

## **CORE Meeting Minutes May 15, 2008**

**Attending:** Shelley Sweier, Micheline Sommers, Janet Trimbath, James Kennedy, Robert Gaylor, Kathryn LeBlanc, Ellen Kieta, Lucy Strand, Sue Neal, Jane Hoyle, Kelly Bennett, Carl Einkorn, Barb Massie, Nancy Stocking

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at Dinosaur Hill by Micheline Sommers at 8:15 AM.

**Announcements:** We went around the room and members told about their upcoming events. There were only 14 people present so it went pretty quickly. Many good events are coming up. Sad news is that the Holly Walk will not be held this coming year by RHPL. They just did not make enough money to keep it going. Many groups are having their fundraisers now that the good weather is here. Check the events calendar at the CORE website for details.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership: Shelley Sweier:** Shelley got 2 contacts interested in CORE. She will also be revamping the membership list to keep it updated.

**Events: Ellen Kieta:** Urging people to keep updating the Events Calendar on the website.

Micheline asked if we could change our website URL to make it more reflective of CORE. Ellen will check with John White.

**Publicity: Kelly Bennett:**

**Programs: Jill Hollowell:**

**Program:** Jane Hoyle gave the program on behalf of Dinosaur Hill. The Executive Director, Sue gave an overview of the organization and handed out a map of the nature trails. The property is flood plain and cannot be developed so City of Rochester bought it and turned it into 16 acres of nature preserve. Programs on nature and history are given throughout the year to school children in the Rochester Community Schools. The emphasis is closeness to nature. They also have pre-school programs and it is very popular. They do after school activities as well, hands on projects and outdoor activities. They have year-round family programs involving the adults as well as children.

A group of volunteers help to preserve the property and to keep the developed lands from encroaching into the preserve.

A short review of basic botany and flower design was given by Jane to remind us of the lessons we learned in school!

The group went on a nature walk through the preserve.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 AM. The next meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> will have a program on Creative Fundraising. Meeting location to be announced.

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Janet M. Trimbath, Recording Secretary