



**Nebraska Women of Today**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING-ANNUAL CONVENTION**

April 20, 2024  
10729 J Street  
Omaha, NE 68127

**1. Call to Order**

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Shellie Haun at 11:45 AM

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

- a. The chapter presidents led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Chaplain's Thought**

- a. Kelley Rosburg, State chaplain, shared a chaplain's thought "The Measure of Life".

**4. Roll Call**

- a. Nicolette Amundson, State Secretary, took Roll Call.

- b. Attendance by chapter:

1. Beatrice-0 members present;
2. Fremont Area-1 member present;
3. Heartland-8 members present;
4. Kearney-2 members present;
5. Lincoln-3 members present;
6. Nebraska City-2 members present.

- c. It was confirmed that we had a quorum.

- d. Those in attendance were:

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| 1. Shellie Haun        | Lincoln               |
| 2. Kelley Rosburg      | Lincoln               |
| 3. Kim Hermann         | Lincoln               |
| 4. Kim Troudt          | Kearney               |
| 5. Rachel Leach        | Kearney (first timer) |
| 6. Cindy Urlacher      | Heartland             |
| 7. Julie Fogelman      | Heartland             |
| 8. Madeline McCrae     | Heartland             |
| 9. Hillari Zweibohmer  | Heartland             |
| 10. Janet Behrends     | Heartland             |
| 11. Angela Moody       | Heartland             |
| 12. Linda Lenser       | Heartland             |
| 13. Joyce Harpster     | Nebraska City         |
| 14. Laura Wachter      | Nebraska City         |
| 15. Maxine Turner      | Fremont               |
| 16. Nicolette Amundson | Heartland             |

**5. Introduction of Guests**

- a. President Shellie Haun introduced guests visiting from National

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| 1. Tracey Pierson | USWT President-Spencer, IA           |
| 2. Lisa Hahn      | MN-Sauk Rapids                       |
| 3. Mary Hansen    | USWT Parliamentarian-Saint Cloud, MN |



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| 4. Jane Hanson     | Madelia, MN                   |
| 5. Shellie Matthes | USWT Public Relations-WBL, MN |
| 6. Cindy Umland    | USWT COB-Saint Cloud, MN      |

6. Additions or corrections to the agenda.
  - a. Under **Unfinished Business** change 2025 Annual Convention to 2024 Annual Convention
  - b. Under **New Business** add:
    1. 2025 Annual Convention
    2. By Laws
7. Joyce Harpster, acting as Parliamentarian, explained the Rules of the Day.
8. **Annual Convention State Officer Report: Secretary:** Nicolette Amundson
  - a. The General Membership meeting minutes of the November 4, 2023 Fall Conference were posted on the Nebraska Women of Today website.
    1. No corrections were identified by those present.
    2. Minutes were approved as posted.
  - b. Promoted participation in Volunteer Week, Make a Difference Day, State Annual Convention and National Annual Convention
  - c. Submitted Gavel Articles, Web Articles on time
  - d. Attended Fall Conference and will attend National Convention
  - e. Participated in Executive Director Committee and Strategic Planning Committee
  - f. Received Newsletter and Meeting Minutes from 4 chapters for second trimester and 3 chapters for third trimester
  - g. Received Fast Starts from two Chapter secretaries
9. **Annual Convention State Officer Report: Treasurer**
  - a. Presented by Maxine Turner for Treasurer Terri Sherman
  - b. The checking account balance is \$490.86
  - c. Fast Starts were received from 2 treasurers
  - d. A new document on Financial Abuse was added to the website under the Treasurer. There is also a tab that is "Domestic Violence" on the website.
  - e. Domestic Violence transmittals were received from 4 chapters. Certificates for participation will be handed out later.
  - f. Aid to Foster Children
    1. We received donations from 5 chapters this year.
    2. This will be matched from our (Nebraska Women of Today) savings and then divided equally between Camp Catch Up and The Foster Care Closet
    3. Total amount year to date is \$263.48 + \$75 from savings to total \$338.48
  - g. Other donations this year were \$150.00 each to Food Bank of the Heartland and Food Bank of Lincoln for a total of \$300.
  - h. Ways & Means-Dream Pads are new to store this year.
10. **Annual Convention State Officer Report: Parliamentarian-**
  - a. Presented by Joyce Harpster for Parliamentarian Jennifer Strohmeier.



- b. We will be voting on a By-Law change Under New Business.

**11. Gavel-**

- a. Presented by Maxine Turner for editor Terri Sherman.
- b. Maxine said that the State Officer articles and Chapter President submit articles to Terri by May 5.
- c. Gavel has 6 bi monthly issues a year.

