**NAMI Grand Rapids Area - Annual Meeting Minutes**

**November 14, 2022 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. (via ZOOM)**

1. Call to order by Board PresidentMarian Barcus at 5:35 p.m. In attendance: Marian Barcus, Jenny Wettersten, Mark Hager, Lael Storlie, Shane Troumbly (left at 5:50 p.m.).
2. ***Due to loss of/lack of quorum, no motions were brought forth, and no matters could be voted on.***
3. Shane presented early due to a need to leave the board meeting. Shane discussed the invitation by the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce to attend the May, 2023 lunch, and present along with others in the mental health field. Discussion ensued to make this a “community mental health” presentation, with presenters from public health, school counseling, family members, consumers, etc., and to highlight NAMI efforts. Shane to accept invitation, with further planning regarding details.
4. Treasurer’s Report by Mark Hager. Anticipated balance of $29,000 (approximate) going into the new year.
   1. Marian addressed the matter of underwriting KAXE for ad space. Historically, NAMI has paid $225 for 1x/week PM ad spot. Members present agreed to 2x/week ad spots, one during prime AM time, and one during PM time, at a price of $520. Marion agreed to discuss with KAXE the nature and flexibility of ad content. This change does not require a board vote.
   2. Lael will gather info on getting ads in Deer River event programs, as Deer River does not have a newspaper.
   3. Received a $1500 donation from the Baich Family Foundation as a result of Bill

Mager seeing a NAMI article in GR Herald Review last December.

**5.** Committee Reports

1. Education/Outreach- update provided by Marian.
   1. November 16th is Veterans CRT Educational Session.
   2. No December events.
   3. Reviewed Capt. Willis event. Broad distribution of Capt. Willis’ book.
2. Membership
3. Member retention report by Mark.
4. Need more committee members.
5. In need of board members to replace those who’ve resigned (Peggy, Judy, Lael). Jenny in conversation with Ann Olson (former treatment director). Jenny to contact Ann Koetz. Lael to suggest candidates from western Itasca County and/or other school counselors. Dan Seward awaiting vote of approval as incoming board member.

C. NAMI Walks – Successful event with 50 people walking. Next year we will evolve the event after party into a membership annual (replace December’s) gathering. Perhaps a way to build NAMI membership.

**6.** Old Business

A. Family Support Group – Dave and Laurie Marshall have agreed to facilitate, meeting in person at Community Presbyterian Church. Marian is back-up via zoom. Of concern is zero attendees the past three scheduled sessions. Discussed need to raise awareness/advertise more broadly, including social media.

B. EmPATH Unit at Fairview Southdale was visited on August 26th  by a group from NAMI, CRT, GICH, LAC. Upcoming opportunity to visit Sanford EmPATH in Bemidji on Nov 30th 9-11 AM. Contact Marian if you want to attend.

**7**. New Business

A. Scholarship for the MNC-Itasca Campus Psych/Human Services Program. Lael and Jenny provided update. Proposal is a $2,000 scholarship annually, for first- or second-year students. Focus is shortage of mental health providers regionally. Scholarship would be run through the Itasca Foundation. Criteria likely to be as follows: student must be from an area school, or a non-traditional student from the area; GPA = 2.5 minimum; specifically for the Psychology/Human Services Program. Marian and/or Mark to discuss fund pool. Jenny to consult with Charlie Black from the Itasca Foundation. Goal is to implement for this coming year if possible. Will need board approval.

B. Discussed May Mental Health Month ideas, including an invitation from Katie Marshall to coordinate with a MAC art exhibit, suggestion by Patrick Lovejoy for possible block party, and offer by Dave Holmbeck and Little Winnie Resort to hold a pulled pork sandwich sale.

**8**. Marian adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

***NEXT MEETING: February 13, 2023 5:30 PM via Zoom***

*Recorded by: Jenny Wettersten*

**Meeting Addendum by Pres. Marian Barcus:**

**Based on e-votes taken Nov 17-18, with 8 of 9 Board Members voting, the following were approved:**

1. Finance Report – Mark Hager, Treasurer abstains, 7 votes approval
2. Donation of $1500 from Baich Family Foundation – 8 votes approval
3. Ratify NAMI Walks costs about $4900 – 8 votes approval
4. Approve Dan Seward to join NAMI Grand Rapids Area Board – 8 votes approval
5. Scholarship $2000 in 2023 for Human Services student – Jenny Wettersten abstains, 7 votes approval
6. Funding up to $2500 net (after donations) for Holiday Gift Drive 2022 – 8 votes approval