

FMC Community Empowerment
Annual Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chari, Virgil Pickar, Jr. at 6:30 PM with the following members present: Virgil Pickar, Jr., Kathy Herrick, Bonnie Blake, Kathy Babcock, Bob Marreel, Leo Staudt, Amy Sauke, Lori Jost, Shannon Paulus, Carol Strike. Members absent: Mary Augustin, Trudie Wood, Mark Knudtson and Kae Courtney. It was determined there was a quorum.

Round-table introductions were completed.

The agenda was presented and reviewed. It was motioned by Staudt and Seconded by Babcock to approve the agenda as presented. Vote taken. All ayes

The minutes of the June 30, 2008 meeting were presented. It was motioned by Paulus and seconded by Marreel to approve the minutes as presented. Vote taken. All ayes.

Virgil Pickar Jr. thanked those that had supported him in his position as Chairperson. New executive positions then took effect: Bob Marreel, Chairperson; Virgil Pickar Jr., Vice-chairperson; and Shannon Paulus, Secretary.

Fiscal agent Gloria Carr reviewed the Fiscal Agent contract; the Floyd County Board approved it on July 8th, 2008. The Budget documents for Early Childhood 2009 and School Ready 2009 Budgets. Carr noted that \$6000 in the School Ready Budget (interest) needed to be allocated. After discuss by those present, Paulus motioned to allocate \$1500 to speech and \$4500 to Public Health (\$1500 per county). Motion was seconded by Pickar. Vote taken. All ayes.

Motion by Jost to accept the 2009 Early Childhood budget documents as presented by fiscal agent, Carr. Motion seconded by Herrick. Vote taken. All ayes

Motion by Babcock to accept the 2009 School Ready budget documents as presented by fiscal agent, Carr. Motion seconded by Blake. Vote taken. All ayes

All the FMC Empowerment partners were invited to share updates. Two Department of Human Services (DHS) abuse workers asked to address the board and give their thanks for the support given to Families Together Program and how they can help DHS with barriers. They see many families moving forward and that is great to see.

Others in attendance whom gave updates and thanks to FMC for support were: Headstart, EAGLE, Learning Connection, Our Kids Count, Nora Springs Preschool (speaking for all), Floyd County Public Health, Chickasaw County Public Health, CCR&R, TLC, Families Together, Early Access Headstart and Central Preschool.

Laurie Kristiansen, FMC Coordinator, informed the Board that information has been sent out to the preschool committee. They will set rates following the meeting and review applications when received.

Kristiansen also reported that the Annual Report is getting completed. Reports have been excellent so far. Kristiansen's goal is to continue to be the area to "set the standard".

Kristiansen also reported that this next year (2009) will be the 10 Year anniversary for FMC Empowerment. Kristiansen is looking at running a lot of radio spots, have events, feature stories and a lot of newspaper coverage. This is a BIG DEAL and we will be treating it that way. FMC has helped well over 2000 children and families during the past 10 years.

No new business of note.

Next meeting date is to be Monday, September 15th, 2008 at 6:30 PM in the Charles City Public Library Zastrow Meeting Room.

There being no further business, it was moved by Blake to adjourn the meeting for pictures to be taken for the website / publicity and seconded by Babcock. Vote taken. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon D. Paulus
Secretary