**12. Annual Convention State Officer Report: Chairman of the Board- Maxine Turner**

- a. Budget and Finance
  - 1. We held a zoom meeting for Budget and Finance in April
  - 2. Committee members President Shellie Haun, Membership VP Kim Hermann, Treasurer Terri Sherman and Chairman of the Board/Executive Director Maxine Turner were in attendance.
- b. First Timers
  - 1. We have one (1) First Timer attending this meeting
  - 2. Maxine welcomed Rachel Leach from Kearney Chapter.
  - 3. Maxine asked everyone to make her feel welcome.
  - 4. She will be asking you to sign her book.
- c. Maxine did not receive any Outstanding State Personnel competition books. She said that we have many officers that would qualify and encouraged members to participate.
- d. Elections
  - 1. Elections Committee was formed with Angela Moody-Heartland, Kim Troudt-Kearney and Joyce Harpster-Nebraska City. Maxine thanked them for serving and helping with elections.
  - 2. Caucus was held last night (Friday, April 19). Members will be voting for our new State Board Officers for 2024-2025 at the end of this meeting.
- e. Future Directions was held last night (Friday, April 19). and made several recommendations, which will be discussed later.
  - 1. An Executive Director Committee submitted recommendations to the Future Directions Committee
  - 2. A Strategic Planning Committee is working on developing a Mission Statement and identifying core values for Nebraska Women of Today. Maxine asked members present to write one word on sticky notes to convey Women of Today and post on black board. Next meeting will be May 22, 2024 at 7:00 PM. Meeting will be held via Zoom. Invitation will be sent by Cindy Urlacher.

**13. Annual Convention State Officer Report: Membership Vice President- Kim Hermann**

- a. Extensions
  - 1. None for the year. Kim asked members if they have any ideas of new locations to let her know.
- b. S.T.E.P.
  - 1. 1 (one) certification in S.T.E.P. IV
- c. Membership Statistics





1. 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester started with 54 members. We gained one member and lost one member so ended at 54 members.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester started at 54 members. We gained two members to end at 56 members.
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester started at 56 members. We gained three members and lost two members so ended the year at 57 members.

d. As Membership VP Kim

1. Submitted Gavel articles and web articles as required.
2. Traveled to Kearney for PEP day and Heartland for Chapter meeting. Attended Lincoln chapter meetings.
3. Had Fast Starts for each trimester.
4. Attended Zoom meetings by National Membership VP.

#### 14. Chapter Reports

a. **Kearney-President Kim Troudt**

1. Recognized Casa Volunteers for Volunteer week
2. Chapter was \$250 sponsor for Purse Auction-Purse for a Purpose
3. Raised \$2500 for Relay for Life
4. Donated School supplies for "Stuff the Bus"
5. Held Husker Tailgate for Friendship Day
6. Held PEP Day "Pep in your Step". 16 people attended
7. Attended 3 Habitat for Humanity dedications. Donated Gift Baskets with Garden supplies
8. Participated in "Festival of Lights" Decorated a section to promote "Women of Today"
9. Scrapbooking Fundraiser event raised \$7000
10. Alternate months between meeting and events
11. Chapter is growing-now has 16 members.

b. **Lincoln-Shellie Haun for President Terri Sherman**

1. Presented "Buckets of Sunshine" filled with donated cleaning supplies at the new Habitat for Humanity new home dedication ceremonies
2. Donated Halloween bags for kids and bags for Mother's day to People's City mission.
3. Donated items to soldiers for Christmas, items to United Way for kids for school, items to Child Advocacy Center and items for Lincoln Hygiene Network.
4. Volunteered time at Monster Dash, rang Bells for Salvation Army, adopted a family at Christmas, and wrapped gifts for BeBrave. Made Valentines and Easter tray favors for nursing homes.
5. Sponsored a girl from Lincoln to attend Girl's State
6. Social activities-picnics, melodrama, music bingo and Christmas party
7. Speaker - "You've Got a Name"- help end Sex Trafficking
8. Fundraiser- sells concession at UNL Football games
9. Proud of Shellie Haun-State President. Look forward to Kim Hermann as Lincoln President

c. **Nebraska City-President Laura Wachter**

1. Delivered cookies for Volunteer Week to Fire Department



2. Support local organization – MUNCH that battles childhood hunger. Purchased and donated a wagon to haul the donated food.
3. For Make a Difference day donated Halloween Candy to Ambassador Nursing Home for residents to hand out.
4. Made cookies for Ambassador residents
5. Participated in Shop with a Cop
6. Hosting Fall Conference in November 2024

**d. Fremont-President Maxine Turner**

1. For Volunteer week hosted lunch for Art Docents
2. Served lunch at Fremont Habitat for Humanity
3. Rang bells for Salvation Army
4. Made 90 cards for Nursing home for Holidays
5. Craft Show in December
6. Shop with a Cop

