

**Northern Community Mediation
Quarterly Meeting
May 09, 2017
Bob Inn Grill, Petoskey**

Board members present: Kate Scollin, President; Julie Kuchnicki, Vice-President; Bill Meengs, Treasurer; Stuart Fenton, Secretary; Mark Fralick, Kirk Raymond, Hon. Fred Mulhauser, Christian Smith, Bob Banner, Chelsea Platte .

Board members absent: Brian Kasiborski, Ed Engstrom, Mary Roberts

Staff Present: Dr. Jane Millar, Ex Director

Call to Order:

Kate called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Minutes:

The minutes of the of the last board meeting were approved, unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Meengs gave the report,
\$19,000 spent so far on Restorative Practices grant out of \$76,000 which funds until June, 2018

Theater party proceeds down appx \$2,000 from budge projection. However, we took in \$8,000, which is consistent with last year. Ticket sales and sponsorships were down slightly overall.

Overall, budget tracking fine. Projected to be in the black over \$6.000.

Guest: Kathy Erber from the Petoskey Harbor Springs Foundation was our guest. She indicated that we have partnered with their organization since 1994. We have \$7,787 in an endowed fund, and \$7,102 in a non-endowed fund.

Executive Directors Report – Jane Millar

- 1) Case Reports – 339 cases disposed. Significantly up!
- 2) Collection of fees –Fees directly from clients tracking well. \$2,460 received year to date. Overdue accounts total owed- \$3,145. 43 accounts. However, 28 accounts have not yet been mediated.
- 3) .Upcoming Events – Appreciation lunch May 15 (which was a great success where retiring Judge Fred Mulhauser was honored);
40 Hr Training as described in the Agenda
Restorative Practices - site visits 5/30 and 5/31 at BCHS & Pellston HS, respectively
Statewide Database being updated.
- 4) Mission Moment – Jane told an inspiring story about 2 sisters who were constantly at each other's throats for years, and who had a very negative attitude about mediation potentially solving their problem. However, after 5 hours of mediation, the 2 left holding hands, arm in arm, and being extremely grateful for the opportunity to have a loving relationship again. Fees were waived as there

was a financial hardship, yet they later came in and voluntarily paid \$50.00!
Thank you Jane for this inspiring story which so well reflects our mission.

President's Report – Christian updated us on the donor campaign;
Kate discussed an assessment tool designed to assess needs of the board, and
also succession plans.

General Discussion – Judge Mulhauser suggested reaching out to the non-court, faith
based community could be an excellent way to get our brand out there.

Next Meeting - June 15 8:15 Exec Comm Mtg; July 13th noon General Board Mtg E
Park Tavern Charlevoix

Respectfully submitted,
Stuart Fenton, Secretary