs. Become a sustaining member for \$25. Give a tax deductible donation at any time, designated for a certain event or program or undesignated and we will put it to use where it is most needed. Make a plan in your chapter, district or personal budget to support the MNWT Foundation. Contact Laura or Mary Kaminski for more information.
- Meeting: August 2nd at 7p.m. via zoom. Contact Laura for the meeting link to attend.

MNWT President, Tevyan Sorensen (President@mnwt.org)
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 8 Director, Kenya Czerwinski The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 pm by MNWT President, Tevyan Sorensen