

UMMRA Spring Luncheon and Quarterly Meeting  
University of Minnesota, Morris  
April 23, 2009

Nineteen UMMRA members met in the Cougar Room at the Prairie Inn for the Spring Luncheon and quarterly meeting. Individuals ordered from the menu.

President Mary Ann Scharf opened the gathering by welcoming everyone and introducing the new retiree in attendance, Lynn Schultz. There was then a sharing of various events and activities of UMMRA members.

After lunch, Mary Ann Scharf introduced Chancellor Jackie Johnson as our speaker. Chancellor Johnson spoke of the challenges of the university. One challenge focused on the university budget. UMM was requested to reduce spending by \$1.6-\$2.6 million. Such reductions will impact the filling of vacant faculty/staff positions, course offerings, business practices, and possibly require some organizational changes. Chancellor Johnson emphasized that though there will be some changes made, the integrity of UMM must be maintained. She indicated that student enrollment appears to be flat again for next year; however, UMM has been engaged in some market research to see what the campus can do to make it more distinctive from other campuses. A couple of undertakings is the updating of UMM's website and the adoption of a new logo.

Jackie Johnson did indicate that UMM has had several notable events this past year. The campus had two Truman Scholars and one of the recipients was the only Minnesota college student to receive this award this year. The UROP symposium was again a successful event where students and faculty shared their undergraduate research projects that were conducted throughout the year. Also Jazz Fest was another outstanding three day event. There were special activities held to honor retiring Jim Carlson, who has been so instrumental in building the jazz program at UMM.

Chancellor Johnson did reaffirm that the second wind turbine is still going to be installed. The biomass plant is still not completely operational, but much work is being done to remedy the problems. The Community Service Building is being renovated and hopefully will be completed in December, 2009. UMM campus will be celebrating its 50 years as a four-year university in 2010. Dian and Andy Lopez are chairing a committee on gathering information and materials for the celebration.

Mary Ann Scharf called the business meeting to order. Minutes from the winter quarterly meeting were read and the treasurer's report was given. Motion to accept the reports were made by Arden Granger and seconded by Eric Klinger.

The following slate of officers and board members were announced for the coming year: Dian Lopez, President; Joan Reicosky, Secretary/Treasurer; Lea Anderson and Dolores Lammers, Members-at-Large; Karla Klinger, UMMRA INFO editor; Bernice Erdahl and Cathy Kemble, Volunteer Coordinators; Laird Barber, UMMRA TC Representative; and Phyllis Gausman, Learning Unlimited Representative. Mary Ann Scharf remains on the board as Past President. There was a call for a unanimous ballot. Slate was approved.

The final UMMRA events for this year are the Reception at the LaFave House on April 30 for the faculty and staff which will precede the Annual Faculty and Staff recognition dinner. The casual luncheon will be a potluck lunch held at Eastside Park on June 4. There will be a speaker talking about seeing eye dogs.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Joan Reicosky, Sec./Treas.