

**Northern Community Mediation
Board Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2009
Weathervane Restaurant**

Board Members present: Steve Tresidder, Bill Lovett, Joel Wurster, Lisa Hoyt, Dr. Roger Postmus, Pat Seagmen

Board Members absent: Toni Arthur, Mary Faculak, Julie Hall, Bruce Herbert, Ray Kiogima, Connie Saltonstall, B.J. Shawn, Ted Teller

Staff Present: Bert Rousseau

Quorum not met.

Steve called the meeting to order at 12:15pm

Minutes:

The minutes of the January 2009 board meeting were approved. Moved by Dr. Roger Postmus, seconded by Bill Lovett.

Treasurer Report: Steve indicated we are on track.

Executive Directors Report:

In Jane Millar's absence, Steve updated the board on the following:

1. Y-T-D caseload numbers are similar to last year.
2. Collection rate on fees for services is 96.8%.
- 3.a. There were 33 participants in the 2/27/09 Advanced-Mediator, Update Training.
- 3.b. Currently there are 12 people registered for the Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program training set for 3/24/09.
- 3.c. Currently there are 3 people registered for the General-Civil 40-Hour Training set for April. Direct mail and advertising currently in process.
- 4.a. Our request for a grant from United Way relating to the shoplifting program was denied, as all grants will be going to programs that address food, shelter, and basic needs for living.
- 4.b. Received \$175 for general operating expenses from a donor advised fund of the Charlevoix Foundation.
- 4.c. In response to a letter of intent, we have been asked by the Bay Harbor Foundation to apply for a grant application, the amount of which will be between \$3500 and \$4000.
5. Theatre Party proceeds are in the process of being calculated—lower profits because of decreased sponsorships and ticket sales expected.
6. Lisa Hill, NCMC student intern, will be assisting in the office.

7. Cheryl Bauman is working on developing a surrogate victim database so that when an actual victim will not come to the table, we can locate a surrogate victim who has been victimized by the same type of crime to meet with the offender.
8. Jane Millar participated in a community conversation for the initiative Michigan's Defining Moment on March 3, 2009. Purpose was to discuss: a talented, globally competitive workforce, a vibrant economy and a great quality of life, and effective, efficient, and accountable government.

A suggestion was offered by Joel to put information in the Theatre Party brochure about how to become a mediator.

Project Connect discussion: 700+ people attended this year. Steve asked if our presence was beneficial. Bill suggested table signage next year indicating what NCM can offer (i.e.: landlord/tenant dispute resolution; parent/child/family dispute resolution, etc.).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm. Moved by Bill, seconded by Joel.

REMINDER

Our May board meeting will be on Thursday, May 14 at City Park Grill in Petoskey.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Seagmen, Secretary