

UMMRA Winter Luncheon and Quarterly Meeting
University of Minnesota, Morris
February 18, 2010

Eighteen UMMRA members, two guests, and two speakers met in the Gazebo Room at the Prairie Inn for the Winter Luncheon and Quarterly Meeting. Individuals ordered from the menu.

After lunch our two speakers from the Prairie Medical Center, Dr. John Stock and Alfredo Altamarina PA, spoke about Sleep Apnea. Slides were shown to illustrate the impact of inadequate flow of oxygen during a person's sleep and the symptoms of sleep deprivation.

A special guest, Cheryl Contant, UMM's Academic Dean and Vice-Chancellor, was introduced. She gave a few words of greeting to the group.

Dian Lopez, President, called the meeting to order. Minutes of the last quarterly meeting were distributed and approved as written. Treasurer's Report indicated a balance of \$2,092.86. Membership stands at 109.

There was one item of business brought to the group for approval: Newly retired UMM faculty/staff members are granted a one year's free membership to UMMRA. Eric Klinger moved to accept the proposal and Laird Barber seconded. Motion approved.

Several announcements were made:

Janet Ahern and Elizabeth Ascheman are the Nominating Committee to present a slate of persons to fill the positions of Vice-President and Member-at-Large positions. Election of new board members will be at the Spring Quarterly meeting.

Friday, February 19th, starts UMM's 50 year celebration with a free Jazz Concert at the Concert Hall at the Elementary School. Both the high school jazz band and the UMM's jazz ensembles along with guest soloist Laura Caviani will be performing.

Tuesday, February 23rd, is designated as University of Minnesota Day of Celebration with the open house at WCROC's new addition and renovation, the open house of UMM's renovated Welcome Center formerly the Community Services Building, and Pride of the Prairie Farmers' Market and Local Foods Meal.

Resource Connections Expo, a group of fifty nonprofit organizations in the area are gathering at the National Guard Armory on Thurs., February 25th, to provide information about various nonprofit services that are available.

There is also a drive to collect funds for the memorial of Linda Harstad, an employee at UMM that recently died.

There was a request from the Friends of Briggs Library to see if there was continued interest in helping to identify pictures. A show of hands indicated there was interest. An email will be sent out when a date is set.

Petitions for the allowance of Riley Brothers Construction Company to continue to bid on state and federal construction jobs were passed around to allow UMMRA members to sign if they desired to do so. There is a great concern that if the company cannot bid on such jobs there is a potential loss of 130 job in the area.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Reicosky, Sec./Treas.