

Northern Michigan DeColores

Board Meeting

October 6, 2012

PRESENT:

Bryon and Crystal Harrington, Curt and Kathy Britten, Sheila Jones, Bob Sturm, Dana O'Dell, Ed Halvorsen, Jim and Yvonne Harris

ABSENT:

Patti and Bill Davis, Patti Bury, Melissa Snyder, Keith and Michelle Merchant, John and Helen Hayes, Alice Sturm, Pastor Tim Manzer

GUEST:

Kathy Fitch, Loyd Morris

Bryon opened the meeting with prayer and then gave a meditation.

ADDITIONS to AGENDA:

President/Vice President responsibilities, Mass Media usage, Pictures, Scheduling

MINUTES FORM SEPTEMBER:

Kathy Bittten made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Bryon seconded. Motion carried.

RECTOR/RECTORESS REPORT:

Yvonne said everything is in place for her Weekend and they are all really excited. She also mentioned that their potluck and commissioning is tonight.

Loyd Morris said he is trying to have his Weekend in the Church of the Living God for a weekend of 2/28-3/3/2013. He said he should know by tomorrow. His Co-Rector is going to be Randy Snyder, scripture is Psalm 91:1-5 and a theme and song to be confirmed at a later date.

Sheila Jones said she was just notified that she can use New Hope for her Weekend on 4/25-28. Her Co-Rectress is going to be Carol Rosenberg, her theme is Grow in Grace, her scripture is II Peter 3:18 and her song is going to be Grace Like Rain.

GUESTS:

Kathy Fitch came to encourage the board to each take an envelope of tickets (5 in each envelope) to the concert to try to sell and asked us to encourage others to attend.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Written report provided. It was also brought to our attention that we have just enough to put on the women's Weekend. Usually what we collect from the pre-weekend team meetings, is used for the next weekend. There was much discussion on the concert and possible ways to get more money for the DeColores community. It was decided that Kathy Britten would put together an email announcement making the community aware of our financial concerns and when she gets that ready, I (Ed Halvorsen) will send it out as a mass email to all our contacts that we have emails for.

NATIONAL BOARD REP'S REPORT:

Bob Sturm reported that there will be a National Board Meeting on October 20th at Kalkaska United Methodist Church. Bryon and Crystal will provide the main course and the rest of the board will provide side dishes. Bob also reported that the Southeast Secretariat has failed to have any representation at the last several meetings and there is concern that they may have disbanded. Their website is off-line.

WEB-SITE:

Bob stated that there is nothing to report.

REGISTRATION:

Melissa sent a report to show that 5 women have confirmed to attend the upcoming Weekend, 1 has said no and 4 are still outstanding. Several people on the board stated that they have candidates that will be attending but have not got the applications in as of yet.

NEWSLETTER:

A new newsletter will go out after the Women's Weekend.

HISTORIAN:

We are still in need of a Historian.

INVENTORY:

We are still in need of one or more Inventory person (or persons). Sheila stated that the trailers are ready for the upcoming Women's Weekend and she hopes that we have someone to replace her prior to her Weekend.

MERCHANDISE:

Discussion on whether we should just scrap the position, and some felt that we should just leave it open for now with the hopes that someone will step up to take it over.

ULTREYA HOSTS:

None were present.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was mentioned that the next board meeting has been rescheduled for November 10. On November 3rd, there will be a 4th Day Workshop, a combined potluck and the Christian Concert, all in Kalkaska.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim and Yvonne Harris have regretfully resigned as the Vice-President Couple. Jim stated that they have gone through many changes in the past 6-8 months and they do not feel they would be able to carry on the responsibilities of President Couple. Jim also said they still fully believe in the DeColores movement and they wish only the best for the movement. It was with regret that we (the board) accept their resignation and we all wish them well.

Brian and Britney Maidens have been contacted regarding the possibility of becoming the next Vice-President. Bryon is going to follow up on this tonight.

There was discussion on the responsibilities of the President and the Vice-President responsibilities. Because Jim and Yvonne have resigned, Bryon and Crystal have agreed to remain as the President Couple for next year and Curt and Kathy Britten have agreed to remain as the Past President Couple.

Dana stated that her term is up in December but said that she would continue to do this (Treasurer) if no one else steps up.

It was brought up that mass media such as Facebook, email and phone texts have been used to let people know of meetings etc. rather than calls or post cards. Much discussion about this and the President Couple agreed to bring this up with the new Rector/Rectoress, urging them to use the calls and post card methods rather than mass media. Not everyone checks the mass media and it was felt that if a card is staring you in the face that maybe you'll remember the meeting.

Discussion about keeping our Weekend pictures as an 8x10. It was decided that since there isn't much difference in price (between an 8x10 and a 5x7) when emailed ahead of time with one or two days' notice, that we would continue to do the 8x10 size.

Scheduling and the importance of communication was also brought up between Northern and Northeastern Michigan secretariats. Bryon and Crystal have agreed to contact Bob and Alice to make each other aware who will be the next Rector/Rectoress so they can urge the Rector/Rectoress of each secretariat to communicate with each other for dates, places and people used for the teams.

Crystal motioned and I (Ed Halvorsen) seconded to adjourn the meeting. Curt closed the meeting in prayer. Meeting adjourned at 11:48 am.

Respectfully submitted by Ed Halvorsen