

UMMRA Winter Luncheon and Quarterly Meeting  
University of Minnesota  
February 19, 2009

Eighteen UMMRA members met in the Peoples' Room of the Food Service Building at UMM.

Lowell Rasmussen, Vice Chancellor, was the featured speaker. He explained that Morris and UMM in particular was in an area that was unique to managing change through conservation of our environment. He spoke about the Carbon Footprint of this area and that UMM wanted to become carbon neutral. UMM was conserving energy through the use of wind turbines, the biomass facility, and the formation of the Green Prairie Alliance.

Mary Ann Scharf called the meeting to order. The secretary's report of the October 16<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting was read. The treasurer's report indicated we had 117 members and a bank balance of \$2,852.20. Andy Lopez moved and Janet Ahern seconded that the reports be accepted.

Andy Lopez showed the group the new UMMRA web pages that have been developed. He demonstrated how to access the home page through UMM's web page as well as how to navigate through the various sources of information. Everyone was pleased with the amount of information that has been incorporated as well as the amount of effort that Andy and Karla Klinger put into this project.

Janet Ahern then reviewed the UMMRA Mini-Grant Program that has been established for members. Each year the organization will award up to three grants of \$350 each to help support member's research or research-connected travel. Application deadlines are August 1 and awards are made at the fall quarterly meeting. Arden Granger made a motion to accept the Mini-Grant Program as outlined and Eric Klinger seconded. Motion passed.

Phyllis Gausman presented a brief history of the Learning Unlimited Program in the Morris area. Currently the program has limited financial support. Two of the main expenses incurred are their newsletter and funds for a speaker for the Heritage Days Program. After some discussion, Karla Klinger moved to support the Heritage Days Program for \$300 and Janet Ahern seconded.

Mary Ann announced some changes to the casual Thursday luncheons and in particular the spring quarterly meeting, which has been rescheduled to April 23 due to the change of the Regents' meeting. The next UMMRA Board meeting is Wednesday, March 11 at the LaFave House.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Joan Reicosky, Sec./Treas.