

Minutes
FMC Community Empowerment Board
January 22, 2007-6:30 PM Charles City Public Library

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Virgil Pickar, Jr. at 6:30 PM with the following board members answering roll call: Virgil Pickar, Jr., Bonnie Blake, Deb Freeman, Bob Marreel, Leo Staudt, Shannon Paulus, Mark Knudtson, Anne Windolf, and Jon Cook. It was determined that there was a quorum present.

Chair Pickar asked board members and others to turn in their in-kind sheets that were included in their packets.

The agenda was reviewed with the addition of Approval of the Quality Improvement revised budget added to the agenda. Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Anne Widolf, second by Shannon Paulus. Vote taken, all ayes. Minutes for the November 27, 2006 meeting were reviewed along with all the business transacted in November. Motion was made by Leo Staudt and seconded by Deb Freeman to approve the minutes and business transacted. Vote taken, all ayes.

Review of current business motioned by Mark Knudtsen and seconded by Leo Staudt. Vote taken, all ayes.

Chair Pickar welcomed incoming board member Bob Marreel, Mitchell County Board of Supervisor, who replaced Cheryl Jahnel.

Gloria Carr, fiscal agent gave the current financial report to the board members. She also explained to board members what the revised Quality Improvement Budget was, after which a motion was made by Jon Cook and seconded by Shannon Paulus to approve the Quality Improvement Budget. Vote taken, all ayes.

Jeff Anderson, Community Liaison for State Empowerment Technical Assistance Team gave the board a talk on Empowerment 101. He took questions from the floor.

Don Chaplain, from the UNI Institute for Decision Making gave his presentation again from the last board meeting for those who were unable to attend.

Sue Loken talked about Learning Connections, the pilot program being started in the St. Ansgar school district. They had 34 children and 21 adults participate in the fall.

Diane Casto told the board about Early Headstart. They have 20 clients already in the program. She is very excited about the program.

Rachel Connerlly told the members present about their new program "Our Kids Count". She told us when they would have their next meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Leo Staudt and seconded by Bob Marrell.
Vote taken, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Blake
Secretary pro-tem