

NORTHERN MICHIGAN DECOLORES
BOARD MEETING
March 2014

PRESENT: Val Porter, Linda Mitchem, Mitch Mitchem, Linn Brown, Dana O'Dell, Christine Bissonette, Tom Riedel

ABSENT: Karen Riedel, Jim and Yvonne Harris, Patti Bury, Michele and Keith Merchant, Melissa Snyder, Bob Sturm, Byron and Crystal Harrington, Pastor David Rosenberg, Loyd and Penny Morris

GUESTS: Jim Brown

OPENING PRAYER AND MEDITATION: Tom Riedel

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: New business: Summer picnic idea

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

NATIONAL BOARD: Next meeting is in April 2014. Nothing new at this time

REC/RECTORRESS REPORTS: Jim Harris (Men's Co-Rector) reports that everything is on track for the weekend. Team is in place and is ready. Kathy Britten was absent but reported previously that team attendance has been high.

TREASURER REPORT: current balance \$2761.77. Linda moved to approve; Val seconded; approved unanimously

WEB SITE: N/A

REGISTRATION: Val reports 5 invited and 1 confirmed candidates for the Men's Weekend; 5 invited Women's Weekend candidates

NEWSLETTER: N/A

HISTORIAN: Linn reports that everything is up to date

INVENTORY: Christine reports that the trailers are ready to go. They have a plan for snow removal and trailer delivery for the Men's Weekend. Mitch has access to a supply of inexpensive garbage bags through Ace Hardware. He will purchase a supply for the trailers.

ULTREYA HOSTS: None were present but at the TC Ultreya, Loyd and Penny had suggested the possibility of changing the closing songs. The general feeling of the board was that the meaning and tradition of singing "Abba" and "This Little Light Of Mine" runs deep and should be preserved. Other songs at Ultreya can be chosen by the Ultreya Host Couple; the current closing songs are recommended to be retained.

OLD BUSINESS:

Alpha List updating was tabled until the May meeting due to the unavailability of Patti Davis

Checking account audit should be completed by the April meeting

Additional research and interviews will be conducted on the idea of holding an Ultreya in Interlochen or Grawn due to what appears to be a low level of interest so far

NEW BUSINESS:

It was suggested that a summer picnic could be organized, proposed date of July 26. The recommended location would be a bayside park in Acme, if the park can be reserved. The method by which the park can be reserved will be investigated. This would probably be a pot luck and an open invitation for all community members, their families and friends.

Mitch and Linda proposed a revision to the Christian Service Statement, as show in the agenda for this meeting. The purpose for the statement was discussed as well as some of the perceived shortfalls of the existing statement. Concern regarding the perceived focus of the current statement on specific scriptures as was the way the statement is sometimes distributed and collected at team meetings. Further discussion will occur at future meetings. Proposal to indicate within the statement that Christian living and behavior should be defined by the entire Bible, rather than by a few selected scripture passages.

CLOSING PRAYER: Jim Brown

ADJOURNMENT: Mitch made a motion to close the meeting; Linn seconded; All yes; motion carried