**e. Heartland-President Julie Fogleman**

1. Donated Mother's Day baskets (bags of toiletries) to Lydia House (local homeless shelter for women and children)
2. Collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House
3. Monetary donations for Food Bank Heartland each trimester
4. Friendsgiving social- chapter had a potluck and played games
5. Rang bells for Salvation Army
6. Prepared meal for Ronald McDonald House
7. Bingo socials for Friendship Day and March Madness
8. Open Door Mission-members volunteered at Toy Shopping event
9. Hosted Annual State Convention 2024

**15. Annual Convention State Officer Report: Programming Vice President- Laura Wachter**

- a. There is confusion among members on to which officer should receive which forms and certifications. Laura thanked past and present officers for forwarding submissions to correct officer.
- b. Roadrunner: Did not receive any Roadrunner mile submissions this year.
- c. Outstanding Woman: Did not receive any Outstanding Woman submissions this year.
- d. Community Connections
  1. Most of our Chapters submitted Community Connections Reports for the last two trimesters.
  2. Five (5) chapters reported for a total of \$6,827.02 in funds and 270.5 hours contributed.
  3. Year-end totals are \$14,149.11 and 389.5 Hours.
- e. Project Folders
  1. Received Project Folders for 8 projects this year
  2. Laura will recognize project submissions as well as judges for time later
  3. Laura suggested that we get a list of potential judges for the PVP so there are volunteers to choose from. Also that we move up due dates for competitions so that it isn't such a rush the last couple of weeks with mail delays.





f. Youth Program

1. Very busy this year with members from Lincoln, Fremont area and Omaha participating.
2. Youth members turned in quite a few certifications and will be recognized later.
3. Youth made \$113.00 in donations and contributed 11 hours in the last 2 trimesters.

**16. Sex Trafficking Awareness Report-Maxine Turner**

- a. Fremont Area thanked members for supporting program
- b. Heartland Chapter participated in Emphasis month for Sex Trafficking Awareness in January with a photo of Chapter members wearing blue that was posted on their Facebook page.
- c. Fremont Area member attended forum with speaker from Set Me Free that spoke on Sex Trafficking Awareness
- d. Fremont Area and Terri Sherman of Lincoln donated to Set Me Free organization to help with publication of training materials for hotels. Maxine has requested Set Me Free to supply materials to drop off at hotels
- e. Maxine related story about a mother who reported fraudulent use of her daughter's credit card that resulted in the rescue of a 14 year old.

**17. Annual Convention State Officer Report: Personal Development/Chaplain- Kelley Rosburg**

- a. Gavel and Website articles were submitted on alternate months, reminding Chapters of State and National Emphasis Months, Effective Writing/Effective Speaking topics and offered Fast Starts for all three trimesters
- b. Did not receive any "God in my Life" essay entries this year. Did have one Effective Writing Competitor at Fall State meeting.
- c. Overall participation in the Chaplain and Personal Development areas was low this year, but thanked the five Chapters that did submit their certification paperwork. They are Lincoln, Heartland, Kearney, Nebraska City and Fremont Area.
- d. Individual Certifications received this year include:
  1. Chaplain – Heartland (2), Lincoln (3), Fremont Area (2)
  2. Effective Speaking – Heartland (1), Lincoln (3)
  3. Effective Listening (Fall presentation by Hillari)-Heartland (4), Lincoln (4), Nebraska City (2)
- e. Chapter Certifications received this year include:
  1. Personal Development:
    - (a) Team Building – 3
    - (b) Leadership Training -1
    - (c) Effective Listening – 2
  2. Women in General - 3
- f. Chaplain Fast Starts received this year include:
  1. 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester - 1
- g. Kelley enjoyed being your State Chaplain this year, and thank you again, to those individuals and chapters who participated.



**18. Annual Convention State Officer Report: Executive Director/ Webmaster- Maxine Turner**

- a. President Maxine is still waiting for Past President's histories & songs along with photos. Please contact her if you are wondering if Maxine has your information.
- b. Maxine requested chapter pictures as she will be using them for the website and president history folder that she is setting up.
- c. WEB articles are due from State Officers by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. 100% participation requested for first trimester requested. We need to update website each month as we do have people searching our website. Maxine thanked Kelley and Nicolette for submitting items on time.
- d. Sales tax was filed in January for the 2023 year.
- e. Bond has been paid for period of June 2024 to May 2027.
- f. Maxine has transferred funds from Convention account to checking in the matching amounts of \$75 each to Food Bank of Lincoln and Food Bank of the Heartland.
- g. Maxine has transferred funds from our checking account for accrued expenses for checks and corporation fee for this year,
- h. Maxine will be transferring funds from Convention account to checking in the matching amounts of \$75 for Aid to Foster Children (Nebraska Children and Families Camp Catch-up and Foster Closet) and \$75 to Heartland Hope Mission.
- i. Maxine closed CD earning 2.5% at BMO at cost of \$5.55. She redeposited \$1112.38 into another CD maturing January 9, 2029 with an interest rate of 4.5%.

