



Secretary, Candi Frick

- Be sure to read your Chapter Mailing and let me know when you find the hidden icons. Your name will be put in a drawing for a magical basket. If you send me your meeting minutes you will be put into a drawing for another magical basket.

Administrative Vice President, Shirley Viesselman

- As we come to the end of the year, we are still looking for District Directors for District 2, 3, 6 & 9. It's such a fun position. You'll get to know more members in your district and help them be successful. If you have questions, please be sure to reach out to me at avp@mnwt.org. I'd love to visit with you about being a District Director.

Membership Vice President, Glorie Balfanz

- Thank you to all of you for your efforts in Recruiting, Orientation, Activation and Retention this year. I hope your chapter is still working on the 5 Traits of a Healthy Chapter. It is something I feel we need to pay attention to at least once a year to make sure we are a place that new members and current members want to be. Please pass on what you learned to all members.
- I hope you will be attending the training after this Regional Meeting. I hope you find information to bring back to your chapter and districts.
- I am so glad I was able to be your MNWT Membership Vice President this year. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Convention.

Chapter Management Vice President, Tevyan Sorensen

- LOTS will be held on May 4 in Rice. In addition to specific position training, there is new leadership training for experienced members that is available instead of position training. Board members are encouraged to attend the afternoon session together for a session on working together as a board to develop goals and an action plan. Registration information is available on the Member homepage on mnwt.org.

Extensions Director, Andrea Shue

- Still have my goal of extending a new chapter by April 30th! Want to remind everyone that if you have a lead or suggestion for area an area of interest to let me know, would love to set the incoming Director up with some options.

Marketing Vice President, Allie Staley

- Duck Fundraiser – Thank you to those that helped raise funds this year for brochures and business cards. We raised over \$150 to help with these costs! Thanks for being Fabulous Ducks!
- Our Marketing Committee is always looking for help when it comes to the subcommittees. If you would like to join a subcommittee, please reach out and we can find the perfect fit.

Programming Vice President, Mary Kaminski

- Please send your programming totals to me at pvp@mnwt.org by May 2nd. I am looking forward to seeing what ALL chapters have done in their communities.
- Please nominate your Project of the Trimester and Outstanding Program Manager nominations by May 2nd. Either complete the online form or send an email to the appropriate State Program Manager and the Programming Vice President telling us about the project or project manager.

Community Connections, open

- Reminder that Community Connections Award Nominations are due by April 15th. There are three categories: Civic or Environmental Project, Community Impact Award, and Joint Ventures Award. Nomination forms are available on the Community Connections page of the MNWT website.

Living and Learning, Pat Undersander

- Nominate a Program Manager of the Trimester for Living & Learning to receive an Incentive at Annual Convention.

- Have your Chapter complete and certify in a PEP Course (Personal Enrichment Program) and submit it to the Living & Learning SPM to be in a drawing for a basket at Annual Convention.
- There will be both a Fellowship and an Impromptu Speaking Contest on Saturday at Annual Convention. The cost for Impromptu is \$5.00, forms will be at the Registration table as you arrive. The subject for the Impromptu Contest is listed in the April Chapter Mailing.

Priority Area (Crescent Cove), Sara Rocksted

- It has been a wonderful year being the Priority Area SPM. I had a rough start, but I have to say once I got my feet on the ground, I took off running. It was great to see chapters come together and raise funds, art supplies and just plain old have fun with helping Crescent Cove. I am so thankful I was able to have this opportunity to be the Priority Area SPM. Coming to an end, we continue to focus on gift cards and house needs by raising money. There is limited space so adding items would only make things more difficult. So far chapters are doing a fantastic job, and I couldn't be more proud.

Women's Wellness, Sharon Bergquist

- Thus far a total of \$252.00 has been collected from the Red Dress pin donations. A couple of chapters have submitted their pictures as a chapter wearing red.
- Two chapters have conducted a spare change fundraiser for the American Heart Association.

