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

**September 11, 2017**

The September 11, 2017, Board Meeting was held at the Central Square Mall Meeting Room. In attendance were Board Members: Patty, Holly, Jeff, Ryan, Lorna, Janine, Mark, Carol, Diane.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**SECRETARY’S REPORT**

The meeting minutes from the June 12, 2017, Board Meeting were available for review prior to tonight's meeting. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes.

Membership Report. We currently have 50 members, with two new members joining in June. Diane commented that many memberships coming due in October are Open Door renewals. Ryan will contact them about renewing their membership.

Diane sent four thank you's for recent donations. We received $850. from Children's Mental Health Services; $1070. from Fairview Range in Hibbing payable to the Mental Health Fund; $50. from Lutheran Women's Missionary/First Lutheran; $50. from NAMI members.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Patty presented the Treasurer's Report in Dave's absence. The ending receipts for the year ending 6/30/17 were $4,945.50 and the total expenses were $6.619.52. Our beginning balance for the next fiscal year is $3,340.47.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**I. “We Are All Criminals” Schedule**

The schedule of events is listed on our website.

**II. Report on Meeting with Grand Itasca ER Staff**

Staff from Grand Itasca ER have been invited to present at our October Education Meeting on “Dealing with Mental Health Crisis in the ER. Patty will be sending questions to Grand Itasca and asked Board members for a list of topics/questions we would like to have covered at the meeting. Some of them included: Compassion fatigue; free training for hospital and CRT staff; what is their protocol; how do they prioritize cases, e.g. mental health crisis vs. physical crisis; how are children handled vs. adults; how much training in mental health have ER staff had. Please send any other questions to Patty by September 20.

**III. Social Event at MacRostie**

Those present that attended the social thought it went well and would like to try it again next year. A suggestion was made to consider having it at the Kiesler Wellness Center.

**IV. Correction for April 2018 Board Meeting**

A correction was made to the April 2018 Board Meeting listed. The correct date is April 9, 2018.

**V. Re-affiliate Update**

Our re-affiliation will be complete once our financial compilation and legal review letter are finished; these are in the works. Patty reported that 6 affiliates in the state are closing.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. NAMIWALK**

Our NAMIWALK will be held on September 23. Currently, there are 13 walkers signed up. A motion was made to purchase t-shirts for the walks for our team, the Tremolos; Jeff did purchase them and would offer them as a donation. Thank you Jeff. All the information is available on the website. An article will be put in the Herald Review and ICTV will also be contacted about the walk and information.

**2. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EDUCATION**

October Workshops - additional information is on our website:

October 5 – Understanding Early Episode Psychosis

October 6 – Children's Challenging Behaviors

October 6 – Mental Health First AID

The committee is planning to meet the end of September.

**MEMBER SERVICES**

The Member Services Committee has not met recently. This committee could use more members.

**OUTREACH**

Brochures are in and Patty distributed some brochures to each Board member present.

First Call is distributing 700 of our brochures.

**3. SUPPORT GROUP**

Summer months have been slow. Suggestions to increase awareness about the group would be announcing on radio, putting brochures in ER as well as face-to-face conversations.

**4. Community Connect**

Community Connect will be on October 5 from 1:00-6:00. Patty will send an email to members for volunteers to take a shift. Board members that volunteered to help are Patty, Carol, Jeff and Mark.

**5. Request for Letter of Support for Jail Social Worker**

The Board approved writing a letter of support for a position at the Jail for a Social Worker. Patty will write the letter of support from NAMI.

**6. Holiday Gift Drive**

We will be participating in the Holiday Gift Drive again this year. Patty asked for volunteers to take the lead on this event and Mark volunteered to help with this.

**7. Family-to-Family Facilitators**

Patty informed the Board that she has two people interested in becoming Family-to-Family facilitators – Taylor Jackson and Emily Kessler. The next NAMI training for Family-to-Family facilitators is January 2018.

**8. Conflict of Interest Form**

Patty distributed Conflict of Interest forms for Board members to sign.

**9. Meeting with Bemidji Affiliate**

Bemidji NAMI invited Patty to attend their meeting on October 3. They would like suggestions and input from our affiliate. Mark and Lorna will attend with Patty.

**OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. Resignation of Janine Hill**

Janine will be leaving our Board on October 1, 2017. Thank you Janine for all of your support and work on our Board. Patty would like help identifying anyone that may be interested in serving on our Board.

**2. NAMI State Conference**

The NAMI State Conference will be held on November 4. Andrew and Steph Downing will be doing break-out sessions on relationships with serious mental illness.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 13.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Loudon, Secretary

Grand Rapids NAMI