**19. Hall of Fame- Angela Moody, President**

- a. Met evening of Friday, April 19 and approved update of bylaws
- b. Election of officers-Angela Moody, President and Maxine Secretary and Treasurer.
- c. Funds raised at today's Lucky # auction at lunch will help fund Shellie's trip to Des Moines for National Year End. Lucky # auction at Dinner will go to raise funds for Hall of Fame.

**20. Annual Convention State Officer Report: President- Shellie Haun**

- a. Shellie held the Board Retreat at her home
- b. Submitted Web Articles
- c. Had Fast Starts for Board members and Chapter presidents
- d. Attended National Presidents meeting via Zoom
- e. Attended National Membership meetings via Zoom
- f. Attended two Chapter meetings and Heartland's Bingo Night
- g. Submitted 6 gavel articles
- h. Submitted articles for Today's Leader

**21. Unfinished Business**

- a. 2024 Annual Convention-Angela Moody
  1. Angela thanked everyone who came
  2. We had 23 attend this year





3. Heartland hosted the convention and Angela was surprised at how the Chapter stepped up, as there was 100% participation from their membership in putting on convention.

## 22. New Business

### a. Proposed Budget

1. Proposed Budget for 2024-2025 was distributed to attendees. Maxine reviewed the budget with the assembly. Dues had been adjusted for the addition of new members and for the expected attrition of members.
2. Maxine Turner moved to accept the proposed budget for 2024-2025
3. Fremont Area seconded
4. Motion passed

### b. 2025 Annual Convention-Convention Chair-Cindy Urlacher

1. Theme is "The Stars Are Shining"
2. Working with Comfort Inn (current location of 2024 Convention) to house 2025 convention.
3. Angela Moody moved that we accept the 2024 Bid for Annual Convention 2025 at the Comfort Inn , Omaha.
4. Fremont Area seconded.
5. Motion passed.
6. Cindy is Convention Chair. State will be hosting in 2025 and not any local Chapter.
7. Bids to host Annual Convention are due 45 days before the current convention date.
8. Next Annual Convention will be April 25-26, 2025. It is later because of Easter holiday.

### c. By Laws

#### 1. Chapter Priority Programs

- a. Joyce Harpster moved to delete BY LAW NO. 8 CHAPTER PRIORITY PROGRAMS and replace with the following:

#### BY LAW NO. 8 CHAPTER PRIORITY PROGRAMS

At the Fall Conference, no more than one Chapter Priority Program will be adopted for a 3 year period. Chapters will submit bids in writing to all local presidents and the Executive Committee 30 days prior to the meeting. The statewide administration of the program and financing of this will be done by the local chapter that proposed the program The sponsoring chapter will select a Program manager for the program. The Program Manager will be approved by the State Board.

- b. Laura Wachter – Nebraska City seconded.
- c. Motion passed.

#### 2. Chapter Packets

- a. Future Directions moves to add #10 to Standing Rule 10D





10) Accumulates information for Chapter Packets and emails to Chapter Presidents each trimester.

- b. Kearney seconded
- c. Motion passed

**3. Payments**

- a. Future Directions moves to accept credit card payments for State hosted convention registrations and not accept Venmo payments.
- b. Kearney seconded
- c. Motion passed

**4. Officer Manuals**

- a. Future Directions recommends Standing Rules-G Executive Director. Add #11

11) Shall be responsible for officer manuals. Replacement costs for manuals not returned at year-end shall be \$40.00. If any pages are missing the cost shall be \$5.00 per page.

- b. Fremont Area seconded
- c. Motion passed

**23. State officer election**

- a. Nominated officers stood and spoke to assembly
  - 1. President nominee- Maxine Turner –Theme: Cherish Your Dreams
  - 2. Membership Vice President Nominee-Kim Hermann-Theme: Join us in Making a Difference
  - 3. Programming Vice President Nominee-Cindy Urlacher-Theme: Making a Difference in Programming
    - 1. Review Certifications
    - 2. Revive Roadrunner participation
    - 3. Promote Outstanding Women Participation-in Chapter Packet
  - 4. Treasurer Nominee-Terri Sherman-Theme: As Good as Gold
- b. Angela Moody moved to elect the slate of officers:
  - Maxine Turner – President
  - Kim Hermann – Membership VP
  - Cindy Urlacher – Programming VP
  - Nicolette Amundson-Secretary
  - Terri Sherman- Treasurer
- c. Heartland seconded
- d. Motion passed

**24. Good and Welfare**

**25. Adjourn**

- a. The meeting was meeting was adjourned by President Shellie Haun with the Nebraska Women of Today creed at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Nicolette Amundson, State Secretary 2024-2025