



Northern Community Mediation

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2019

City Park Grill

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

Board Members Present: Izabela Babinska, Bob Banner, Hugh Conklin, Ed Engstrom, Brian Kasiborski, Liisa Morley, Kirstyn Horan

Staff Present: Karen Cole, Caroline Smith

Guests Present: Amy Stikovich

Board Members Absent: Nikki Devitt, Sturt Fenton, Bill Meengs

President Bob Banner called the meeting to order at 12:39pm.

In the absence of Secretary Stuart Fenton, Executive Director gave the secretary's report. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2018 board meeting as presented and approved unanimously. The minutes from the online, December 19, 2018 vote to approve the budget were presented showing 100% response from the board and 100% approval. Therefore, the budget was approved via the online vote on December 19. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as presented and approved unanimously.

Since the treasurer's report was part of the annual report, there was no need for a treasurer's report at the board meeting. The same held true for the Executive Director's report.

Case Manager Karen Cole then gave a mission moment relating to the challenges that are sometimes faced by the case managers when scheduling mediations. Examples she explained were having to accommodate the needs of handicapped participants, parties being incarcerated, and lifting PPOs so that mediation could take place.

NEXT MEETINGS

1. Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, February 14 at 8:15 at NCM Office
2. Board Retreat: Thursday, March 14 at 4:30 at the Tap Room in Boyne City
3. Board Meeting: Thursday, March 14 at 4:30 at the Tap Room in Boyne City

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Millar, Executive Director
In the absence of Secretary Stuart Fenton