

MINUTES
Eastern Michigan Council
October 10, 2009
Hosted by Nokomis Chapter, Midland, Michigan

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Vice Chair Sandy Sidaway. Lisa Beedon was not able to attend today as she's in a friend's wedding. Thank you to Nokomis for hosting today's meeting. Linda Hamilton led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. All attendees introduced themselves followed by the breakfast buffet.

Chapters in attendance: Cass River, Crossroad Connection, Greater Oakland, Maia, Novi Oaks, Nokomis, Nu-Lite, Te-Wan-A-Going, Vivon

2009 National Women's Leadership Conference Reports, Kansas City, MO

1. JoAnne Huebner, Greater Oakland Chapter, 2010 Top Ten!

JoAnne shared with the attendees her experiences as a first time national conference attendee and from the perspective being a 2010 Top Ten. The schedule was jammed packed -- up early and to bed late. The Top Ten interviews were held on Thursday morning. Judges were 2009 American Business Woman of the Year Kathy Gallagher, Jeannie Aldridge, past National President and Top Ten, and Mary Ann Lawrence, past Top Ten. It was a good experience, all ten candidates had lunch together Thursday, rehearsal sessions with Laura Barron for Saturday's luncheon speeches. JoAnne had assigned seating for the entire conference which was great. She's now an Ambassador too. The biggest regret -- so little time with EMC members. The 2010 American Business Woman of the Year is Doris Brown, who was announced at the recognition session Friday night!

2. Diane Nixon, Co-Lead 2009 NWLC Registration Committee

Diane shared her experiences of the conference from the perspective of being a co-lead of the Registration Committee with Dee Kirtley. Donna Lee served on this committee and Kim Hamilton was on the Credentials Committee of this new model national conference team. It was a wonderful experience seeing old friends, meeting new ones. The Purse-onality Auction was a HUGE SUCCESS, made \$17,000 for the ABW Foundation and will be repeated in 2010. The icing on the cake: Diane was selected as 2010 Co-Chair of the Chattanooga, TN conference with Vickie Butler-Rindos, TX!

Diane shared the new 2009-2010 National Board of Directors is:

President	Casey Coven, MD
Vice-President	Pam Carvell, PA
Sec-Treas.	Lynn Drowne, FL
DVP I	Anne Pasquini, GA
DVP II	Tina Gandy, TX
DVP III	Jan Stewart, KS

DVP IV Barbara Pederson, NC
DVP V Tracy Sweet, IN
DVP VI Debbie Shadaran, NV

3. Diane Ehret, 2010 EMC Woman of the Year
 Diane thanks the Council again for the honor of being selected the Council Woman of the Year and for paying for the WoY Luncheon ticket in Kansas City! It was a great luncheon and the Top Ten speeches were awesome.

4. Kim Hamilton shared the EMC's Kansas City Bingo was a BIG HIT! Many other councils across the country have requested a copy. The EMC got very good press for this idea! Thanks to all who participated. Kim was the lucky winner of our \$25 prize.

Program - State of the Council

(see PowerPoint slides distributed with the minutes)

At our August EMC meeting chapter attendees from 10 chapters were asked to complete a survey on the EMC. The details of this survey were tabulated by Lisa and Sandy and reviewed as today's program. Everyone agreed doing this survey was a worthwhile exercise.

Categories of Survey (PowerPoint summary to be attached to minutes)

- Chapter Information
- Communication
- Meetings
- Offices
- Education
- Conference attendance
- Fundraising
- Vision
- Passing the Baton
- EMC reporting back

Patty Allen shared again the desire to have 100% of EMC chapters participate in 2009-2010 in selecting a Woman of the Year and Top Ten. All agreed! Also, at National if the SBMEF grant applicant is received by 3/1/2010, the grant will be \$2,000 not \$1,500.

Business Meeting:

The 8/8/09 minutes were accepted as published and the Treasurer's report was received for audit.

Council Recognition:

Sandy shared the email request from Mia Katz in September to Lisa, Diane and Sandy asking for more details on our June, 2009 EMC meeting. Mia is working on the next issue of Council Newsletter and wanted to include the EMC. Copies of the submission to Mia were shared with all attendees.

DVP Luncheon Update - Sandy Sidaway, Chair of the 2010 DVP Luncheon, shared it's not too early to start planning now. Sandy got lots of feedback on the 2009 event, the Somerset Inn is willing to work with us, no new debriefing meeting date. Sandy is looking for a volunteer who would be the 2010 Chair to work with Sandy this year. Send your name to Sandy asap!

New Business:

Nominating Committee - On behalf of the EMC Nominating Committee (Kim Hamilton, Linda Hamilton and Cathy Alderman) Kim Hamilton shared the slate of officers.

Chair	Lisa Beedon
Vice-Chair	Sandy Sidaway
Communications Officer	Diane Nixon
Financial Officer	Donna Lee

Kim asked for nominations from the floor by office. Receiving none nominations were closed.

Moved and seconded to vote by acclamation the 2010 EMC board as Nominated. Carried (installation of the board will be at the 12/12/09 EMC meeting)

EMC Dues - Donna announced the EMC dues of \$30/chapter are due at our Feb'2010 meeting. They can be mailed to:

Donna Lee
603 W. Huron
Vassar, MI 48768-1124

Chapter sharing:

a. Cass River - Kim Hamilton shared 2010 Winter Warm-Up is 3/5 - 7/2010. This is the 10th Winter Warm-Up! Theme: 'It's Tradition'. There is a payment plan option -- 1st one due 11/5 and balance due 2/1 via PayPal. \$270 includes room, board, seminars.

Speakers:

Casey Covey, National President, Keynote
Tracy Sweet - DVP V
Pam Carvell, National Vice-President

b. Greater Oakland - Mary Mills announced their annual auction is Sunday 11/15/09 at the Crown Plaza \$25 admission.

c. Maia - Diane shared the District V spring conference dates are April 30 - May 1.

at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis, IN

c. Novi Oaks - Marcia Applegate thanked those who attended the 9/9/09 "Shop Till you Drop" event at the Doubletree Inn, Novi. Their annual Autumn Brunch with Auction is 10/17/09 \$25, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., live auctioneer. They raised \$5,400 in 2008.

d. Nokomis - Save the Date cards were distributed by Theresa Burby for 2/19/20 for a "Party Gras -- Girls Night Out" from 6 p.m. - Midnight at the Midland Resort. Room rates if you want to stay overnight - \$49.00!

Also the flowers on the table are for everyone to take home!

e. Nu Lite - They're doing their pecan sale again -- \$7.50 - \$8.00. See Linda Hamilton

f. Vivon - Cathy Alderman announced the 2009 Make, Bake and Buy is 12/5/09 at the Elks Club in Port Huron. Flyers on the tables.

2010 EMC meeting schedule: Sandy distributed the sign-up sheet and we've got all of our dates filled!

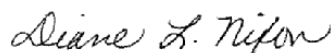
Date	Hosting Chapter
2/13/2010	Novi Oaks, Novi
4/10/2010	Nokomis, Woman of the Year/Top Ten celebration, Midland
6/12/2010	NuLite, Flint
8/14/2010	Crossroad Connection, Flint
10/9/2010	Vivon, Port Huron
12/11/2010	Cass River, Frankenmuth

50/50 raffle - Sylvia Miller won \$62.00! Congratulations.

Next EMC meeting -- December 12 in Ann Arbor, Weber's Inn hosted by Maia Chapter. Flyer in on EMC website www.abwa-emc.org

Linda Hamilton led the membership in the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Nixon
Communications Officer