

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

NAMI Whatcom

May 6, 2021

Virtual (Zoom)

Approved by Motion 2021-07-15.1a

Present

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

Staff: Kim Sauter (Executive Director).

Volunteers: None.

Guests: None.

Excused:

Board: Russ Sapienza (emeritus).

Called to Order by Rosemary 12:04pm.

Consent Agenda: Motion 2021-05-06.1 Accept the consent agenda as presented.

Moved by Rosemary, Gracie. Passed unanimously.

The previous meeting's minutes were removed from the Consent Agenda for amendment under the regular Agenda.

- Accept Treasurer's Report as presented.

April Board Meeting Amendment/Approval

Kim and others recommended some amendments which were approved.

Motion 2021-05-06.2 Approve Board Meeting Minutes for 2021-04-08. Moved Rosemary, Brian. Passed unanimously.

June Ed Forum

Kim noted that the county Health Department asked NAMI Whatcom hold an Education Forum to seek community input on crisis mental health services in Whatcom County. The date is to be TBD/TBA sometime in the first half of June.

NAMI Walks

Kim feels strongly that she wants to field a team. NAMI Washington has been very supportive of NAMI Whatcom. This event really supports other affiliates as well. It is a virtual event on July 17, 9am to 1pm. Kim is forming a team to fundraise and donate to the event she

Stigma Stomp Update – Brian

Met on Tuesday. Somewhat behind on getting sponsorship letters out. Bruce and Kim are working on an application for Bloedel Donovan. We need to be more specific about asking for money. Discussed sending out newsletter in a different manner vs. as an attachment to trigger better consumption of the newsletter.

Grants - Kim

Four grants awarded in April/May. \$5,000 from First Federal Foundation, \$10,000 from Whatcom Community Foundation, \$15,905 from DBHR via NAMI Washington and \$2,600 from ...

“Money is not in the bank” but we have received confirmation of the award.

Executive Session to Discuss Board Prospect

By unanimous consent the Board agreed to interview the prospect.

Next Meeting Agenda Items

Prospective Board Member Chris. The Board agreed by consensus.

Next meeting Board Meeting, July 8 @ Noon, at/via Zoom.

Adjourned 12:45pm

Action Items (outstanding from previous meetings)

- Board members providing regular, preferably monthly financial contributions. – Ongoing.
- Kim to poll Board members for fundraising networking leads. – Ongoing.
- Tom to change registration on new laptop to reflect ownership change.
- Kim/Brian to look into resources including a facilitator and planning for the Strategic Planning Retreat Series.

Action Items (from this meeting)

- Kim/Brian to interview Board prospect and provide executive/confidential report to the Board.

Parked/Tabled Items

- Brian to keep Board up to date on activities of Public Policies Committee particularly on the “Behavioral Framework” document.
- Under Policies (Subcommittee) review and determine “Standing” and “Ad hoc” committees as Policies and NOT as part of the Bylaws (which do not currently specify).
- At Annual Board Meeting after Officers Election, formally note the appointed officers such as X Liaisons so that Board and other members may know to whom to refer when needed.

Supporting/Relating Documents

- Board Prospect Diagram.
- The Bellingham Project (strategic plan example).

Respectfully submitted

Thomas R. Scott, Secretary