

FMC Community Empowerment Board September 19, 2005 Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the FMC Community Empowerment board was held on Monday, September 19th; the meeting was called to order by Virgil Pickar, Jr., Chair at 6:35 p.m. Roll was answered by the following board members: Virgil Pickar, Jr., Larry Hicok, Frank Rottinghaus, Shannon Paulus, Bonnie Blake, Sherry Steinlage, and Jon Cook. Also guests present: Jill Orthel, Nancy Beenblossom, Dianne Casto, Sara Stewart, Rachel Connerley, Rhonda Christensen, Elayne Werges, Brenda Loop, Lori Jost, Anne Windolf, and Misty Gray. Also, FMC Community Empowerment Coordinator, Laurie Kristiansen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 27th, 2005 meeting was made by Larry Hicok, seconded by Jon Cook, motion carried.

Frank Rottinghaus moved to approve the agenda, seconded Jon Cook, motion carried.

The officer nominating committee report, prepared by committee members Bonnie Blake, Sue Paulus, and Cheryl Jahnel was received. The report nominated Larry Hicok as chair, Virgil Pickar, Jr., as vice chair, and Cheryl Jahnel as secretary. The chair asked for additional nominations from the Board; there were none. Frank Rottinghaus moved to elect the nominees on unanimous ballot, seconded by Shannon Paulus. The motion passed unanimously.

The newly elected chair took control of the meeting; in the absence of the newly elected secretary, Frank Rottinghaus consented to record the minutes of the meeting.

Frank Rottinghaus moved to approve Kathy Herrick to serve as a member of the board representing childcare providers, second by Virgil Pickar, Jr., motion passed.

Sue Paulus moved to approve Elayne Werges as a board member representing the Faith community, second by Jon Cook. Motion carried.

Sue Paulus moved to approve Anne Windolf to serve on the Board as a Chickasaw County citizen, seconded by Jon Cook; motion carried.

Virgil Pickar, Jr. made brief comments on the past years' operations and expressed his good wishes and support for the incoming chair.

The annual report will be posted on the group's website. Virgil Pickar, Jr. commented that a review of income and expense by the board since the beginning of the organization might be in order. Frank Rottinghaus suggested the Gardiner/Thomsen Firm, the group that audits the fiscal agent's records, including Empowerment records. The chair authorized Frank Rottinghaus to inquire as to the possibility and cost of Gardiner/Thomsen engaging in such a review.

Misty Gray reported on recent EAGLE program activities. Jill Orthel spoke to the group about Families Making Connections revised community plan and possible opportunities for the Board's participation and support. The chair asked Ms. Orthel to return to the next board meeting with specific numbers and request.

Rosemary Geiken of the Learning Center in Charles City presented information on a constructivist education workshop program developed by the University of Northern Iowa which could be supported by the Board. This program can be made available to daycare providers. The program provides learning experiences promoting physical science learning to children ages three to eight years of age. A written proposal will be provided to the board for its future review.

Sara Stewart, Floyd County Memorial Hospital speech pathologist, presented information she has developed to make citizens aware of the speech services that are available and how parents can access them.

The progress of the Early Literacy Preschool Parents' Training sessions sponsored by FMC Empowerment in conjunction with AEA 267 was reviewed. Many comments concerning the successes of this effort were expressed by those present.

The November 21st 2005 meeting, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. will be the next regular board meeting and will be held at the Charles City Public Library meeting room.

The meeting was declared adjourned by the chair at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Rottinghaus
Secretary pro tem