

UMMRA Fall Luncheon and Quarterly Meeting
University of Minnesota, Morris
October 15, 2009

Seventeen UMMRA members met in the Gazebo Room at the Prairie Inn for the Fall Luncheon and Quarterly Meeting. Individuals ordered from the menu.

After lunch the President, Dian Lopez, called the meeting to order. The April 23rd minutes were distributed. They were approved as written. A treasurer's report was given showing a balance of \$2342.99 and membership at 109 individuals. Treasurer's report was approved.

As an item of new business, it was explained that some members may get duplicate notices of events and information because of having a university email address as well as another non-university address indicated on their membership form. Mark VanOverbek has updated the UMMRA email addresses and has included any non-university address. If a person does not want both addresses to be listed, they should tell Mark or Joan Reicosky which they prefer to use.

The Regional Fitness Center is having a fund-raising campaign to update their facilities and replace equipment. It was suggested that UMMRA contribute to the campaign. Mary Ann Scharf made a motion to contribute \$200 to the RFC and Barbara McGinnis seconded. Motion was passed.

The Mini-grant recipients were announced and awarded \$300 each:

- Ferolyn Angell-"Germany 1933-39, Journals of a Young Woman"
- Karla Klinger-"What makes women's lives meaningful in their 70's: Gathering Interview Data"
- Dolores Lammers-"A Start at Learning the Art of Chinese Brush Painting"

A thank you was extended to the Mini-grant committee members: Bernice Erdahl, Barbara McGinnis, and Tom Mahoney.

The group was reminded of upcoming UMMRA events with the first Thursday luncheon, November 5, at Lillehaugen Inn in Benson and December 3 our Holiday Party held at the Prairie Inn in Morris. People are to bring a wrapped white elephant gift to exchange.

At the close of the meeting, Dian introduced Dr. Margaret Kuchenreuther, Environmental Studies Coordinator for a new major on campus. She explained the differences between these two majors, Environmental Science and the Environmental Studies. The Environmental Science major is in the Science Division and has more required science credits that need to be taken as opposed to the Environmental Studies major, which is a more interdisciplinary major that include more social sciences and humanities courses. These majors have evolved as a result of students' interest in creating their own majors in past years and the UMM goal of being carbon neutral by 2012. The student enrollment for these two majors has increased significantly in these programs this past year.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Joan Reicosky, Sec./Treas.