

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
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June 11, 2020

Virtual (Zoom)

Approved: By Motion 2020-07-09.1a

Present:

Board: Rosemary Webb (President), Brian Estes (VP), Bruce Smith (Treasurer), Tom Scott (Secretary), Gracie Lamb, Russ Sapienza

Staff: Kim Sauter (Executive Director), Amy Armstrong.

Guests:.

Volunteers: Dianne, Laurie, Martina, Sam, Ruth, Cooper.

Absent:

None.

Called to Order by Rosemary 12:07pm.

Consent Agenda: Motion 2020-06-11.1 Moved: Brian; Seconded: Gracie. **Passed unanimously**

Motion 2020-06-11.1a Approve Board Meeting Minutes from 2020-05-28

Motion 2020-06-11.1b Change the WECU banking signatories to current President, Treasurer and Executive Director.

Treasurer's Report (Treasurer):

Fiscal year is calendar year. First time deficit.

Budget Proposal (President):

Donations are way down (attributed to CoViD-19). Some of that was covered by larger than normal grants. For similar reasons, expenses are also down.

Would like to address fundraising in Fundraising and Strategic Planning Committees.

Motion 2020-06-11.2

Whereas CoViD-19 has presented major economic changes to the organization and the community at large and economic projections are unclear at this time;

And whereas nearly all the newly elected board wishes to be better acquainted with this topic;

Be it moved to accept the budget submitted in January as the provisional budget until further notice when better able to project and when the new board is better versed on the particulars of the topic.

Moved Tom, seconded Bruce, **passed unanimously.**

Current Status of Programming (ED):

Most meetings have gone to Zoom but a number have cancelled. Moving more programs to Zoom. Many programs had already run their course before CoViD-19 restrictions took affect.

Introducing Volunteers (ED):

Martina She'd like to be on a committee. Connections and Pear-2-Peer (P2P) Facilitator. Volunteers in office.

Sam Volunteering for 1.5-2 years. P2P Facilitator. Gives presentations for "Ending the Silence" (presentations to young people about mental health and where to go).

Interested in committee work, fundraising in particular (maybe music based fundraisers).

Laurie State Trainer for Connections and P2P.

Ruth Heard about NAMI a year ago. Attending some of the classes. Training for Connections and P2P.

Cooper Interested in being on some of the committees. Finishing at WWU (PR/Communications) in August.

Board and Event Committees, Standing & Recurring (President):

Rosemary led a discussion regarding desired committees. Committee types were alluded. Most chairs were selected and members recruited/volunteered. Committee assignments will be followed up after the meeting.

Per bylaws the President is ex officio member of all committees.

Standing Committees:

Communications Committee

NAMI Smarts program, *Lobby Day* (3-4 hour training), PR, Web site et cetera.

Lobby Day training interest: Tom

Committee to review national and state positions in with regard to any statement on web site or newsletter regarding Black Lives Matter and police law enforcement interaction with those affected by mental illness.

Gracie (Chair), Cooper, Tom, Kim

Strategic Committee

Rosemary (Chair), Board Committee of the Whole, ...

Standing Committees (continued):

Strategic Committee

Rosemary (Chair), Board Committee of the Whole, ...

Fundraising Committee

Brian (Chair), Board Committee of the Whole, ...

Membership Committee

Gracie (Chair), ...

IT Committee

Tom (Chair), Brian, Kim

Governance Committee

Tom (Chair), Ruth, Brian, ...

Bylaws & Procedures Subcommittee

This is a recurring (not standing) committee.

Tom (Chair), Ruth, Brian

Recurring Event Committees

Stigma Stop Committee

Kim (Chair), ...

Secretary requested Committee Assignment notes taken by President and ED to be shared later via e-mail and consolidated between the three.

The President called for committee reports from all committees by the next Board Meeting on July 9. Through discussion, the consensus appeared to wish including the following:

- Membership (Chair, Vice Chair/Co-Chair, Members)
- Goals
- Priorities
- Timelines if available

Later the topic of meeting length was briefly discussed. Specifically mentioned was the desire to NOT always have meetings run two hours. In that context, it was noted that if all the above reports are detailed and submitted in writing then consolidated and provided to the Board in advance, that would then only discuss questions, that could greatly assist with the desire for more efficient meetings.

Board Binders:

Rosemary stated that more would be added to the binders beyond what was provided during May's Board Orientation.

Some of the Board want only hard copy. Some want only electronic copy. Some may wish to do both. Tom requested, where possible, getting digital (source) documents rather than printed then scanned documents for more efficient research and use. Brian noted he has Acrobat Pro and can convert much of the scanned documents into more searchable PDF documents.

Adjourn: Rosemary called to adjourn at 2:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Thomas R. Scott, Secretary