

Northern Community Mediation
Board of Directors' Meeting
July 8, 2010
Giuseppe's, Charlevoix

Board members present: Bruce Herbert, Lisa Hoyt, John Marshall, Dr. Roger Postmus, Jim Raber, Pat Seagmen, Connie Saltonstall, Ted Teller, Paula Welmers, Joel Wurster

Board members absent: Barry Anderson, Toni Arthur, Mary Faculak,

Staff Present: Jane Millar

Ted called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

Minutes:

The minutes of the May 13 Board of Directors' Meeting were approved with correcting location to Whitecaps, Petoskey. Moved by Roger Postmus, seconded by Bruce Herbert. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

John Marshall provided report. Highlights include YTD net income at nearly \$11,000. John noted the community foundation investments were moved to "Other Assets" on the Balance Sheet. AT&T Telephone expense is high because AT&T moved NCM to premium plan. Jane is working to get resolved. Report accepted, moved by Paula Welmers, seconded by Connie Saltonstall. Motion carried.

President's Report.

Ted discussed the North Sky Board Governance Workshop several Board members attended on June 8. Board members are asked to complete the Board Member Profile to help us understand our current composition. Last meeting, a question was asked if there was a written Executive Director's report available. Ted answered that there is not a normal publication and it would require significant time from Jane to produce such publication.

Executive Directors Report, presented by Ted Teller:

1. Case Report – Accepted the same as last year, closing is down by 30 cases which affects funding. Cases are more complex and taking longer to close.
2. New Employee – Jane reported NCM hired Wayne Tri and he is in his first week of training. Wayne is an experienced mediator and will make a great addition to the team.
3. Salaries on Budget – because Wayne is training while Cheryl is still working, there is an overlap of staff and salary costs will be up.
4. Financial Review – Vel Kammermann was not able to present as she was in Colorado. She is scheduled to present the review to Executive Committee at the August meeting.

5. Status of Articles for News Review – Jane met with Doug and he is receptive to the idea of having articles on mediation/resolving conflict. No special timing has been set.
6. County Funding Requests – Jane to ask each county for a \$3000 increase in funding for 2011. Have not asked for increase in four years.
7. Volunteer Connections for Board Members – Jane sought advice from Board if we should use this tool to recruit new Board members and the Board did not believe it was needed.
8. Fees for All Cases – Jane with set up a meeting with four judges in the fall to get their opinions on charging and increasing charges for cases.
9. Concealed Weapons –discussion if a policy is needed. Wurster to do initial review.
10. Dinner Party Fund Raiser – Jane discussed idea of potential fundraiser.
11. Federal Case – Jane shared story of recent case, which ended with compliments for Bert and NCM.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Jane announced Bruce Herbert will be leaving the Board and his input and participation will be missed.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Hoyt, Secretary