

Northern Michigan DeColores Board Meeting
February 7, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Couple Melody and Ed Halvorsen at 9:06 a.m. at First Christian Church in Traverse City. Ed opened in prayer. Scott Hoffer shared a Valentine meditation from I Corinthians about the importance of Godly love in our lives and relationships.

Present: Dave Stockford, Sharon Stockford, Sheila Jones, Jeanette Borgen, Vicki Hogerheide, Linn Brown, Patti Davis, Scott Hoffer, Ed Halvorsen, Melody Halvorsen, and Bob Sturm. Mary Schaub, rectress of Weekend #68 was also present.

The Minutes of the January 3rd meeting were approved as presented. (Moved by Dave S. Second by Linn Brown)

Weekend Reports: Mary Schaub reported that plans for Weekend #68 are going well. The theme song will not require any royalty fees. Her first team meeting will be February 21st. The Weekend will be May 14-17.

Kim Allen was not present because he was conducting a team meeting in Kalkaska. Ed reported that plans are moving along smoothly for the April 23-26 Weekend.

National Representatives Report: Bob Sturm announced that the scheduled January National Board Meeting was canceled due to dangerous travel conditions. The next meeting will be April 18th.

Permanent Mailing Address: After a brief discussion, Dave Stockford will get permission from the Kalkaska United Methodist Church Administrative Board to use its address for all DeColores mailings, since we are already using the address for newsletters.

Registrations: Sharon reported 16 men's registrations and 13 women's registrations on file. The men's invitations will go out March 1. and the women's invitations the middle of March. We need to encourage more registrations at all functions and in the newsletter.

Newsletter: The January/February Newsletter has been sent. Emails have increased to 226 while bulk mailings have dropped to 596. Board members will receive an updated Alpha List and a mailing list so that corrections can be made. Dave will work with Bob Sturm to get the website transferred to Dave.

Historian: Linn reported that everything is up to date. Patti is working on getting all of the Weekend group pictures on a DVD. The Weekend pictures will be put on the website. Linn will get a job description of the Historian Position to Dave so that it can be added to the ByLaws at the next meeting.

Inventory: Sheila reported that preparations for the upcoming Weekends are going smoothly. We are still waiting for new copies of the license registrations for the trailers. Belinda will work with the Secretary of State's office to get copies. After a brief discussion it was moved by Sharon

and seconded by Patti to move G.5 to A.9. The amendment will be published and voted on next month.

Motion to move G.5 to A.9

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Treasurer: Shirley was absent but submitted a report. Little activity in the last month. It was moved by Patti, seconded by Linn, to authorized payment of any fees required to file for 501C Tax Exemption Status with the IRS. On a roll call vote, all present voted yes.

Ultreya: Patti missed the last Ultreya because of travel. Millers filled in. While discussing Ultreyas, it was suggested that we have a reception table at all functions (Ultreya, Closings) and have members sign in. We will start doing this at the next Ultreya. Lists will be used by rectors/rectresses in choosing members who are active in the Community. Interest Surveys will also be available at the reception table.

Jeanette feels better after her recent surgery, she asked for prayers for Pastor Collier and for the Tony Cline family.

New Business: Pastor Greg Wolfe, Kalkaska United Methodist Church, was interviewed by the President Couples and was recommended to serve as a Spiritual Director for the Community. Dave moved, Linn seconded that Pastor Greg Wolfe be approved as a Spiritual Director. Approved.

Mellody and Ed presented their concern about the Rector/Rectress requirements that have restricted the number of members who can qualify for the position. They suggested that we return to the bylaw wording used until 2006 as follows:

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1. have (a) completed at least three (3) De Colores weekends as a team member, or (b) completed at least two De Colores weekends and one substantially similar weekend in the Cursillo tradition as a team member;

2. Have been a rollista on a DeColores weekend;

3. have been a coordinator on a DeColores weekend or completed a Fourth Day (Leader Training) Workshop;

4. have been a member of the Northern Michigan DeColores community for at least three (3) years at the time of nomination;

5. be a person whose life typically exemplifies the DeColores Ministry;

6. Shall not have served previously as a rector or rectress within the preceding seven years, provided that this rule shall not apply to the selection of a rector or rectress for a prison or travel weekend.

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Motion to change 5.1A2 and 3 to read:

2. Have been a rollista on a DeColores weekend;

3. have been a coordinator on a DeColores weekend or completed a Fourth Day (Leader Training) Workshop;

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. with prayer by Scott Hoffer.

The next meeting will be in Kalkaska on March 7th, at a location to be announced. The Kalkaska United Methodist Church will be in use the entire day for a Bishop's District Conference. Members will be notified of the meeting location.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Stockford