## **Northern Community Mediation**

Annual Meeting January 25, 2006

Welcome: President Cathy Atchison opened the meeting at 5:10 pm

Introduction of the Board: Ken Winters introduced the new board members. Cathy Atchison introduced the continuing board members and thanked the board members who had completed their terms of office.

Annual Report: Jane Millar, Executive Director, gave a brief annual report including the highlight on a high number of cases processed during the pass year. She also announced that the federal funding for PPMP had "dried up", but Cheboygan County had joined the counties of Charlevoix and Emmet to continue the services with local funds.

Theatre Party: Jane Millar promoted the theatre party to be held on March 14 as an excellent fun activity that was a good fund raiser last year. All board members and mediators were encouraged to sell 10 or more tickets. Jane was promoting signature sponsors and will e-mail applications to everyone.

## Special Recognition:

- A. Staff: Jane Millar recognized Janice Elliot as a valuable staff person who resigned during January, but will continue to mediate for the Center.
- B. Class of 2006: Jane and Cathy recognized the newly trained mediators and gave certificates of appreciation to all the mediators who provided services during the year.
- C. Mediators of the Year: 1.) Dick Hendrian, 2.) Bruce Herbert, and 3.) Lou Fantini
- D. The Leah Award: Jane explained this was a new award this year for an outstanding mediator and was named after its first recipient, Leah Green. Leah received the award for the many valuable contribution she has made over the years

Adjournment: Kathy adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Bill Lovett Secretary