

C.O.R.E. Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 15, 2006
First Congregational Church of Rochester
Hosted by Barbara Barnes

Attendance

Katrina McGuire	RAHCC
Sharon Collins	OPC
Elsbeth Coats	Jaycees
Jane Hoyle	Dinosaur Hill
Ellen Kieta	Rochester Hills Public Library
Jill Hollowell	CRWC
Helen Lindsay	Meadowbrook Womans Club
Nancy Stocking	Rochester Symphony Guild
Deborah Ciavattone	CFGR
Micheline Sommers	Oakland Family Services
Laura Seriguchi	Optimists/Christmas in Action
Kelly Bennett	Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce
Terri Mike	Parents Without Partners, St. Mary of the Hills.
	Interchurch Women
Barbara Barnes	First Congregational Church, OCC
Maxine McClure	Interchurch
Susan Vidican	Rochester Area Neighborhood House
John H. White	Rotary

Katrina McGuire called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM. Katrina thanked Barbara Barnes and the First Congregational Church for hosting the meeting.

John White, who graciously has taken the time to develop CORE on line, gave a short presentation on the site and on how to submit articles for the EVENTS and the Long Range Calendar. John distributed a sample EVENTS and it was suggested to list the events in order at the top of the page followed by the article about the event. It was also suggested to make it possible for on line readers to be able to click on to the web sites of the CORE organizations. Please email the address of the web site to John at jhwhite@techwriteinc.com.

Katrina discussed the importance of recognizing volunteers and some ways to do so. Send a personally written note, blanket email from time to time, host a small event, write a story about them for the newspaper, write a letter to the editor, take out to lunch, present with a very special recognition pin. Katrina emphasized the importance of recruiting new volunteers, using them wisely and appropriately...keeping in mind the importance of not overusing. Make sure the recognition is not overdone. All members shared how they recognized volunteers.

Barbara Barnes shared information about the activities of the Church and informed the members that outside organizations may use their membership hall. Barbara introduced Joyce Dawson who chairs the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry began in 1967 and filled approximately 19 food orders. In 2005, 586 orders were filled and benefited 1,846 individuals. 215,000 pounds of food was distributed in 2005 which is the equivalent of 2 ½ elephants. Objects in the basket include perishables, personal care and shelf stable items. The basket will provide help for at least two weeks. For those who wish to use the Food Pantry, they must first qualify through Neighborhood House. They are then given a checklist of items they wish to have included in their basket. The value of a food basket may range from \$150 to \$175 for a family of 2-3. The Food Pantry operates through donations from Church members and from generous contributors in the community. Approximately \$22,000 is spent each year to purchase perishable items. 100% of the Good Fellows Newspaper sales benefits the Pantry. Non perishable food items come from donations particularly from church members, schools and the November and December food drives. The Pantry is manned by 25 Volunteers, Monday through Thursday...1:00 – 3:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30. Next meeting is August 17, 2006, 8:00 AM Hosted by RARA at 108 E. Second Street, Rochester. A speaker will discuss Fall Clean-Up and Organizing.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Collins for
Janet Trimbath, Acting Secretary