

UMMRA Fall Luncheon and Quarterly Meeting
University of Minnesota, Morris
October 21, 2010

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

After lunch President, Dian Lopez, called the meeting to order. Minutes of the spring meeting were distributed. Andy Lopez moved to accept the minutes and Laird Barber seconded. Minutes approved. The treasurer's report was given. UMMRA gave \$300 to the 2010 Celebration Scholarship Fund which leaves a checkbook balance of \$2,523.46. We currently have 121 members. Delores Lammers moved to accept the treasurer's report and Eric Klinger seconded. Treasurer's report accepted.

Copies of the proposed changes in the UMMRA By-Laws were distributed for discussion. There was one friendly wording change suggested and accepted in Article II--Purpose which states: "...welfare of persons who retire from these units and to foster their continued association with the University of Minnesota." Voting on the proposed changes will be at the winter quarterly meeting in February.

Announcements:

Tom McRoberts has passed away and his funeral is scheduled for Sat., Oct. 23. Tom was a board member; therefore, we will need to fill his position. Please forward any suggestions for Tom's replacement.

A thank you was given to all who participated in the 2010 Celebration. We have a copy of the documentary "Promise of the Prairie, Education in Three Acts," which was produced to depict UMM's history since 1887. A copy of the CD will be placed in the library for UMMRA members to access. Members will need their UMMRA membership card and their library card to check the CD out.

First Thursday luncheon held November 4th will be at Water's Edge in Starbuck at 11:45.

Our Holiday party will be 5:30 pm, December 2nd, in the Gazebo Room of the Prairie Inn.

Andy Lopez moved that the meeting be adjourned, Eric Klinger seconded. Meeting adjourned.

At the close of the meeting, Dian introduced our guest speaker, Mike Heikes. Mike is a survivor of a severe brain injury due to a car accident. He has written a book, "FINDING PURPOSE in Being a Brain Injury Survivor." He shared how he found purpose in being a brain injury survivor by forming an organization, Helmets For Kids. This organization gives away thousands of free bicycle helmets each year to help prevent brain injuries. Proceeds from his book go to finance the helmets he gives away.

Karla Klinger reported on the progress of her mini-grant project. She has completed the development of a survey on Aging. She is currently doing interviews with people who are vital in their retirement years and transcribing her interviews. Karla hopes that when the interview process is completed that there will be an analysis of data that can be used for future research.

Delores Lammers reported on the progress of her mini-grant project, Chinese Brush Painting. She used her funds to purchase supplies for painting. She started to work with an individual on learning brush strokes but has recently changed. Now Pat Kahng is working with Delores.

Ferolyn Angel sent a report that Dian read to the group. Her mini-grant money was used to obtain a translator to translate a historical family journal that was written in German/Swiss language.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Reicosky, Sec./Treas.