

## NAMI Regular Board Meeting- Apr. 14, 2015

President Mick Fiocchi called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Those in attendance were: Dan Rondello, Jeanne Pederson, Mary Wright, Audrey Kissinger, Pam Morton, Mick Fiocchi, Bob Mangles, Lon Voils, and Sue Bambrough.

Kissinger made a motion to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded by Wright and approved.

Fiocchi stated that May will be Mental Health Awareness Month.

Shelly Rhode will be speaking on her life as a Mental Health Consumer at the April meeting.

In May, Police Chief Mike Steffes will be speaking. A discussion ensued in regards to his speaking. Pederson requested that we not invite a specific member who has expressed that she had some issues with the police. Voils stated that it is better that we not assume the worst, and that we need to avoid excluding people. Mangles and Rondello agreed with that sentiment.

The Three Lakes community presentation was mentioned.

Pederson stated that Phillip Chard has said that he is available to do an event, either in the last 2 weeks of June or July. This would be

at Nicolet College. We will try to shoot for June 25<sup>th</sup>, with July 16<sup>th</sup> being the second choice. Jim Nuttall will be contacted in regards to this.

Mangles made a motion not to exceed \$500 + expenses for The Phillip Chard event. Voils seconded the motion, and it was approved.

Voils expressed that we should get involved with Trig's groceries program where we would sell gift cards. (This replaces the program get a return on receipts turned in where patrons indicate who they would like to donate to.) Voils and Mangles will look into this program.

Voils will contact The Northstar Journal to correct our advertising.

A letter will be written in support of a sidewalk in front of Ministry Hospital, with board members signing in approval.

Fiocchi spoke on the Elcho presentation. There was a good attendance among High School students during the afternoon session.

Rondello gave an update on the website. The website address will be sent out to Family-to-Family.

The bowling activity had a good turn out.

Friday Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> will be the Fundraising committee meeting.

Pederson inquired as to what an estimated budget for The Drop-in Center would be. Voils indicated that it would be assumed to be around \$60,000.

Voils stated that Bethesda has not officially allocated space to us for the drop-in center, and has not mentioned anything as far as rental charges.

We may need to find an alternate location for the drop-in center, although there is a lot of community support for it.

On April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a state mental health conference. Fiocchi will go to the “break out” affiliate session.

Thu. May 28<sup>th</sup> will be Family-to-Family in Eagle River at The Prince of Peace Lutheran church.

Mangles gave the treasury report. We have \$11,843 in savings and \$968.09 in checking.

For upcoming programs, April will be Shelly Rhode, May will be Mike Steffes, June will be Natalie Rassmussen, and July we will have our picnic.

Fiocchi and Rondello will have a meeting on bylaws.

Rondello made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mangles, and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.