

UMMRA Spring Luncheon and Quarterly Meeting
University of Minnesota, Morris
April 15, 2010

Twenty UMMRA members, and a guest, met in the Gazebo Room at the Prairie Inn for the Spring Luncheon and Quarterly Meeting. Individuals ordered from the menu.

After lunch Dian Lopez introduced Chancellor Jacqui Johnson as our speaker. Chancellor Johnson highlighted some of the changes and events that are occurring on campus. These included: the campus accreditation process with the Higher Learning Commission using the theme, "Practicing the Liberal Arts"; the opening of the new Welcome Center; LEED certification (the renovation of buildings with the use of recycled materials); enrollment outlook for the upcoming academic year; the reopening of Blakely Hall as a residential hall. She also outlined the events for the celebration of Jim Gremmels life on April 29th. There will also be a celebration of Ray Lammers' life with the renaming of the Proscenium Theatre in the fall. The Agricultural School retirees are having historical plaques made for various buildings on campus. Some virtual tours are being developed with support from UMM Alumni Association and a campus documentary is being developed by Roger Boleman, Mike Cihak, and Chris Butler to help promote UMM and preserve its history.

Dian Lopez, President, called the meeting to order. Minutes of the last quarterly meeting were distributed and approved with one editing change that should read: "Newly retired UMM faculty/staff members be granted a one year's free membership to UMMRA."

Treasurer's Report was given as \$2,031.93 in the checkbook with some miscellaneous expenses for secretarial supplies of \$44.93 and \$43 for the spring meeting.

The new slate of officers presented for board positions was Lynn Schulz as Vice President and Tom McRoberts as Member-at-Large. Since there were no additional nominations from the floor, these people were elected with a voice vote.

Dian announced that next year there would be some need to have our By-laws updated to be more inclusive of membership. These suggested changes will be printed in the newsletter and sent to the membership for review before voting on them.

Upcoming dates of special events were listed:

- April 29th – Jim Gremmels' life celebration, reception sponsored by UMMRA, and the faculty/staff recognition dinner
- May 3rd – Bert Ahern's retirement party
- May 6th – Luncheon at the Glenwood Lakeside Ballroom
- May 15th – Graduation
- May 22nd – Van Gooch's retirement party
- June 3rd – Potluck at Eastside Park

At the close of the meeting Dian presented Mary Ann Scharf with a certificate and Delores Lammers with a plant for their work on the UMMRA board. Cathy Kemble and Tom Mahoney were recognized for the persons who traveled the furthest to attend the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Reicosky, Sec./Treas.