

**Northern Community Mediation  
Board Meeting  
February 14, 2008**

Board members present: Jill Ryan, Connie Saltonstall, B.J. Shawn, Bruce Herbert, and Bill Lovett

Staff present: Jane Millar

Jill called the meeting to order 5:05 p.m.

The minutes of January 10, 2008 minutes were approved with the correction were approved with the changes that on the second page instead of “chairs” it should have read “furniture” chairs going to be decorated and “a portion of the money ” would go to NCM.

Treasure’s Report: Keith gave the treasurer’s report; the budget and expenses are tracking to a strong budget. Bruce moved that the treasurer’s report be accepted.

Executive Director’s Report:

1. 46 cases were closed in January.
2. Shoplifting Program: NCM has encouraged United Way to get involved with a shoplifting program, and they have drafted a Fourth Grade workbook to discourage children from shoplifting.
3. The Theater Party is looking good in terms of sponsors, G. T. Pie Company and BC Pizza have just signed on as sponsors. (Jill encouraged everyone to sell, preferably, 10 theater party tickets.)
4. Community Participation: NCM is seeking a reduction in conflict in the workplace. Jane has spoken to NCMC and Bakers College and learned that they have made some efforts to education their students. Also Jane has joined a women in business organization.
5. Divorce Training: SCAO will pay for instructors to teach mediators.
6. Trip to West Shore. Jane learned that they have the most efficient center in the state.
- .8. Staff Turnover: 2-3 years is the average length of time staff stay at community centers.

7. In reference to our website, Jane said that she would be following up on that in the near future.

Committee Reports: none

Special Reports:

Quality Assurance: Connie Saltonstall, Bruce Herbert, Kathy Lane, and Bob Hendrian will be an observation committee to insure the mediators are meeting the standards that are expected of them. Kathy would be the spokesperson.

Take-a-seat Chair-by- auction: Bruce explained that a flyer would be coming out later, but the auction is on 6-25-08.

Ray Kiogima -Anishinnabemowin Classes The Odawa classes are now being held in the Harbor Springs High School.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, at 4:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Lovett

4. Jane said that we got