**Grand Rapids NAMI Board Meeting**

**June 10, 2019 at 5:30**

The June 10, 2019, Board Meeting was held at the home of Holly Downing. In attendance were Board Members: Patty, Holly, Peggy, Lorna, Ryan, Mark, Deb, Teresa, Diane. Not Present: Craig.

Guests: Ann Carlson, Marian Barcus.

**CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**

Following a potluck, the meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by President, Teresa Lambert. Ann and Marian were introduced and welcomed.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

The meeting minutes from the April 8, 2019, Board Meeting were sent out by email for review prior to tonight’s meeting. The minutes were approved.

An email was also sent around requesting $400 support from NAMI for costs related to purchasing Make It OK campaign material supplies for the Bigfork Valley and local community campaign. The Board approved the request.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Deb presented the Treasurer's Report. She commented she had to go back to March 2019, and the corrected ending fund balance is $8,777.54. She also reviewed pending income and pending expenses.

In addition, Deb received the Site Liability and Directors and Operators Insurance. She indicated this would be a $125 fee. Contact names and addresses will be added for the Library and Kiesler locations that we use.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**I. 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. A suggestion was made to attach an application with the policy for members interested in attending. The Board approved the policy. Patty will work on the application and send around by email for Board approval.

**II**. **Green Bandana Project**

Teresa indicated she has made several attempts (without success) to contact Jamie at ICC for an update on the Green Bandana Project. Lorna volunteered to follow-up with contacts she knows at the college.

**III. Keeping Finances Locally for NAMI Grand Rapids**

Deb has been gathering information to open up a small business account at Affinity Credit Union. An additional signer is needed, and that Board member has to be a member of Affinity Credit Union; Lorna agreed to be the additional signer as she is a member.

**IV. Bigfork Mental Health Project – Make it OK**

Patty, Marian and Mark have been attending meetings on this campaign to decrease stigma attached to mental illness. Bigfork Valley is partnering with the local community to launch this project. In May, there was ambassador training for committee members and interested community members. The launch of the campaign was on June 8 at the Wilderness Day Celebration. Sam Miltich will perform on June 15 at the Edge Theater in Bigfork. Our Board donated $400 towards this campaign.

**V. Faith net Outreach and Education Support Grants**

Tabled. Teresa will follow-up on this.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **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.

**II. Communication from Committees from Board**

In an effort to keep all informed on when committees meet and what they are working on, it was suggested that committee chairs/co-chairs send out emails to Board members. This could just be bullet points indicating meeting time/location/agenda, etc.

1. **Golf Tourney**

Through Mark’s efforts, Grand Rapids NAMI will be the recipient of all proceeds from the Crystal VFW Charity Golf Tourney. The event will be held on Sunday August 25th at the Vintage Golf Course in Otsego. Requirements are that a Board member is present, and Deb volunteered. Patty and Bob, or Teresa will be back-ups. Logos, signage, etc. are required.

1. **GR NAMI Voicemail Box**

Mark presented information on having a GR NAMI Voicemail Box. Through Paul Bunyan, we can get this for ~$20/month. This number would be placed on our updated brochures, serve as another means of communication to get the word out about meetings, etc. The Board approved this.

1. **Committee Reports**

**EDUCATION – Holly, Lorna**

1. Good feedback on May Mental Health month; however, the attendance was poor.
2. Holly and Lorna sent a letter to area Mental Health Providers inviting them to a discussion forum hosted by NAMI Grand Rapids on June 18.
3. August meeting will focus on the NAMI Walk.
4. Fall topics the committee is working on are housing, suicide.

**MEMBER SERVICES –Mark**

Mark reviewed the membership report. We have 46 active members: 31 are renewing members, 15 are new members. There are 6 upcoming renewals.

Peggy will be co-chairing the committee with Mark. A July committee meeting is being planned.

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE - Patty**

* **Publicity for** **May MH Month**

Paid ads on KOZY/KMFY

* + Web page and Facebook page
  + Electronic billboards
  + Articles in area newspapers
  + ICTV calendar
  + Interviews on KOZY, KAXE (Holly and Lorna)
  + Flyers posted by ICC Psych Club around community
  + Flyers to all district #318 parents via PeachJar
* **Reprinted Family Support Group flyers** with correct details. Posted with providers and rest of supply to Mary Schnell.
* **Supplied Bigfork** with affiliate brochures and support group flyers for June 8 Wilderness Days to kick-off their “Make It OK” campaign. Also attended three of their planning meetings (Mark, Patty, Marian)
* **Continuing to work on an annual income/expense sheet and an annual task** list for our committee.
* **Draft updated affiliate brochure to be printed in June**. If you have ideas, contact us. We will send a draft to board members prior to printing.
* **Begin work on Speakers Bureau presentation on mental illness in the workplace.** Hope to kick it off in the fall for employers.

Holly requested the Big List get going again. We need to try all avenues to get the word out about meetings, events.

**VI. LAC Update - Lorna**

Lorna reported on the recent LAC meeting, and Audrey Moen was the speaker. Dan will continue in his role for a while longer.

**VII. Board Changes**

1. The Board unanimously approved Marian Barcus for a Board position.
2. Diane will go off of the Board, and Craig will assume the secretary position.
3. We have invited Ann Carlson to consider being a Board member.

**VIII. Other Business/Announcements**

1. Audrey Moen sent an invitation to NAMI about a Steering Committee Meeting with providers, law enforcement on July 23 at Blandin. More specifics will be communicated by email.
2. 2020 Board meeting dates will be sent out by email, and meeting room location to be secured.

**IX. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20. The next Board Meeting is August 12, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Loudon, Secretary

Grand Rapids NAMI