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Relocation

For the past 20 years, Northern Community Mediation (NCM) has rented the upstairs of the old St. Francis Monastery in Petoskey. It has always been the dream, however, for NCM to own its own facility. In January the right opportunity surfaced. On Thursday, February 9, NCM purchased office condominium Units 3 and 4 at 2202 Mitchell Park Drive in Petoskey.

On Wednesday evening, February 8, the night before the closing, NCM held its annual Board retreat. The main topic on the agenda was the purchase of the condo units. Specifically, preliminary strategies for running a capital campaign were discussed. The second major agenda item related to the June 21 fundraiser Loco Locals. Throughout the entire evening, the Board was in a celebratory frame of mind.

Executive Director Dr. Jane Millar shared that as excited as the staff and Board are, “it is a bittersweet move. The relationship that NCM has had with the church is second to none. We will miss hearing the kids during recess on the playground. The charm of this old building cannot be beat. The positives in making the move, nevertheless, outweigh the disadvantages. For example, the new facility will be handicap accessible, and there will be convenient parking for the clients.”

NCM will move into its new location on Monday, March 13 and plans to use that week to get settled into the new building. In the meantime, the technical, phone and security experts will be planning and implementing their strategies for the move, and the staff will be taking smaller items, pictures and the like over in their cars.

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict

Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation should contact Dr. Jane Millar at 231.487.1771.

Pictured at the Board retreat from left to right: Kirstyn Horan, Judy Zorn, Lisa Hoyt, Phil Harmon, Suzi Kanine, Hob Ingleson, Jenny Brower, Cyndy Tonkavich, Mark Andresky, Bill Cattin, Mitch Brown, Hugh Conklin, Nikki LaDeur