

## **CLINTON/JACKSON EMPOWERMENT BOARD MEETING**

**September 28, 2009**

**DeWitt, Iowa**

Board Members Present: Jack Willey, Jill Davisson, Lori Frick, Pat Hendrickson, Linda Hledik, Pat Henricksen, Linda Nudd, Sr. Shirley Steines, Cheryl Curl, Tara Michel, Tom Parker and Jenny Kreiter, Coordinator

Board Members Excused: Scott Hobart

Absent: Charleen Smith, Rev. Lynn Thiede

Guests: Sen. Stewart, Sen. Hamerlinck, Rep. Olson, Rep. Schueller, Sheila Busch

Quorum having been established, Jack Willey called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. Introductions were made.

### Review of 8-24-09 Minutes

Lori Frick moved to accept the minutes as printed. Jill Davisson seconded. Motion carried.

### Budget Amendment CCHC/QRS

Jenny presented the budget amendment. A copy is attached to these minutes. The Executive Committee reviewed the amendment previously and recommended their approval for the full Board. Pat Hendrickson made a motion to accept the budget amendment. Cheryl Curl seconded. Motion carried.

Jenny indicated our budget has been approved. Copies of the annual report were given to all Board members to be discussed at next month's Board meeting.

### Adjournment

Jack adjourned the business meeting at 4:20 in order to proceed with discussion with the legislators in attendance.

The main topic of discussion with the legislators was the proposed Lean Design initiative for Empowerment. Jenny compiled a booklet for the legislators, providing information involving the Board's contributions to children living in Clinton and Jackson Counties. Board members explained their strong feelings, not only about the safety and welfare of children, but also of responsible stewardship. Board members expressed their pride in belonging to an organization that does so much for children.

Specifically mentioned and discussed were safety belts for bus transportation for preschoolers, preschool scholarships, safe well-designed playgrounds. A priority of the Board for the next fiscal year is that no contract with Clinton/Jackson Empowerment will be cut.

The legislators responded to concerns the Board members have with regard to Lean Design. They appeared to be favorably impressed with the Board's commitment and their decisions on how best to respond to "the greater good".

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Davidson  
Recording Secretary