

NORTHERN MICHIGAN DECOLORES

BOARD MEETING – FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TRAVERSE CITY, MI

SATURDAY 2/1/2020

CALL TO ORDER: Loyd Morris at 11:05 am

OPENING PRAYER:

PRESENT: Loyd and Penny Morris, President Couple; Brian and Connie Narmore, Vice-President Couple; John and Helen Hayes, Tom Riedel, Sarah Esper, Pastor Rodney Knapp, Barbara Adkins, Chris Helberg, Janine Winkler

ABSENT: Mary Schaub, Jim and Linn Brown, Past President Couple

GUESTS: Sarah Cramer, Judy James Rectoress for Weekend #112, Denny and Nancy Goff, Greg McKay, Rector for Weekend #111

MEDITATION: Pastor Rodney Knapp – It's a Wonderful Life

REVIEW OF JANUARY MINUTES: Amendments: Change meeting place; Change call to order time; Correct spelling for Joe Bradway's name; Motion to accept minutes as amended made by Tom Riedel and seconded by Brian Narmore. Board approved minutes with amendments.

REPORT FROM RECTORESS FOR WEEKEND #112: Judy James reports the inside and outside teams for "shaping up". Pastors Noreen Shafer and Michelle Merchant will serve as Spiritual Directors. The team is diverse. Judy reported Deb Larimer has drop from the team. Crystal Harrington has stepped into Deb's position as Rollista. Needs to fill the Clean Up Coordinator position on the outside team. That will complete the outside team.

REPORT FROM RECTOR FOR WEEKEND #111: Greg McKay reports the planning for Weekend 111 "is going well". There are a few positions open on the Outside Team. There is a need for a Closing Host. The Holy Hour and Homily positions are now filled. A Rollista for the CCIA position is still open. Bill Davis will likely serve as a B Spiritual Director. The President Couple will meet with him. The March team meeting date will be changed to accommodate Bill's attendance and his help with reflection time with team members. Greg raised a concern about the number of people in the Northern Michigan DeColores Community who are not active members.

BOARD REPORTS:

SECRETARY: Mary is absent. Sarah volunteered to take minutes of the Board meeting in Mary's absence.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Barbara A. reported there has been financial activity over the past month. The Board's tithe was paid to Mike Brief (Jowett Funeral Home) and to Crystal Harrington to help with medical and funeral expenses for their spouses. All NMDC bills are paid and accounts are up to date. Barb will write a check and send a thank you note to the Kalkaska United Methodist Church for the use of their facilities for Weekend #109. Motion was made by John Hayes and seconded by Tom Riedel to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Board voted and approved the motion.

REGISTRATION: Janine reported she continues to work with Tom R. to learn the Registration system. Several registrations have been received and need to be processed. There is a new registration e-mail: [nmdregistration@gmail.com](mailto:nmdregistration@gmail.com).

COMMUNICATION: Tom, thanked everyone who came to the meeting to establish a Board calendar. He is working on putting it together based on Board positions. It is the responsibility of each Board member to be aware of the responsibilities of their positions. Updates and corrections are posted to the website.

INVENTORY: The Hayes' and DeGraafs' reported the trailer is parked at the DeGraff's home. Christine will go over a few details with both the Hayes' and DeGraafs' as they assume the responsibilities for inventory. Sarah will purchase folders for use on the weekends.

HISTORIAN: Julie reports all is good. She has received the binders of historical information. Julie and Penny have reviewed the job description for Historian so Julie is aware of the responsibilities for that position.

NATIONAL BOARD: Jim and Joan reported the January National Board meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. It is rescheduled for Feb 8, 2020 at Third Methodist Church in Grand Rapids.

ULTREYA: Chris H. reports there was 49 people attended the January Ultreya at KUMC. Those in attendance "loved the music because it got them back into the Spirit". He notes the March Ultreya at KUMC will be held in conjunction with the Men's Pre-Weekend potluck.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

REVIEW OF BY-LAWS: Loyd, John and Helen reported they have reviewed minutes from past Board meetings and found changes made to the By-Laws. They will work on producing an updated copy of the By-Laws with documentation of all the amendments and dates of change.

INTERVIEWS WITH NEW SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS: Loyd and Penny report they will be meeting with Michelle Merchant and Bill Davis for acceptance as new Spiritual Directors.

HISTORIAN: Penny reported she met with Julie F. and provided her with a copy of the job description for the Historian position.

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS: This secretariat has 4 National Board Representative positions. AS Vice President Couple, Brian and Connie Narmore will assume 2 positions. Denny and Nancy Goff volunteered to fill the other 2 positions.

CURRENT BOARD POSITIONS: Job descriptions are on the NMDC website. All Board members must review the job description for their position.

CHANGE ULTREYA COORDINATOR AND REUNION GROUP COORDINATOR: The responsibilities for these 2 positions will now fall under the MUSIC COORDINATOR position. The importance of reunion groups is to keep community members connected.

## NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST FOR USE OF NMDC INVENTORY: Ben Sexton requested use of cots and pads from NMDC during the summer of 2020. A youth group from Indiana will be in the Traverse City area this coming spring/summer 2020. They will possibly be staying at First Christian Church. Board motioned and approved this request.

SECURITY ON NMDC WEEKENDS: Pastor Rodney discussed the issue of security on NMDC Weekends and carrying concealed weapons. Churches are on the "no gun zone" list. Individuals can get permission (documented in writing) to bring in and carry while providing security. Discussion by Board included topics such as; would there be training involved/required? Is Security needed as part of the outside team for each weekend? Does anyone on the security team need to have legal protection such as insurance?

John questioned if there is a need to contract with a professional service to provide security? Janine suggested a list of security procedures? John H. feels the Board needs more information. Penny suggested Patriot Firearms and Christian firearms training. Pastor Rodney offered to do more research on this topic.

Two possible solutions to addressing the security are: 1) Provide security within NMDC or 2) Contract out security services from private contactor

RECRUITING MORE PASTORS & CHURCHES PARTICIPATION: John H. suggested the Board consider a creating a council of local pastors. Invite them to a meal/dinner, educate them about what DeColores is about and what our mission is. Dispel the rumors that we are trying to displace local churches. Engage in a Question and Answer discussion with local pastors. Questions were raised such as: What venue would encourage them to participate? An Ad Hoc Committee was formed to explore this as a way to get more membership and to involve local churches not currently involved in DeColores. Committee members include: John and Helen Hayes, Pastor Rodney, Tom Riedel. Volunteers offering to help with the event include: Sarah Cramer and Janine Winkler

## ACTION ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH MEETING:

- 1) All Board members are asked to give a short job report on their position at the next Board meeting. Recommendations or suggestions for change can be brought to the next Board meeting.
- 2) Pastor Rodney will continue to research the topic of security at all weekends.
- 3) John Hayes will reach out to DeColores members regarding the question of security on the weekends
- 4) Board will consider a policy/procedure of security on the weekends

Motion to adjourn was made by Sarah E. and seconded by John Hayes.

Prayer requests:

Pastor Bubba for health concerns

Pastor Rodney and his family as his mother recently passed away

Success of Weekends #111 & 112

Linn Brown complications from surgery

Crystal Harrington and family grieving death of her husband, Bryon

Mike Brief and family grieving death of his wife, Deb

Clint and Dakota Morris relationship problems

John Winkler leaves to study abroad in Spain

Bill James marital and family problems

Closing Prayer by \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_

Next meeting will be held on March 7, 2020 at Kalkaska United Methodist Church

Respectfully Submitted,

Electronically Signed By:

Mary L. Schaub, Secretary

Northern Michigan DeColores Board