



Northern Community Mediation

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NCM ANNUAL MEETING



Pictured from left to right: Brian Kasiborski and David Leusink

Northern Community Mediation held its Annual Meeting at noon on Thursday, January 19 at City Park Grill. It was attended by all board members, staff and several mediators. Once lunch was ordered, Secretary Stuart Fenton presented the minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting, which were approved. Treasurer Bill Meengs then presented the financials for the year, which showed that NCM is in strong financial shape. The report was accepted. The proposed officers for 2017 were then approved:

- President, Kate Scollin
- Vice-President, Julie Kuchnicki
- Treasurer, Bill Meengs
- Secretary, Stuart Fenton

David Leusink was then recognized for his six years of service as a member of the Board of Directors and presented with a gift certificate from The Villager Pub/Terry's Place in Charlevoix. Brian Kasiborski was then introduced as a new member of the Board. Following that, Executive Director Jane Millar gave the annual report. In a nutshell, "the year 2016 was another excellent year for NCM."

DO NOT FORGET

Remember to save your receipts from D&W and then turn them in to Kristy Whitman. Once we have \$150,000 in receipts, we can turn them in to D&W and get \$1,000. Such an easy way to help support NCM!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Do, or do not. There is no "try." ~ Yoda (Empire Strikes Back)

FORTY-HOUR TRAINING

May is fast approaching. So, if you know of someone who would be interested in taking the 40-hour training, encourage them to do so. Information is available by calling the center at 231.487.1771 or going to

<http://www.northernmediation.org/forty-hour-training-100/> on the NCM website. The dates and times for the training are below:

At the Charlevoix Library

Monday, May 22

Tuesday, May 23

Wednesday, May 24

At the Demmer Wellness Center

Wednesday, May 31

Thursday, June 1

IMPORTANT PEOPLE

Board secretary Stuart Fenton is president of the Emmet-Charlevoix Bar Association and serves on the board of Habitat for Humanity.

Board treasurer Bill Meengs has joined the Board of Directors of the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce.

Administrative Assistant Kristy Whitman is now a member of the Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce.

Mediator Christine Gebhard just received a big promotion.

Mediator Kathy Lame has a new grandson named Jameson Edward.

Mediators, board members and staff of NCM are people who care and set aside their time to play an active role in making our communities bigger, better and bolder.

LEADERSHIP LITTLE TRAVERSE

In September 2016, Case Manager Kirstyn Horan began the nine month journey as a participant in Leadership Little Traverse. Each month the class meets for a day, at which time speakers and community leaders provide them with information about various aspects of the community. For example, one of the sessions centers around the educational system. Additionally, each class chooses a project. Not only do they do the work to complete the project, they also raise the money for the materials for the project. This year the class is partnering with the Women's Resource Center to create a new, outdoor playground at the WRC Safe Home. In order to implement the project, they need to raise \$15,000. You can help in one of three ways:

- Make a donation
- Sponsor a portion of the playground, i.e. swings
- Go to City Park Grill for dinner on Thursday, March 9 from 6:00 to 9:00. A portion of your tab will be donated to the Playground Project.