

UMMRA Fall Luncheon and Quarterly Meeting
Cozy Café, Cyrus
October 16, 2008

Eighteen UMMRA members met at the Cozy Café, Cyrus, for the fall quarterly luncheon/meeting. The speaker, Dorothy Rosemier, from the Clean Energy Research Team organization was our guest speaker for the luncheon.

After lunch Dorothy presented a power point program on the West Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership. She highlighted the mission and goals of the CERTs organization for making both the region and state energy self-sufficient through linking people and organizations that have technical resources needed to identify and implement energy efficiency projects.

Mary Ann Scharf called the meeting to order. The secretary/treasurer's report was given. Current membership list was given out. We have 107 paid members. The bank balance is \$2907.45.

There was some discussion as to use of our funds, which included: paying for the printing and postage of our newsletter, support to the Learning Unlimited Program, provide grants for educational/artistic endeavors of UMMRA members. It was noted that the twin cities UMRA does have a grant program in place for its members. Janet Ahern and Laird Barber are going to investigate that as something that we might undertake.

The Learning Unlimited Program has recently received a grant for the current year's operations; however, they cannot spend grant money for the publication of their newsletter. Their board has asked to meet with UMMRA's board to see if some financial help can be given. Dr. Sam Schuman use to fund this out of his university budget.

Andy Lopez reviewed the UMMRA's website which is currently in operation. There was some discussion as to whether to include the minutes of the board and quarterly meetings on our web. There was agreement that the membership list would be nice as a way for members to keep in touch and the minutes would also be informative but the information should be made available only to paid members. Andy indicated that such information can be blocked from the general public.

Bernice Erdahl reported that all reading spots at the West Wind Village for October have been filled.

Mary Ann announced that the December 6 evening Christmas Party at the Common Cup would be order from the menu; however, UMMRA would pay for the dessert. Everyone should bring a white elephant gift to exchange.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Joan Reicosky