**Grand** **Rapids** **NAMI** **Board** **Meeting**

**April 10, 2017**

The April 10, 2017, Board Meeting was held at the Central Square Mall Meeting Room. In attendance were Board Members: Patty, Mary, Dave, Jeff, Teresa, Ryan, Sherry, Janine, Holly, Carol, Lorna, Diane.

**CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by President, Patty Holycross.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

The meeting minutes from the February 13, 2017, Board Meeting were available for review prior to tonight’s meeting. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes.

Membership Report. Diane reported the most recent membership report showed 47 membership units.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Dave commented that the report would be forth-coming once he gets March numbers. Once completed, he will send the information to Patty, and she will email it to the Board members.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**LAC Workshop of Psychiatric Advanced Directives – Lorna**

Lorna provided an update on the upcoming workshop on April 18. Training will be provided by Patricia Siebert, Attorney with the Minnesota Disability Law Center (MDLC). Lorna said the response has been good, and CRT bought flash drives with Advanced Directives to be placed on key chains.

**“We Are All Criminals” Update - Lorna**

Lorna provided information on the “We are all Criminals” project and a Draft Programming Schedule for September, 2017.

**Reaffiliation Changes - Patty**

Patty updated the Board on the upcoming Reaffiliation Changes from NAMI National where they want NAMI National and NAMI State affiliates under the same structure. To fall under NAMI Minnesota 501 (C) (3) status, changes need to be made. Patty has been in communication with Keri Clifton, Director of Community Outreach and Engagement, who has forwarded information to Patty.

1. Updates to reflect new membership structure effective July 1, 2017.
2. Updates to by-laws with needed changes.
3. Change logo to affiliate one.
4. Add required policies.

A list of updates/changes our Board will be working on include:

1. NAMI Grand Rapids area logo on all brochures, fliers, web site.
2. Policies to adopt at Board Meeting: designated point person for local advocacy purposes, plan for determining day-to-day operations, conflict of interest, document retention, diversity/non-discrimination, whistleblower, code of ethics.
3. Changes to our by-laws.
4. Change membership categories.
5. Change web page and brochures.

**ACTION:** The membership committee and Patty will meet to review the documents and make changes for Board approval. Patty will forward the information for the committee members to review and suggest recommended changes prior to the meeting. Teresa agreed to review the policies. The meeting is scheduled for May 3 at 5:30 at the Holy cross’s.

**MEETING LOCATION FOR 2018**

The members discussed changing the location of our NAMI meetings and agreed to wait until 2018 to make the change to the Kiesler Wellness Center, if available. Ryan will check with Amanda regarding availability. If possible, we would like to continue the Education and Support Group Meetings on Tuesdays. Members were encouraged to tour the Kiesler Wellness Center and look at the space.

**PROGRESS ON 2016-2017 GOALS**

1. Increase membership – we have met our goal.
2. Speakers’ Bureau. This is going well. They have given 5 talks to date with 3 more planned.
3. Family-to-Family teachers. We are still looking for people that would like to teach the class. This class runs for 12 weeks. If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, let Patty know. Requirements are that you are a NAMI member and have a family member with a serious mental illness. Also, if anyone is interested in teaching the one-day Hope for Recovery Workshop, contact Patty.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DEER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH DISPLAY – Diane and Teresa**

NAMI was invited to have a table at the 2nd Annual Warrior Showcase which was open to the community. Students with a mental illness displayed art projects, and we were available to provide information on NAMI. North Homes also had a display table.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EDUCATION**

The Education Committee has been meeting regularly and planning events for May Mental Health Month and Education Meetings through June. May Mental Health schedule was reviewed and members were encouraged to take fliers and post in churches and other locations.

All the information on May Mental Health Month and upcoming education meetings is posted on our web site.

**MEMBER SERVICES**

The Member Services Committee has not met recently. Diane reported that she has sent a note with a brochure and membership information to people that have not renewed their membership (4 units), and contacted one person by email. They included: Saxhaugs; Friedliebs; Susan Clanton; Loefflers; Jokinen. There were two additional names that haven’t renewed their membership:

* John Bauer. Sherry will contact him.
* Nancilyn Meyer. Lorna will contact her.

**OUTREACH**

**Retractable Banner and Table Cloth**

Patty suggested the purchase of a retractable Banner for NAMI display tables for events throughout the year. The Board thought this was a good idea and a good use of funds. This will be purchased once we make all the changes to logo, etc. We will hold off on the table cloth for now.

**INSURANCE – DAVE**

We pay insurance under NAMI’s umbrella policy. This covers liability, director’s and officers’ insurance. The amount is around $125, so very reasonable.

**MAY MENTAL HEALTH MONTH 2017**

A schedule of the events was reviewed.

**NAMI SOCIAL EVENT**

The Board discussed have a Meet-and-Greet event and invite members; the Board thought this would be a nice event to have. We will try to get this event planned for June, 2017.

Carol will:

1. Contact Katie Marshall about dates when we could use the MacRostie Art Center.
2. Contact Sam Miltich about providing the music.

**UPCOMING CHANGE ON NAMI BOARD**

Sherry Jokinen is resigning from the Board effective July 2017. She will continue to be a member of the Member Services Committee, but will not be the chairperson. With Sherry’s resignation from the Board, the Vice-President position is open. Please contact Patty if you are interested in this position on our Board.

Sherry agreed to contact a potential Board Member, Mark Hager. She will invite him to our June Board meeting.

**BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE AND LOCATION FOR 2017-2018**

The Board agreed to continue staying with Mondays for Board Meetings, and a motion was made and carried to approve the following dates for 2017-2018:

* June 12, 2017
* September 11, 2017
* November 13, 2017
* February 12, 2018
* April 8, 2018

**NAMI MINESOA SUICIDE PREVENTION PROJECT WITH GUN SHOP OWNERS**

NAMI Minnesota inquired about our affiliate’s involvement with the project around the Eleventh Commandment of Gun Safety, and contacting gun shops in our area.

There was agreement by all that we support their efforts, but we choose not to be part of it.

**OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Gray Matters -Understanding Substance Use Disorders in Older Adults (Presented by NAMI) April 25 at 9:00 in Hibbing at Grandma’s in the Park. Contact Janine for registration or information.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Loudon, Secretary

Grand Rapids NAMI