

APPROVED Meeting Minutes  
NAMI Whatcom Board Meeting  
7-10-23

Attending: Kim S, Kim B, Mieka, Chris, Rosemary, Brian (by phone)

Excused Absence: Tom S, Jill

Absent: Blaire S.

Item 1. Mission Statement and Land Acknowledgement read by Kim B

Item 2. Ice Breaker returned to last month's by Mieka: what would you do if you were a 1%er

Item 3. June minutes and treasurer's report approved unanimously.

Item 4. Stigma Stomp: web page signup for stigma stomp will be updated by 7-7-23 and tested before coming live.

Fairhaven Funky is August 5. There will be some interesting changes by organizers.

Pride: It was well attended. Brian wondered if there may be a better location for next year  
Gideon's Knot attended by Kim B. She said it was very heavy and there was little discussion afterwards.

Item 5. Fundraising Committee: Veronica will be coming on board. Brylie is not leaving yet and will be with us for a while.

Rosemary reports that our income is only 38% of what we expected by this time. We need about \$30- 40,000.

We expect \$17,500 from Stigma Stomp. Kim S mentioned a car sign that we should entertain. More on that later.

SuperFeet Giving Fair we received \$4200 from this tabling (Kim B and Brylie attended) event in June.

Item 6. Public Policy: Jail Proposal. Brian reports that the current leaning is to build the jail first and then the behavioral health facility. There was discussion about NAMI taking a stance. It wasn't resolved. There is a danger in antagonizing policy people but a need to make our stance clear.

Previous state funds that went directly to NAMI will no longer be automatic. NAMI will need to write a proposal for funding.

Item 7. Strategic Plan. Mieka reported that she got her first participants for the dual diagnosis group.

A church wanted to have us provide programs at their site but we lack the resources for it. A solution may be to train their members to lead groups.

Item 8. Open discussion. The election of a new county sheriff was discussed.

It was suggested that we arrange a meeting with a police representative and, perhaps, one from the fire department.

Item 8. Next meeting, 8-14-23 will be on Zoom. We will alternate in person with Zoom in the following months.

Chris will lead the next meeting and Brian will do the icebreaker.

Submitted by Chris Ohana