

MINUTES
Eastern Michigan Council
December 12, 2009
Hosted by Maia Chapter, Ann Arbor, MI

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Lisa Beedon. Thank you to Maia Chapter for hosting today's meeting. Lisa 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, Nu-Lite, Te-Wan-A-Going, Virgo, Vivon

Holiday Celebration -- Kim Hamilton and Donna Lee

Kim distributed envelopes with the poem "'Twas the Night Before Christmas' broken up. Each table team was then charged with putting the poem lines in order. The poem was then read from table to table. This was a really fun activity.

Donna Lee read the book "The Christmas Candle" by Richard Paul Evans.

Business Meeting:

Old Business: The 10/10/09 minutes were accepted as published. The Treasurer's report and 2010 proposed budget were deferred until our 2/13/2010 meeting.

New Business:

Council Dues Reminder -- Donna Lee reminded everyone Council dues run on a calendar year basis and are \$30 per chapter. Mail to Donna at:

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

or bring to the 2/13/2010 EMC meeting.

2010 EMC Officers - Elections completed at 10/10/09 meeting. Installation to be done at 2/13/2010 meeting.

DVP Luncheon Update - Sandy Sidaway, Chair of the 2010 DVP Luncheon, shared we're 7 months out and it's not too early to start planning now. Sandy had a conference call on 12/8/09. Still looking for help from the EMC.

Key pieces for assistance with Committee Chairs are:

- A. Forum - Saturday a.m. -- suggestion to get involvement from other states.
- B. Publicity & Invitations-- Kim Hamilton Chair
- C. Sponsorships -- ?? -- 4th year for event, sponsors only 1st year
- D. Change in set-up for vendors -- may be in same room as Forum
- E. Program - Gwen Guy, Chair, Metro Detroit Area Council

Sonya Whiteside is Co-Chair of DVP luncheon for 2010. We're honoring Tracy Sweet!

Discussion -- Cass River picks up the additional fee over \$20/member for DVP luncheon. We need to make the ask to our groups -- what can our chapter do to help increase attendance and involvement? We need to show support for our DVP as they work very hard for all of us year round.

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'. \$270 includes room, board, seminars.

Speakers:

Casey Covey, National President, Keynote

Tracy Sweet - DVP V

Pam Carvell, National Vice-President

b. Greater Oakland - JoAnn Huebner shared their Holiday Auction raised a little under \$3,000 and October poker event shy of \$3,000. They are giving a \$2,000 and \$1,000 Chapter Special Scholarships this year. The balance to fund members attending conferences.

JoAnn gave a brief update on Top Ten: they have monthly conference calls and are spreading the word about the Top Ten program. Annapolis, MD chapter did a similar event to our DVP luncheon to honor the 2010 ABWA Woman of the Year Doris Brown. All chapters in the Maryland area participated. JoAnn has also volunteered to speak to any chapters on what it means to be chosen a Top Ten. Donna Lee shared Jo Ann had spoken in October to Cass River and it was a great meeting.

c. Novi Oaks - Betty Johnson announced the new WWII documentary done by Keith Famey, "Detroit's Greatest Generation". Being shown 12/16/09 on Channel 4 and again 12/25/09.

Marcia Applegate shared she had extra lottery raffle tickets if needed.

d. Nu Lite - They're doing their pecan sale again -- \$7.50/bag. See Linda Hamilton - she has 7 cases to sell

e. Virgo - Marian Smith shared they just completed their Cozzie Nut sale and raised \$1,800. They also did their Rada sales this fall and have \$2,400 for their \$2,000 Chapter Special Scholarship this year.

f. Vivon - Cathy Alderman thanked all who attended the 2009 Make, Bake and Buy is 12/5/09 at the Elks Club in Port Huron. Things went well and the weather cooperated.

g. Te-Wan-A-Going -- per Debbie Freeman we're still here

2010 EMC meeting schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hosting Chapter</u>
2/13/2010	Novi Oaks, Novi (contacts Marcia Applegate/Chris Struwe)
4/10/2010	Nokomis, Woman of the Year/Top Ten celebration, Midland (contact: Dawn Ballard)
6/12/2010	NuLite, Flint (contact: Linda Hamilton)
8/14/2010	Crossroad Connection, Flint (contact: Nancy Provost)
10/9/2010	Vivon, Port Huron (contact: Pam Allen)

12/11/2010

Cass River, Frankenmuth (contact: Donna Lee0

50/50 raffle - Chris Struwe won \$41.00! Congratulations.

We ended the meeting with our annual Ornament Exchange.

Next EMC meeting -- February 13 in Novi, Doubletree Inn hosted by Novi Oaks Chapter. Flyer in on EMC website www.abwa-emc.org

Lisa led the membership in the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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