

UMMRA FALL LUNCHEON AND QUARTERLY MEETING
University of Minnesota, Morris
October 20, 2011

Twenty people attended UMMRA's luncheon and meeting held in the Gazebo Room at the Prairie Inn for the Fall Quarterly meeting. Individuals ordered from the menu.

After the meal, Lynn Schulz presented our speaker, Joel Tallekson. He highlighted the four energy systems that West Central Research & Outreach Center is involved in; namely, Biomass Energy Systems, Conservation Systems, Solar Systems, and Wind Systems. He indicated that much of the research being done is to help conserve energy and our environment and that we are ahead in most areas in developing a sustainable environment.

After the presentation Lynn called the meeting to order. Minutes of the spring meeting were distributed. Andy Lopez moved that they be accepted and Arden Granger seconded. Treasurer's report was given with a bank balance of \$3,032.43 and current membership at 118. Bernice Erdahl moved that the treasurer's report be accepted and Eric Klinger seconded. Motions were approved.

Dian Lopez presented two alternative locations for the first Thursday luncheon in November since the Alexandria Mainstreet Brewery was closed. The suggested places were Great Cravings and Bistro to Go both in Alexandria. Since there was not a strong feeling between the two locations, Lynn asked Dian to book the Great Cravings. Information will be sent to the membership.

Lynn Schulz updated the membership on the parking permits issued to UMMRA members. He noted that if members are still employed at UMM but are retiring during the academic year, they would receive a prorated refund of their regular permit price at point of retirement. He also informed the membership that everyone would be receiving a window sticker permit this next year.

Karla informed the group of the grant possibilities from the Twin Cities retirement group. They are offering ten grants with funding up to \$4,000. These grants are directed more to research that individuals have been conducting; however, one of our members did receive one to further her project that was started with a mini-grant from our organization. Karla reminded everyone that we have not had any requests for grant money (up to \$350) since the first year of available funds. Applications are online and that submission can be made anytime as long as it is two months before money is needed.

Stevens Forward has requested some help in supplying names of older individuals who might be interested in helping students pursue projects to make Stevens County a more attractive place to live. It was suggested that instead of giving names of members, that the Stevens Forward group develop a survey using Survey Monkey which could be sent to the membership. Individuals could then respond according to their interest.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Reicosky, Sec./Treas.