

Northern Community Mediation
Quarterly Meeting
March 9, 2017
Charlevoix

Board members present: Kate Scollin, President; Julie Kuchnicki, Vice-President, Stuart Fenton, Secretary, Kirk Raymond, Christian Smith, Ed Engstrom, Bob Banner, Chelsea Platte, Brian Kasiborski, Mark Fralick

Board members absent: ,; Bill Meengs, Treasurer, Hon. Fred Mulhauser, Mary Roberts

Staff Present: Dr. Jane Millar, Exec Director

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m sharp by President Scollin. Introductions were made of all those present.

Minutes:

The minutes of the January 2017 Board Meeting were presented and approved unanimously, with the corrections that Tim Arner was incorrectly listed as a board member.

Treasurer's Report:

The quarterly financial reports were presented by Exe Dir Millar in Treasurer Meengs absence. To summarize, there is a temporary cash flow issue which shows in the red. But, with incoming VORP grants and other funding, this will take care of itself and we will be in the black overall. Financials are tracking well, and as expected. Report was moved to be accepted, which was approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report:

Items in the Agenda were touched on by ED Millar. For details, see Agenda and individual reports. President Scollin indicated that meetings are now to focus more on larger, big picture, Mission and Board issues, as opposed to ED Millar simply reiterating the routine organization reports and Agenda items, which are available and distributed to board members ahead of the meeting.

Mission Moment: Jane Millar

ED Millar reiterated the Mission of the organization, which is to help parties in the Emmet and Charlevoix communities resolve disputes in a non-adversarial way told us about an actual case, where effective mediation techniques resolved the issues between the parties, changing the names of the participants to protect their privacy, in an attempt to reiterate the mission and purpose of the organization, and to inspire us to support and promote the organization as directors.

Presidents Report: Kate Scollin

- 1) Board Retreat Summary - Scollin thanked Smith and Platte for the wonderful job they did at the recent Board Strategic Planning session, and summarized the goals to increase

and grow the budget by a concerted and comprehensive fundraising campaign, to support increasing the salaries of the staff, and increase the profile and awareness of the organization as a top tier non-profit in the area. Future Executive Committee meetings will flush out more details, and we will implement concrete measures to reach our goals, along with timelines and objective measures of success.

Ed Engstrom volunteered to create a Thermometer for our fundraising campaign.

We have 2 potential spots open for additional Directors now, and 2 more will be opening in January if anyone knows a qualified candidate.

Next Board Meeting is set for May 11 at the Bob Inn at noon in Petoskey.
Executive Board Meeting is April 20 at 8am?

Adjourned at 1:04 Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Stuart L Fenton, Secretary