

C.O.R.E. Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2006
Royal Park Hotel

Attending: *Sharon Collins, Lucy Strand, Mary Kopchick, Terry Mike, Nancy Mooneyham, Elspeth Coats, Eileen Kieta, Melissa Humbyrd, Jim Kennedy, David Bates, Tom Mines, Susan Vidican, Patricia Calvin, Barbara Barnes, Kylie Lock, Kelly Bennet, Janet Trimbath, Shelley Sweier, Robert Gaylor, Deborah Ciavattone, Jane Hoyle, Nancy Stocking, Helen Lindsay, Micheline Sommers, Sandra Everill*

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

Introductions were made around the room and members also told about upcoming fundraisers and special events. Micheline reminded the group to get their long-range plans to Dr. White for inclusion on the Long Range Planning calendar.

The minutes, which appear on our website, were amended and filed.

Sue Keels, Director of Catering at the Royal Park Hotel, talked to us about innovative ways to put on fundraising events. A concise handout highlighting her suggestions was distributed to all the C.O.R.E. members.

Chamber of Commerce is having their Christmas Shopping event for 30 needy children and is looking for donations for that. A letter will be coming out soon to all Chamber members.

Greens Market will be at a new place this year, St. Philip's Episcopal Church across from the Dairy Queen on Rochester Road.

Bill Potere came to speak to us about the Chamber of Commerce and the new project brewing in Rochester, the Community Arts Center. This is modeled on a facility in Aspen, Colorado where 12 non-profits collaborated to create their Arts Center.

As the "39th best community in the U.S.", we should have a multi-tenant non-profit center to further the arts. Leadership Greater Rochester met to take a look at this kind of project for Rochester. A steering committee was formed to explore the viability of doing this project. They looked at models of other communities who have done this type of thing. They found 200 other communities who have done this already. Bill distributed a handout outlining the process so far.

The building will be located on the corner of 3rd and Water Streets. An auditorium to seat 500 to 700 people will be included in the plans. There will be classrooms and meeting space available. They are also planning on an art gallery space. A copy center for non-profits is envisioned. A grant writing service, a secretarial function, office space for groups that cannot now afford it might be included. The Chamber of Commerce is planning on relocating there. Capital costs are estimated at \$15 to \$20 million. An endowment fund of an equal amount is envisioned. The building is projected to be 125 to 150 thousand square feet. A three story parking deck attached by a walkway over 3rd street will also be built.

The best person to contact about getting involved is Pat Botkin or Bill Potere to get your group involved in this project.

Susan Vidican suggested a Volunteer Coordinator be located here so the person-power who wants to volunteer can be directed to volunteer opportunities.

This is a very exciting project and needs community-wide support.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

The next meeting will be on November 16th at OPC.