

CORE Meeting Minutes March 15, 2007

Attending: Micheline Sommers, Jane Hoyle, Lucy Strand, Kelly Bennett, Kylie J. Lock, Susan Vidican, David Bates, Nancy Stocking, Shelley Sweier, Terry Mike, Pam Bejnar, Janet Trimbath, Nancy Mooneyham, Jim Kennedy, Sharon Collins, Barbara Barnes, Robert Gaylor, Linda Sheets, Helen Lindsay, Patricia Calvin

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Micheline Sommers at 8:20 am.

Announcements: We went around the room and members introduced themselves and their organizations. Special upcoming events for this month were announced.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Sharon Collins: Sharon has passed around the meeting attendance sheet. Please sign your name.

Events: Jim Kennedy: Jim thanked everyone for sending in their calendar information. He asked that we all pass along the calendar information to our organization members; both the monthly and long-range planning calendars.

Publicity: Kelly Bennett: The Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce now links to the CORE organizations.

Programs: Nancy Mooneyham: There will not be a program next meeting which is being held at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University.

CORE Business: Micheline asked if any one had items they wanted to discuss.

Program: E-mail Etiquette: Presented by Jim Kennedy and Kelly Bennett
Very informative e-mail info for the 21st century. Basically, keep it brief, check your spelling and grammar, don't forward e-mails without permission, don't think that no one else will ever see your e-mail, do not expect an instant response, answer all the questions or you will be wasting your time and your respondent's time, don't attach unnecessary files, never forward chain letters or hoax e-mails, use bcc: to hide the e-mail addresses of those you are copying.

Host Presentation: Oakland Family Services: Pam Bejnar: Pam works for Oakland Family Services Foster and Adoptive Care. This organization assists children who are taken from a poor home situation and places them either temporarily or permanently in the community. They also try to put families back together if at all possible.

It is difficult to find foster or adoptive parents so OFS is always looking for volunteers.

OFS serves about 100 children at any given time. Background checks are made on foster care applicants. Training is available before a person becomes a foster parent and is also on-going. Informational meetings are held once a month for people who might be interested in fostering and adopting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

Next meeting is on April 19, 2007 at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University.

Janet M. Trimbath, Recording Secretary