

The meeting was called to order by President Amy Pumper at 1:25 p.m.
The invocation was given by Living and Learning SPM Pat Undersander.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Extensions Director Andrea Schue.
The United States of Today Creed was led by Membership Vice President Glorie Balfanz.
Introduction of Guests: Present were, Jenny Ohr and Mary Hansen. A welcome was given by Convention Host Jane Hanson
Orders of the Day were given by Parliamentarian Tawn Hanson. A quorum has been established.
The minutes of the Mid-Year Executive Council meeting held on November 11, 2023, were approved as printed.

Secretary, Candi Frick (secretary@mnwt.org)

- Chapter Mailing Highlights for March are due to me by February 10th. Incentive gifts will be given to all those that are on time.
- A small gift was given for each Exec Council member who got their Staff Repots to me on time. And a double gift was given to those that also got their Chapter Mailing article to me on time.
- Sending a Valentine Card around for our Sister States for you to sign. We received a Christmas card from the Hartford, SD chapter..

Administrative Vice President, Shirley Viesselman (avp@mnwt.org)

- The DDs started to find their sparkle in Tri 2 and had some wonderful District Meetings and other events. Thank you to all Exec Council members who attended one of these events in Tri 2. The DDs and I appreciate your support in this year of transition. Tri 3 meetings will be held throughout the Trimester, and I know these will be the best events this year. If you are interested in visiting a meeting in an official capacity, please contact the DDs this weekend.
- The DDs will be reserving spaces at the business meeting and luncheon but not at the banquet.
- Your DDs are here to share one positive from Tri 2 and an important event, project, idea, or goal happening in Tri 3.
 - **Christine Sibelleau, DD2: (absent)**
 - **Linda Nindorf, DD3:** Positive: We all survived 2023 and continue adding members. Looking forward to District Social Paint Party in Aitkin and Brainerd's Happy Hour With a Purpose and Duluth's Air Show.
 - **Open, DD4:** Positive: The chapters are doing amazing things in their communities and we were able to open a checking account. Looking forward to Tri 3 meeting in February.
 - **Fawn Widman, DD5: (absent)**
 - **Connie Fink, DD6:** Positive: The amazing craft shows that chapters held and new members that were added, HAWT added 9 new members! Tri 3: Challenged Presidents to visit a meeting or event and take a picture of the two of them and send it to me. Big Lake has a Polar Plunge event on Feb 10th.
 - **Jennifer Wulff, DD7:** Positive: The time and work that each chapter spent making local families have a wonderful Christmas holiday. Each chapter either was adopting families, having craft shows, packing holiday bags for homebound individuals or hosting events for kids to buy gifts for their families. District 7 made this holiday bright and touched many lives this Christmas. Tri 3: It can be slow, but I know most chapters have Easter events planned for kids and seniors.
 - **Kenya Czerwinski DD8 Tri 2 Rep:** Positive: Chapters were busy spreading cheer through trunk or treats, helping our communities prepare for the holidays by hosting Craft/Vendor shows, and hosting events for children to come shop for their families. Tri 3: We have a Women's Wellness event scheduled – the Hot Chocolate Run 5K/10K/15K.
 - **Jane Hanson, DD9 Tri 2 Rep (absent):** Sue Bay will be the District Representative for District 9.

Membership Vice President, Glorie Balfanz (mvp@mnwt.org)

- Amy picked the winner of the MVP Challenge. Will announce at Business Meeting.
- The Membership Team has been sending information to relevant chapters regarding interested people in MNWT. Please have your chapters follow up on this information.
- Membership Week is March 10-16, 2024. The Vision Packet theme is Learn About Butterflies. Close Out is April 29, 2024, via ZOOM. You are all welcome to be a part of Close Out if you want. Chapters contact us. Early Bird Due March 15, 2024
- Everyone is welcome to the Membership Roundtable. You do not have to have the MVP title.

Chapter Management Vice President, Tevyan Sorensen (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 Hawley chapter signed 4 new members this past trimester and are no longer on TLC with 10 members, The New Ulm chapter is on their 2nd trimester and working hard to grow their chapter.
- We will be holding Chapter Operations training following each of the regional meetings. This training will focus on working together as a Board, running an effective and fun chapter meeting, critical chapter operations, and engaging members in leadership. See my CIP for more information and the registration form.
- We had 16 chapters submit Success this trimester. Tri 2 challenge for DDs was to add at least one chapter submitting Success. We are holding Success training tomorrow. Encourage members to attend to learn more about using Success as a planning tool. Congrats to District 6 Director Connie for adding one chapter. I will extend this DD Challenge for Tri 3. Districts 2, 4, and 9 would need to have 1 chapter, Districts 6 & 8 need 3, District 3 needs 4, District 5 needs 5 and District 7 needs 6 to complete Success.

