

NORTHERN COMMUNITY MEDIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES  
March 8, 2018  
East Park Tavern - Charlevoix

*The mission of Northern Community Mediation is to help people meaningfully resolve conflicts  
in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties*

In Attendance – Stuart Fenton, Mary Roberts, Mark Fralick, Bob Banner, Chelsea Platte, Ed Engstrom, Liisa Morley, Hugh Conklin, Brian Kasiborski, Christian Smith. Absent – Joe Hays, Bill Meengs

Noon CALL TO ORDER: Bob Banner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Stuart Fenton  
Annual Meeting & Regular Board Meeting January 18, 2018  
Motion made and carried unanimously

TREASURER'S REPORT: In Bills absence, Jane gave report.  
Projected small Loss for 2018  
Worst Case Scenario; More Likely Ending in the Black

12:10 PRESIDENT'S REPORT Bob Banner

1. Resignation of Joe Hayes. Motion made and carried to accept
2. Approval of Signers for Bank Accounts
  - a. Remove Kate Scollin
  - b. Add Bob Banner
  - c. Remain
    - i. Bill Meengs
    - ii. Jane MillarMotion made and carried unanimously to remove Scollin and add Banner as approved signers for bank accounts
3. Board Retreat
  - a. Committee Reports at May 10 Board Meeting

12:10 ACTION ITEM Chelsea Platte

1. Thank-you Notes to Donors – Board signed and will continue to sign thank you notes to donors

12:20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Jane Millar

1. Case Reports YTD
  - a. 2018: 163
  - b. 2017: 169
2. Collection of Fees YTD
  - a. Payments Received YTD
    - i. 2018: \$2,250
    - ii. 2017: \$1,285

- b. Overdue Accounts by 90 Days
    - i. 2018:
      - 1. \$2,100 Total
      - 2. \$1,500 Active/Pending – Open Cases
      - 3. \$600 Closed Cases
    - ii. 2017: \$350
  - c. Fees Waived YTD
    - i. Fees: \$2,350
    - ii. Amount Waived: \$600
    - iii. Amount Cancelled: \$1,650
    - iv. Amount Charged: \$100
3. Petoskey Theatre Party
- a. Income
    - i. Sponsors
      - 1. 2018 Actual - \$8,225 (Budget \$7,400)
      - 2. 2017 Actual - \$7,375
    - ii. General Tickets
      - 1. 2018 Actual - ? (Budget \$3,200)
      - 2. 2017 Actual - \$3,200
    - iii. Other
      - 1. 2018 Actual - ? (Budget \$1,100)
      - 2. 2017 Actual - \$1,532.85
  - b. Expenses
    - i. 2018 Actual - ? (Budget \$2,180)
    - ii. 2017 Actual - \$3,973.12
  - c. Gain
    - i. 2018 - ?
    - ii. 2017 Actual - \$8,134.73
    - iii. 2018 Budget - \$9,520
4. Project Connect – February 28
- a. Booth
  - b. Focus on Services in General + Special Education Mediation
5. Presentation by Karen Cole in Tawas City to Court Administrators About Child Protection Mediation
6. Upcoming Events
- a. Petoskey Theatre Party – March 12
  - b. Career Day at Petoskey Middle School – March 14
  - c. Michigan Nonprofit Association Legislative Day – March 20
  - d. Charlevoix Chamber Expo – March 21
  - e. Petoskey Chamber Expo – April 19
  - f. Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Luncheon – May 11
  - g. Appreciation Cocktail Party – May 15
  - h. Advanced Mediation Training – June 1
7. Website – Close to Being Completely Updated
8. Karen Cole’s Presentation
- a. Child Protection Mediation
  - b. Lake County
  - c. Adopting Program Based Upon Karen’s Presentation
9. Regular Postings
- a. Facebook
  - b. Twitter
10. Legislation

- a. Public Hearing on March 28 for Proposed MCR 3.970 Relating to Child Protection Mediation
- b. Executive Director Sarah Dempsey has met with State Senator Proos, who is a member of the Appropriations Committee and Chair of the Judiciary Committee regarding adding line item to state budget for CDRP
- c. HB5073 and Automatic Mediation Referred to Committee on Law & Justice on October 17, 2017. Bar Association opposes bill based upon premise that it should be addressed in court rule and not legislation.
- d. HB 5625 recommended by Mental Health Task Force to use mediation in mental health issue disputes. Referred to Committee on Law & Justice on February 21, 2018. Executive Director Bern Dempsey from Wayne is in contact with Representative Durhal's office
- e. Attorney Bill Mallow is looking into possible grants in order to continue the restorative practices school mediation, with a view to expanding to other schools.

11. Jane in China April 11 – April 21, 2018

12:25 MISSION MOMENT Jane Millar – speaking of Restorative Practices mediation, Jane shared a story about 2 girls who were having an argument over a boy in Boyne City HS, who came to Jim Raber's office to mediate. They suddenly decided on their own that the argument was petty, and that it was stupid to be fighting about this. The mere existence of the possibility of mediation caused them to reconsider their positions and resolve it themselves without formal intervention! What a great story!

12:55 ACTION STEPS & BOARD COMMITMENTS

1:00 ADJOURNMENT

#### NEXT MEETINGS

1. Executive Committee Meeting: Change from Thursday, April 12 to Thursday, April 5 at 8:18am at NCM
2. Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 10 at Noon at City Park Grill