

NAMI Northern Lakes
Board Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:26pm by Vice President Wright.

Minutes for October were reviewed and one correction noted. Satterlee and Fiocchi met with Jacobsen for performance review. The minutes incorrectly indicated that Wright attended the meeting with Fiocchi and Jacobsen.

Treasurer Report – Satterlee reviewed treasurer report that was emailed to board members. Satterlee provided a summary of the report. Donations continue to be received. Seventh Day Adventist donated \$1000. We received a notice from the IRS that our taxes were not received. Satterlee resubmitted taxes.

Action Item – Discussion was held regarding the Christmas Party and how to safely distribute gifts that have been purchased. Possible options are mailing packages or host a ‘portable’ event. It was decided to host a ‘portable’ event and members can come pick up gifts. Fiocchi, Janik, Jacobsen and Morton will meet to plan and host event.

New Business – Janik shared information regarding JITSY. Apparently, this is a program that is similar to ZOOM. Janik is of the opinion that this is a better application than ZOOM with regards to clarity, video staying live and not freezing, etc. This could possibly be looked into prior to the end of our ZOOM subscription.

Old Business – Grants and MWBF, no updates.

Jacobsen inquired about having an on-line auction. Presently, we do not have a designated person to set this up. Discussion was held regarding persons/organizations/groups that could do this (Nicolet College, RHS, etc.) and gain experience.

NLC – At present, Trinity is not opening. However, they do see the need for groups to meet to support others such as AA, NAMI, etc. NLC can use the facility for the purpose to offer support in small groups but very few individuals are willing to come in for in-person support groups. Members are acquiring support via telephone and ZOOM. The general consensus is that the center should not open at this time.

Jacobsen emailed her report to all board members to review. Some members are not able to get internet service with the tablets. Fiocchi and Jacobsen are working on those issues. Fiocchi reminded the group that we knew there would be some connection problems. Marion offered to contact Charter to see about acquiring internet access for 5 members. Jacobsen will have information regarding those individuals that would benefit from having internet service. Fiocchi indicated that there may be an installation fee and inquired as to whether this would be an expense that NAMI could cover. Jacobsen will gather information on what carriers’ members already have and will start from there.

Fiocchi shared that there is a Forest Co resident interested in Peer Support facilitation. Training is to be held later this year. However, we need another person to assist as a facilitator as NAMI requires two to host/facilitate a peer support group. Satterlee reminded the group that individuals seeking training should submit a request if they are requesting that we cover expenses and/or reimbursement. Fiocchi explained that he has to approve anyone seeking training through NAMI before they can register.

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Information

Family Support Group – Ongoing. Wright reported that this group is going well and average attendance is 9. Some people do not have the privacy and/or interest in participating via ZOOM. It is doubtful that in-person group meeting will be held in near future.

Ending the Silence – No update. Fiocchi indicated that an educator, with RHS, still wants presenters for his psychology class but needs time to plan. Fiocchi was asked by a high school representative at Eagle River what we have available for support/information. He has sent a follow-up email to this contact.

Program

None planned at this time.

Absences – Marquart, Renn, Sommers, Peterson, Pederson, Mangles

Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.

Next meeting on December 8, 2020 at 5:15pm.