- I have a few requests, attend trainings, bring a friend along, pass along content or training ideas to Amy or staff, and pass along challenges you are seeing and hearing when you are out in the chapters. You can make a difference as we continue to build the future success of this organization.

Extensions Director, Andrea Shue (extensions@mnwt.org)

- Working on another Meet & Greet in Hibbing and an initial in Virginia. Have email contact with individuals I collected at the Hibbing Craft Fair in December. Ann from Gibbons reached out via the website and connected with Shirley Viesselman and attended a Hutchinson chapter gathering. I need to follow up with both and hopefully extend to Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop.
- I have received some donations for the 2 extension lucky buck baskets and am still looking for more. I am accepting items and monetary donations – there will be a drawing for any individual or chapter that donates. The themes are “Outdoor Fun” and “Treasure Chest of Goodies”. If you have questions on what has been collected or need ideas on what to donate, please contact me.

Programming Vice President, Mary Kaminski (ivp@mnwt.org)

- Sandy Greninger needed to resign due to health reasons.
- The winner of 2nd Tri Exec Council Challenge is District 7.
- 3rd Tri Challenge is for DDs to encourage chapters to submit Programming Trimester Report, Project of Trimester and Outstanding Program Manager Nominations.
- 2nd Tri success was I emailed chapters and PVPs information about reporting and SPM information.
- 3rd Trimester goal is to have 36 chapters complete Trimester Programming Report.

Community Connections, Open (cc@mnwt.org)

- ✓ We will be awarding 2 Person with Determination awards this weekend.

Living and Learning, Pat Undersander (ll@mnwt.org)

- ✓ Trimester 3 Webinar will be held Wed. Feb. 28th topic is Laughter Yoga PEP Course.
- ✓ I invite you to attend my Fellowship service on Saturday morning at 8:00 am in Board Room 2. It will be a “prerequisite to an article I have in my Winter State CIP.
- ✓ Tri 2 Positive: I managed to post almost weekly a message on our Facebook Programming page.
- ✓ Tri 3 Looking forward to Avon’s Card Making, Feb 6th at Avon City Hall This is an M-Night and we will make 10 cards for \$20.

Priority Area (Crescent Cove), Sara Rocksted (priority-area@mnwt.org)

- ✓ Positive: Art supplies donations were through the roof and the amount of donations received for the family day, Twin Cities Marathon. No child left without a prize.
- ✓ Upcoming events Spring Fling – Cash gifts utilizing Raise Right Program.
- ✓ The Gala Gift Basket will be Sensory Toys.

Women’s Wellness, Sharon Bergquist (ww@mnwt.org)

- ✓ The Project Fair was a successful kick-off of the Red Dress Campaign. \$119 was collected. The red Dress Campaign will end at this convention. Thank you to all who contributed.
- ✓ An event that I am looking forward to in Trimester 3 is Friday, February 2, 2024, which is Go Red for Heart. I look forward to pictures of women wearing red and wearing their red dress pins.

Youth of Today, Sandy Trossen (yt@mnwt.org)

- ✓ 5 nominations submitted for Outstanding Young Adult Award with 2 honorees chosen. Honorees Cade Bunell from Burnsville and Andreyia Clour from Sauk Rapids will be honored at the Banquet.
- ✓ 6 chapters reported projects for homeless youth meeting the challenge of giving time, meals, food or money. These chapters are Anoka Champlin, Brainerd Lakes, Maple Grove, Coon Rapids and Monticello
- ✓ Enrichment session speakers at Fall State gave me an opportunity to visit facilities, meet staff and secure speakers.
- ✓ Looking forward to the “Chapter Encampment” project 3rd trimester. Chapters camp for 12 or more hours outside in a conspicuous location. No alcoholic drinks no hot meals, minimal food. It’s meant for people to experience the uncomfortable situation of youth homelessness. Donation of money pledges for doing the project will be collected with the money going to youth homeless shelter of the chapter’s choice.
- ✓ *M/S/P (PVP/FVP)* I move that a greeting card fundraiser be held by the Youth of Today SPM with a 5 pack of cards selling for \$8.00.

