

**FMC Community Empowerment
Annual Meeting
July 18, 2005, Charles City Public Library Meeting Room**

Members of the FMC Community Empowerment Board gathered for their regular annual meeting on July 18, 2005 at the Charles City Public Library Meeting room at 6:30 p.m.

Board members in attendance included:

Virgil Pickar, Jr.; Larry Hicok, Cheryl Jahnel, Pat Zwanziger, Jennifer Bauer, Sue Paulus, Shannon Paulus, Jon Cook. Absent were: Frank Rottinghaus, Kim Wendel.

Frank Rottinghaus, secretary, was absent. In his place, FMC Coordinator Laurie Kristiansen served as secretary pro-temp.

Call to Order:

Virgil Pickar, chair, called the meeting to order; the agenda was reviewed and approved; motion by Jahnel; seconded by Hicok; approved. The board minutes of the previous annual meeting were presented for review and approval; move to approve and accept by Jahnel, second by Zwanziger; motion approved.

Thanks to Board Members:

Chair Pickar acknowledged the work of the Empowerment board over the past fiscal year, and introduced board members accepting new positions:

Jennifer Bouillon, Public Health, Chickasaw County, will serve as the rotating public health representative.

Jon Cook (Chickasaw County Business Representative Lincoln Savings Bank) noted that there is a great deal of expertise and good board members on the FMC Empowerment board.

Larry Hicok, (education), noted that the year had progressed well. It is good to know, he commented, that we don't have to trim dollars, due in large part to Government promoting early Childhood Education. It has been exciting to be part of that movement, he added.

Nominating Committee Appointed:

Members of the nominating committee were appointed and included: Cheryl Jahnel, (chair); Bonnie Blake, Virgil Pickar, and Sue Paulus.

Cheryl Jahnel presented Bonnie Blake, Mitchell County citizen, to fill the open board position. Jahnel made the motion; seconded by Sue Paulus; motion carried. Blake will hold the Mitchell County citizen position on the board.

Positions to be filled for the 2006 fiscal year include:

Chair, vice chair, and secretary. In addition, these board positions are also to be filled:

Daycare Representative, FAITH, and Chickasaw County Citizen. The nominating committee will present a roster of names to the board for both executive positions and the aforementioned positions at the September board meeting.

Reports

Chair of the education committee, Larry Hicok, reported that the preschool scholarship committee had met and recommended a 25 percent across the board increase in scholarship rates. Larry made the motion to accept that rate increase; second by Jennifer Bauer; motion passed.

Larry Hicok also reported that the Empowerment area has been mandated to spend 4% of current SR funding to collaborate with AEA and Area Community Colleges for training for preschool staff. He made a proposal to the board to join forces with AEA 267 to provide Quality Preschool Program Standards Training to as many preschool providers as possible with the funds available. Virgene Hopkey with the AEA 267 Clear Lake office will be the contact person and trainer for these sessions. According to Hicok, a preliminary OK has been given to the FMC Empowerment by the State Empowerment Dept. to proceed with these trainings.

Hicok noted that if the FMC area had 80 percent of our providers participate in these QPPS training opportunities; we would show some real leadership in the state of Iowa. The consensus of the board was positive and affirmed proceeding, contingent upon Hicok confirming a couple of points with the Department of Education.

E-Bulletin Announced

FMC Empowerment coordinator Laurie Kristiansen informed the board that the introduction of an electronic e-bulletin was made for the FMC area on July 15th.

The electronic newsletter is written and edited by Kristiansen and will be delivered to anyone requesting the information. The e-bulletin will feature information from both state and local empowerment, trainings, meetings, and any information of interest to the FMC area. Persons may submit materials for inclusion in the bulletin—send submissions to: The Editor at: fmc@rconnect.com The deadline for submissions is the Thursday prior to each weekly Friday publication date. The e-bulletins will also be posted on the FMC website at: www.fmcpowerment.com

Annual Report on the Website:

Chair Virgil Pickar Jr., reported that the 2005 Annual Report, once completed, will also be posted on the FMC Empowerment website. The report is due on September 15th.

Board Meetings Set for 2006 FY

The following dates were announced for the 2006 Fiscal Year board meetings: Sept. 19, November 21st, January 16th, March 20th, May 15th, Annual Meeting: July 17th, 2006.

Meeting Completed

The 2005 annual meeting was completed and motion by Jon Cook to adjourn; Shannon Paulus second; motion approved. Board members and guests gathered on the riverbank by the Library for root beer floats following the meeting.

Submitted by secretary pro temp
Laurie Kristiansen