Youth of Today, Sandy Trossen

- There has been great chapter participation in the Youth of Today area this year. Chapters did unique projects during Kid's Week, sent in projects for the trimester and nominated outstanding program Managers. We had 5 outstanding young adult nominations and gave 2 scholarships. Many challenges were met, and multiple donations and hours were given to programs to help with youth homelessness personal needs and food insecurities.
- Youth Homelessness continues. During the 3rd trimester chapters are continuing to meet the challenges. Monetary donations to food shelves are being matched March 1 – April 6 as part of the Minnesota FoodShare Campaign. Chapter donations will double, and you will help restock the Food Shelf for families and homeless youths.
- Please consider participating in the homeless youth "encampment" challenge in April. Chapters are asked to camp out in a noticeable area for 12 hours and with minimal food. Pledges should be collected for hours camped. Donations given to local homeless youth programs. Information and pledge sheets available.
- I would like to finish the year with a large contribution to the OYA scholarship fund. Please consider sending a donation to the CSC with YT scholarship fund in memo. I will also be selling hand crafted greeting cards at meetings. 5 cards for \$8. Profit goes to the scholarship fund.
- Please send reports for 3rd trimester Youth of Today Projects of the Trimester. I also welcome Outstanding YT Program Manager Nominations.

Financial Vice President, Jane Holmberg

- Thank you to all the chapters who have already donated to State Ways & Means. It is not too late to send in a year end gift of \$50 or more to get a spot on our Visionopoly board.
- 50/50 fundraiser will be happening at Annual Convention. Bring your dollars and maybe bring some from a member who can't be there in person.
- Next Finance Committee meeting will be Friday, May 24 via zoom starting at 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome.

Parliamentarian, Tawn Hanson

- The proposed Bylaw will be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting 2024.

Article X, section 5 reads:

Section 5. A member must meet all the following qualifications to be eligible to serve as a State Program Manager:

- A. Be a member in good standing in his/her local Minnesota Women of Today chapter for at least two (2) years or more on assuming position.
- B. Have interest and knowledge of project areas on local level.
- C. Have personal backing of his/her chapter, as indicated by a letter of support.
- D. Shall seek and use the help of any agency concerned with his/her particular area.
- E. Have served as a Local Program Manager (LPM) and a District Program Manager (DPM) or a District Director or a District Programming Vice President a minimum of one (1) year each (can be concurrent).

I move that Article X, section 5 should read:

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- B. Have personal backing of his/her chapter, as indicated by a letter of support
- C. Have served as a (LPM), served on a local board and or district board, a minimum of one (1) year. (can be concurrent)

Chairman of the Board, Jenise Teske

- Past Chapter Presidents complete the 3rd Trimester challenge for a chance at a prize at Annual (see my Winter State CIP)
- Amy's ONTO shirts will be on sale for the last time at Annual – at a discounted price.

Executive Director, Tanya Rothstein

- I am still looking for a host for Fall State in September 2024 at Arrowwood Brainerd, and Annual 2025 at Arrowwood Alexandria. I could also use some co-convention help for Winter State January 2025 in Burnsville.

Presidential Assistant, Cat Shuman

- Thank you to all who turned in their scrapbook pages.
- Donations for Amy's year end gift are still being accepted. They are due to the CSC by April 30th.

Membership Management Committee Chair, JoAnn Miller

- The Membership Management Committee has defined the terms TLC and Watch List and has updated policies as needed. For further information, see the MMC minutes from March 16th on the website. At that meeting, we also reviewed items from March Planning that were assigned to us.

Future Directions Committee Chair, Jane Hanson

- No Report

MNWT Foundation Chair, Nicky Anderson

- Extensions Director Andrea will be doing two baskets at Annual convention to raise funds for the Extensions program. The themes of the baskets are 1.) Fun Outdoors, 2.) Pirates/beverages. If you have items to donate that fit the themes, please let Andrea know extensions@mnwt.org.
- The next Foundation meeting will be held on Saturday, April 13th 10:00 a.m. at Lisa Hahns House. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. Email me at foundation@mnwt.org for the address.