

**Grand Rapids NAMI Board Meeting
August 12, 2019 at 5:30**

The August 12, 2019, Board Meeting was held Town Square. In attendance were Board Members: Peggy, Lorna, Ryan, Mark, Deb, Marian. Not Present: Craig, Holly, Patty, Teresa.

Major approvals (see below):

- **Dates for future board meeting**
- **New board members**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by VP, Mark Hager.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The meeting minutes from the June 10th, 2019, Board Meeting were sent out by email for review prior to tonight's meeting. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Deb presented the Treasurers Report. She is waiting for some final accounting to happen before she considers it final and will then request formal approval. There was an open question regarding the difference in funding and use of the general fund versus Health Education Fund.

The treasurers report was accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

New Brochures

The order is delivered and being distributed – Board members, Make it OK, First Call for Help, many area mental health providers and organizations, Golf Tourney in Crystal

Draft policy about paying for affiliate leader and other members to attend annual conference

Patty drafted a policy for attendance at NAMI Minnesota annual conference, which the Board reviewed. Approved.

Green Bandana Project

No word back so we are dropping this from future agendas, unless we hear from them.

Keeping Finances Locally for NAMI Grand Rapids

Deb is getting closer and closer to making the change, in the process of returning bank cards. Soon.

Bigfork Mental Health Project – Make it OK

No major news. We continue to remind them they can ask for help from us, and invite Bigfork personnel to consider joining us on the board or committees.

Faith net Outreach and Education Support Grants

Still tabled.

Family-to-Family Class in January

A Family-to-Family class will be offered January 5-March 22 at Kiesler. Taylor and Mary Schnell will lead this class. No change.

Communication from Committees to Board

Positive feedback – keep doing.

Crystal MN VFW Charity Golf Tourney

Still on. The event will be held on Sunday August 25th at the Vintage Golf Course in Otsego. Requirement that a Board member be present no longer exists. Jim and Gene plan to be in Grand Rapids to present us a check and take a picture with as many board members available at the time. Dates are sometime during September 10th-13th (time/place TBD).

GR NAMI Voicemail Box

In use, works great. Peggy volunteered to be Marks backup while he is traveling to the great white north and is uncertain about internet/email availability.

Steering Committee Invitation – Law Enforcement – Audrey Moen

Lorna is involved but they are still in definition stage, trying to address confidentiality limits on sharing info in crisis situations. Lorna will report back if she feels NAMI can be of some help.

New Board Members

Both Ann Carlson and Mary Schnell were formally nominated and fully approved. (Tuesday August 13 Mark sent an email to both including future board dates and August education/annual meeting).

Education/Member Annual Meeting

Key items include Officer Voting (Craig Pierce – Secretary); Review of 12-month spending; NAMIWalk (Captain Jeff Olds plans to attend/present).

NEW BUSINESS

Sponsorship (via funding)

We discussed various examples of when, and when not to, support various activities through funding. Board agreed to stay focused on activities focused on education and advocacy, and shy away from providing financial support for operational expenses.

NAMIWalk

Mark signed NAMI fund sharing agreement; and Jeff Olds plans to attend August 20th education meeting. (On Tuesday, Aug. 13, Mark sent Beth Ringer some feedback on the agreement, in particular the language around sharing versus our commitment). If interested in walking on Sept

28, contact Mark or Jeff. If interested in feedback to Beth, contact Mark.

Committee Reports

EDUCATION – Holly, Lorna

Lorna:

- Bob and Patty are holding the Hope for Recovery workshop on October 5th.
- September Education will include a panel on Housing Resources.
- October - Looking to bring in folks to discuss Elder Circle services
- November – North Homes new Psychiatric Treatment Facility.
- Future topics or areas of interest include Health Insurance coverage (lack of); reaching out to regional NAMI groups; Having Sam Smith Speak; ... for further information refer to Holly's August report.

MEMBER SERVICES –Mark

Mark reviewed the membership report. Active members are steady at 50. Ryan to urge Kiesler based members on expired or “soon to renew” memberships. Please refer to Mark's email for further details.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Patty, Marian

- Revised NAMI Brochure and now distributing broadly to applicable entities.
- Met with Chamber of Commerce and MDI regarding educating employers/employees about mental illnesses. Lots of interest and support. Outreach Committee will meet with the Chamber Workforce Committee, chaired by Deb Hogansen, in September. In October, the Outreach Committee will work with MDI and area agencies educating public about mental illness and other disabilities in the workforce. MDI offered to be the first business to host NAMI speakers about mental illness in the workplace this fall.
- IMCare will include GR NAMI in their newsletter. IMCare is concerned about impact of the state awarding 2020 contracts to other insurers and are seeking future letter of support from GR NAMI. Board agreed we want to help but need to understand pros/cons of any change. Marian will contact Sue Abderholden at MN NAMI. TBD.

For more detail, please refer to Patty's email report.

LAC Update - Lorna

Lorna reported on LAC meeting. Dan Seward is still chairman. LAC is looking to get a direct presentation to the commissioners. TBD.

Teresa Lambert

Teresa has communicated that she needs to step away from the board as her family, work and education commitments have exploded. For now we will continue as is and ask everyone to step up and fill in as available. Future TBD.

Future Board Meeting Dates – Mark your Calendars!

2nd Monday of Nov, Feb, April, June, August:

- Nov 11TH, 2019
- Feb 10th, 2020
- April 13th, 2020
- June 8th, 2020
- August 10th, 2020

Board agreed these dates, times don't work perfectly for everyone, but no other dates, times improved it.

Monthly Email Update

Approved. Mark will send out asap this week.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. The next Board Meeting is November 11th, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Hager, acting Secretary
Grand Rapids Area NAMI