

NORTHERN MICHIGAN DECO-TEC

Regular Board Meeting Minutes for

June 10, 2012, at 3pm.
Crystal Bindi Studio

Opening:

President Mitch Mitchem called the meeting to order.
Pastor Collier offered the opening prayer

The following board members were present:

Robert Collier, Eva Ferguson, Mellody Halvorsen, Misty Cudney, Steve Jones, Mitch Mitchem, Linda Mitchem, Loyd Morris,.

The following non-board members were present:

Denny & Nancy Goff .

There were no minutes for May meeting as Loyd Morris has lost them.

Reports:

Mitch Mitchem gave the President's report. He said that beyond a doubt weekend #26 was worth the controversy.

Robert Collier gave the Spiritual Director's report. He just wanted to remind everyone not to worry about "Who shot John", and keep focused on the right thing the kids. That is the purpose of the ministry and we need to strive to keep that foremost in all we do concerning Deco-Tec.

Linda Mitchem gave the Treasurers report. The balance as of June 10, 2012 was 3421.74. There were \$1600.00 in deposits and 606.50 in expenses for Weekend #26. Loyd Morris made a motion to accept the report as given which was seconded by Melody Halvorsen. Motion carried

Director's report for Weekend #26: Angel was not able to attend the meeting so she sent this letter to Mitch.

Sent: Sun, Jun 10, 2012 8:28 AM EDT Subject: Re: June DecoTec Board Meeting
Hello All, I am sorry I am unable to make the meeting. My best friend/neighbour Becky Wyman who I sponsored for weekend #4 here in Grayling;Lost her mother Betty to cancer,whom I became close to as well, while I was taking her to chemo. and doing shopping for her. They are having Betty's memorial today and I feel it is important for me to be there. As for weekend #26, WOW is the first word that comes to mind. I had an amazing prayerfull, supportive, wonderful Co- Bob Sturm, I am still thankful to the Lord for him saying yes!! We reached 27 teens and the Lord blessed us all tremendously. I am still in awe of how smoothly everything went, God is Good! On Friday night my concern was the teens not coming together because they all knew each other coming from a small community like Grayling, but to

God's Glory by Sunday they were all a family and continue to encourage each other in school! GLORY!! I have had conversations with several teachers and students that have been amazed at the community among these teens. wow! They sing "Smile" in the hallway and even sing "Come to the Well" in the lunch room. They reach out to other teens and want to sponsor friends, classmates & sport team members on a weekend. What a testimony!! I have had many requests for another TEC weekend in Grayling, from parents, students, youth leaders & Pastors!! Also, I have had parents of the Tecites give testimony of what a change they have seen in their teen since the weekend, broken relationships healed, forgiveness... wow!!! GLORY!! yup you guessed it I am leaky! hahaha God is Good! I would do it again in with just as short of a notice if that is what God wanted!!! I will forever be blessed by saying yes to God's call for this weekend and I appreciate the opportunity

you as a board have given our community in Grayling to come together as a family in OUR JESUS. It is amazing & these teens will always remember the overwhelming love of Jesus they experienced from your decision. Thank you!!! I believe this weekend drove home that, No matter where you are in life you always have Jesus to go to, no matter what He is there saying "So bring me your heart no matter how broken, just come as you are, when your last prayer is spoken, just rest in my arms awhile and you'll feel the change my child, when you come to the well" I also believe that they now know that God chose each one of us, that He set us aside for a special work, He appointed us, that we can go forth & speak with confidence the love of Jesus and He will be with us always to protect us. These weekends are so instrumental!!! I love what blessings flow from them!! Jeremiah 1:5-8 New Century Version (NCV) 5 "Before I made you in your mother's womb, I chose you.

Before you were born, I set you apart for a special work. I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." 6 Then I said, "But Lord God, I don't know how to speak. I am only a boy." 7 But the Lord said to me, "Don't say, 'I am only a boy.' You must go everywhere I send you, and you must say everything I tell you to say.8 Don't be afraid of anyone, because I am with you to protect you," says the Lord. In closing I would like to thank all who experienced this weekend with me, all who stepped up to help or pray, all who came to the HOOT, and especially the head wheatie Michelle Schwartz<--1st time DecoTEC she did an awesome job, our Wheat leaders Breezy, Misty & Crystal and the wheaties... we only had 6 and they deserve a great big THANK YOU!! Chase Wilcox, Alicen LeBlanc, Brooke LeBlanc, Kyle Stetler, Brad Atwood, & Justin Frenandez. They were running all weekend with smiles!!! and I say it again God is Good!!! GLORY!!! Thank You again for allowing me to serve, I am blessed!! Love & prayers Always, The leaky one! Angel Dutton

Stacy Popp and her Co were not at the meeting so there was no Director's report for Weekend #27.

Committee Reports

Mitch Mitchem said that Angel Dutton had made a lot of notes on needed revision's and additions to the Director's Manuel. Also when he received this from Angel he and Loyd

Morris would sit down and make the necessary changes and then report back to the Board.

Misty Cudney made a motion that all the reports be accepted. Motion carried.

**Old Business:
Service Projects**

These have been placed on hold as no one has stepped forward to take charge.

Alpha List / Website

Misty reported that the work on the Alpha list was ongoing. Melody asked that any of the teens that would like to put a testimony about their 4th Day get in touch with Bob Sturm so he could put them on the website.

New Business:

A motion was made by Loyd with a second from Linda that we add two check the box questions to the weekend application for the parent's consideration. 1st would give permission to use the weekend picture on the website. 2nd would be to ask permission to make the teens contact information available to the Deco-Tec community. Also there would be a statement added to the parents letter telling the parents that if they needed to contact their child during the weekend that they would call one of these numbers. The numbers would be the cell phones for the Head Wheat Leader and the Head Prayer Warrior. Motion carried.

Follow up Meetings

A motion was made by Loyd with a second from Misty that the Directors Manual be changed to call for two follow up meeting by the weekend participants with a third follow up meeting to be a community wide event. Motion carried.

Mellody also said that she would come up with an agenda to make the two follow up meetings more productive.

A motion was made by Mellody with a second by Linda to make the addition of paragraph 3 to Article V as follows:

3. The qualifications for Co-Director for a Deco Tec weekend will be:
 - a. Have been active in the Deco Tec community for at least 2 years.
 - b. Have worked at least two Deco Tec weekends.
 - c. Have been a Wheat Leader, Coordinator for a DeColores weekend, and/or attended a Deco Tec Fourth Day Workshop/DeColores Fourth Day Workshop.
 - d. Given at least one talk.
 - e. At least 24 years old

This change of the By-Laws will be voted on at the July Board meeting.

There was a discussion of changing the 8x10 weekend pictures to a 5x7. There was no motion made.

It was also discussed that since are financial status was very good right now, should we purchase more foam pads. Linda said that she would obtain pricing for this. There was no motion made.

Closing Prayer and Adjournments.

Steve Jones closed us in prayer and we were adjourned.

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