

## Noon Meeting – Tuesday, August 25, 2009



Member Chad Rieth and our speaker, Michelle Kommer, representing the ND Heart Gallery.



Michelle Kommer explaining what the ND Heart Gallery is and the impact it has had on foster children being adopted.



Speaker Kommer showing us some of the pictures that have been a part of the ND Heart Gallery.



WF High School senior Diane Hahn also spoke to us about her organization – The Youth Summit 2009.

Today's meeting was lead by President Kevin Skoog. Kevin introduced Diane Hahn from The Youth Summit 2009. They are part of the Metro Youth Partnership and are a group of student planners who work to Engage, Empower, and Equip the youth of our community. The Board considered a funds request of theirs and voted to donate \$500 to their cause at a special Board Meeting held after our noon meeting. Chad Rieth had the program and introduced Michelle Kommer from the ND Heart Gallery. The North Dakota Heart Gallery is a non-profit organization that was started in 2008 with a mission to reach out to the public and encourage the adoption of children waiting for forever homes. Of the 2,000 children in ND in Foster Care, about 20% are orphans with no family or family contact. Many are not adopted. ND Heart Gallery takes artistic photographs and displays them at locations to provide exposure of these children to possible forever homes. The 2008 Gallery featured 21 children with a 5-10% chance of adoption and of the 21, 14 were adopted within the year – a phenomenal success rate. This is a fantastic program – one we will look at to support. Check out their website. Thanks, Chad, for the program.

**Attendance – 23 Members and 3 Guests**

**Meal – Roast Pork, Candied Carrots, Roasted Baby Red Potatoes, and Dinner Roll**  
**Dessert – Lemon Bars**

**Program – Chad Rieth**  
**Meeting Leader – Kevin Skoog**



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