

Minutes
FMC Community Empowerment Board
May 29, 2007 – 6:30 p.m. Charles City Public Library

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Virgil Pickar, Jr. at 6:30 p.m. with the following board members answering roll call: Virgil Pickar, Jr., Kathy Herrick, Deb Freeman, Bob Marreel, Leo Staudt, Amy Sauke, Lori Jost, Elayne Werges, Mark Knudsen, and Ann Windolf. Board members absent were Bonnie Blake, Kae Courtney and Shannon Paulus.

The agenda was reviewed. Motion to approve agenda was made by Leo Staudt and seconded by Anne Windolf. Vote taken, all aye.

The minutes of April 9, 2007 were reviewed. After a correction in the third paragraph, changing the word May to March, it was moved by Mark Knudsen and seconded by Elayne Werges to approve the corrected minutes. Vote taken, all aye.

Lori Yost was introduced and welcomed to the Board as the new preschool representative. She is the preschool director at the Nora Springs/Rock Falls Community School District.

Fiscal Agent Gloria Carr presented the financial report. After review, it was moved by Deb Freeman and seconded by Lori Yost that the report be approved as presented. Vote taken, all aye.

A Fiscal Agent agreement template was presented. This agreement has the approval of the state Empowerment technical assistance team. The final budget numbers are not yet available but the template can be approved and the financial numbers can be added when we have received them from the state. It was moved by Mark Knudsen and seconded by Deb Freeman that the template for the fiscal agent agreement be accepted and approved as presented. Vote taken, all aye.

The Board reviewed the bylaws and the proposed changes suggested by the State technical assistance team. After discussion, it was decided to amend the bylaws using suggestions provided by the state. The revised By-Laws will be presented to the Board at the next meeting for review with approval at a later meeting.

Request for Proposals for 2008 have been received from all existing partners except TEACH, and one new applicant, Learning Connections, Charles City school district. Sue Onken gave a brief overview of the Learning Connections planned program for the Charles City district. These RFPs will be reviewed by a committee and presented for action at the next meeting.

Mark Knudsen, education representative, updated the board of the new preschool state grants for four-year olds. Most school districts in the FMC area are not applying for grants for this school year. Due to the short time frame and strict qualifying requirements, many school districts have chosen to wait for the next school year. Preschool scholarships will continue to be offered in the FMC Empowerment area.

FMC Coordinator Laurie Kristiansen reported that the redesignation process is proceeding on schedule. The Self Evaluation forms will need to be reviewed by board members, a process that can be done by e-mail.

Board members were reminded that the Annual Meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2007.

There being no further business, Anne Windolf moved and Elayne Werges seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Herrick, Secretary