Marketing Vice President, Allie Staley (mkvp@mnwt.org)

- Welcome Sherri Streff to the new position of Webmaster. She is working with Tanya and Jenny to get trained in. Please make sure to use the online form about tech issues or email csc@mnwt.org.
- March 5th is when Personals and Articles are due to newslet@mnwt.org to be included in the Newsletter. Please remind your chapters to look at their dues billing and make sure their emails are up to date and correct. The elections issue will be sent via email.

Financial Vice President, Jane Holmberg (fvp@mnwt.org)

- A motion was approved at the Finance Meeting on Jan 6th from a recommendation from the Convention Task Force to charge each Exec Council member (minus Exec Director) \$25 per convention and charge MNWT \$25 per convention to the Convention Host effective 24-25 year. It was also decided that Exec Council may take/reimburse from their budget if available.
- Everyone will get a “Get Out of Jail Free” card as I was unable to get the Jail and Bail together.
- Regional Meetings will have a Lucky Buck fundraiser for a State Store Gift Card.

Parliamentarian, Tawn Hanson (parli@mnwt.org)

- **M/S/P (Parli/COB)** I move that we change policy E1,b to read: Districts will be divided into two (2) sections for the purposes of submitting a priority bid to host a state meeting.
- **M/S/P (Parli/CMVP)** I move that policy E1,b,1 should read Section North includes districts 2, 3, 4, 5 and section 2 South includes districts 6, 7, 8, 9.
- **M/S/P (Parli/CMVP)** I move that policy h. should read: Voting for all State Program Managers bids should be by paper ballots by the primary voting body of Executive Council and State Program Managers.
- I had 3 chapters, and 2 districts send me their Bylaws and Policies for review. The winner will be announced at the business meeting.

Chairman of the Board, Jenise Teske (cob@mnwt.org)

- There were 5 participants in my Past Presidents challenge for Tri 2. The winner will be announced at the business meeting.
- ONTO flowers/shirts will be sold at CONNECT tonight. DDs I would like your help in distributing them at the Luncheon.
- Please send in at least one recommendation for your position for March Planning by Feb. 10th.
- **M/S/P (COB/Parli)** I move that we approve Anna Nichols from New Hope for Membership Management Committee Chair for 2024-2025.
- **M/S/P (COB/MKVP)** I move that we approve Cathy Shuman from Monticello as Future Directions Committee Chair for 2024-2025.
- **M/S/P (COB/CMVP)** I move that we approve Sarah Sundine from Monticello as SUCCESS Coordinator for 2024-2025.
- **M/S/P (COB/MKVP)** I move that we approve Suzanne LaLond from Aitkin as NEWSLET Editor for 2024-2025

Future Directions Committee Chair, Jane Hanson (fdc@mnwt.org)

- No Report

Membership Management Committee Chair, JoAnn Miller (mmc@mnwt.org)

- No Report

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

- Dues billing should be here shortly and will go out to the chapters then.
- Insurance policy bills will go out in March.
- Please be sure to post on your Facebook pages regularly to keep your page current. Reminder to clean up your official email box and Google Drive so that you do not run out of storage space.

Presidential Assistant, Cat Shuman (pa@mnwt.org)

- Completed quilt squares are due to me by the End of February.
- Completed scrapbook pages should be turned in to me by the upcoming meetings but no later than the Regional meetings.
- District Directors remind chapters to send their donation of \$10 to \$20 toward a year-end gift for President Amy. Checks made to MNWT and sent to chapter service center. Success points and incentive for third trimester for all chapters/districts that donate.
- Secret Sis gifts handed out at break.
- For awards at the luncheon, please bring them to the Regency Ballroom before noon. Make sure items are clearly labeled with your area, what it is for, recipient's name and chapter/district.

MNWT Foundation, Nicky Anderson (foundation@mnwt.org) Given by COB Jenise Teske

- We will be holding a Jewelry Auction tomorrow to benefit the Cheryl L. Anderson Scholarship program. Please stop by and bid on one of the many items.
- Our next meeting will Saturday, April 13, 2024, at Lisa Hahns house starting at 10:00. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

President, Amy Pumper (president@mnwt.org)

- Staff Medallions given.
- Active Listening Exercise

Ongoing Business:

- **M/S/P (FVP/Parli)** I move to accept Jennifer Fournier to the Finance Committee for 2024-2026 2-year term

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

The Minnesota Women of Today Creed was led by District 8 Representative Kenya Czerwinski.

The 2023 Mid-Year Executive Council Meeting of the Minnesota Women of Today was adjourned at 4:57 p.m. by Amy Pumper.

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