

NORTHERN MICHIGAN DECOLORES
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 2013

PRESENT: Helen Hayes, John Hayes, Karen Riedel, Tom Riedel, Lowell Harris, Dana O'Dell

ABSENT: Sheila Jones, Jim and Yvonne Harris, Linn Brown, Patti Bury, Michele and Keith Merchant, Melissa Snyder, Bob Sturm, Byron and Crystal Harrington

GUESTS: Ed and Melody Halvorsen

OPENING PRAYER AND MEDITATION: Lowell Harris

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF JULY BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Dana made motion and John seconded to approve. All yes; motion carried

REC/RECTORESS REPORTS: N/A

TREASURER REPORT: current balance \$3297.72

WEB SITE: N/A

REGISTRATION: Melissa Snyder will resign at the end of her current term in January. The board thanks her for her service

NEWSLETTER: N/A

HISTORIAN: N/A

INVENTORY: N/A

ULTREYA HOSTS: John and Helen reported that they are actively seeking a couple to take their place as TC Ultreya Hosts

OLD BUSINESS:

Additional research will be done with regard to the prices available for candles

No new board members have volunteered at this point

NEW BUSINESS:

John and Helen discussed the concept of relocating TC Ultreyas to New Hope Church. They have been in preliminary discussions regarding this. They felt that a new location might help to add energy to the events and that its relocation to the East side of TC might encourage more Kalkaska community members to attend. John emphasized that this proposal in no way reflects upon the welcome and support that NMD receives from First Christian Church but that it is something that may be necessary to help to revive Ultreya

The Statement of Christian Service was discussed. Further input from the community is still sought. No conclusions were reached as to the question if the Statement should be retained exactly in

its current form, if it should be revised, or if some other action should be taken. Discussion did indicate, though, that the procedures required in the bylaws with regard to the use of the statement have not been strictly followed. For example, Lowell said that he has never been asked to sign the statement even though he has worked several weekends since the adoption of the statement. On some weekends, Head Coordinators have distributed, collected, and retained the forms even though the bylaws require those actions to be performed by the weekend's Spiritual Directors. It was also noted that the explanation of the form provided by some Rector/Rectoresses might have been inadequate; it was recommended that the President Couple and board Spiritual Directors provide them with additional guidance during the Rector/Rectoress interviews prior to the first team meeting. The topic was tabled; additional community input is anticipated to be received prior to and at the September board meeting.

It was suggested that the Weekend Commissioning should be performed at the first team meeting, and at each team meeting for any person who was not at the first team meeting, rather than after the team meetings have been concluded. The reason for this is that each team member's weekend responsibilities truly begin at the first team meeting and not at the onset of the weekend itself.

It was suggested that the President Couple discuss and emphasize with the Rector/Rectoress at the preliminary interview certain topics that board members have noted may be underemphasized during the weekends:

EXAMPLE: it was suggested that the Job Description for Holy Hour Hosts be expanded to provide additional explanation of the Agape Meal and why it is being offered at Holy Hour; it was also suggested that the Rector/Rectoress discuss this with the team and candidates prior to viewing the Holy Hour video on Friday evening.

EXAMPLE: It was noted that on some weekends the explanation of why the hand/foot washing activity is done was not clearly explained. The Rector/Rectoress manual may need additional scripting.

It was suggested that the outline/checklist that is used during the Rector/Rectoress interview be reviewed and updated where necessary.

Further discussion was tabled.

CLOSING PRAYER: Lowell Harris

ADJOURNMENT: Dana made a motion to close the meeting; John seconded; All yes; motion carried