



Tarrant County

NAMI TC Board of Directors – Meeting January 8, 2015

ATTENDANCE: The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. at the MHA office in the Alfred Saenz Conference Room (formerly The Bluebonnet Room).
Present: Scott Collins, Jerri Escobedo, Sherry Fairchild, Jennifer Nunley, Ed Guthrie, Elle Valderas, Rachel Lubke
Absent: Lynda Bryant
Quorum Met
Staff: Sue Adams and Julia Webb
Guests: Ruth Collins, Candy King, Eric Vanderwerken

WELCOME: Sherry welcomed the board, she announced that we will be celebrating Jerri's Birthday today then she asked us to share what was joyful about the holidays.
Scott & Ruth – May have an adopted daughter soon.
Julia – Thanked everyone for her bonus. She was able to spoil her grandchildren for Christmas.
Ed – Went to Florida to spend time with his daughter.
Elle – Went across the pond to London to visit her daughter. Had a wonderful time.
Jennifer – "I am Important"
Jerri – Spent time with family
Sue – Had a quiet holiday however she was sick for a whole week after Christmas.
Sherry – Had a nice time with her mother. Was able to close on her father's house and get in it in order.

MINUTES: December 2014 minutes were available for approval. Ed motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Scott seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mark Hunter submitted a final report for the Treasurer that reports what has happened with our bank accounts from August 2014 until the end of December 2014. As of December 31st there were \$69,956 in operating funds and \$50,215 in savings with a total assets at \$120,172.08.
Mark had some recommendation for NAMI Tarrant County. Ed motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Elle seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.
It was discussed that NAMI forgives the first \$10,000 of the money raised from the Walk. The remainder they charge a fee for our participation in the NAMIWALKS.

OLD ITEMS: Weatherford Chapter – Weatherford members were considering starting their own affiliate. However, after they looked into what was involved, they decided to just remain a part of NAMI Tarrant County
Newsletter committee –Candy King, who is a great artist, was nominated to join this committee. Rachel is the chair. Committee is to produce a monthly newsletter to be available for distribution by the first of each month.

NEW ITEMS: We are in need of a new Treasurer. Elections will be held this month during the General Meeting to vote for new board members, hopefully out of the slate of candidates someone will qualify for the Treasurer position. Rachel announced that she started working for a company of CPA's and she might be able to get us a deal on getting an accountant to perform an audit and assist the Treasurer with day to day accounting.
Ratification of the new bylaws – Ed has diligently been working on revising and updated the bylaws for our affiliate. He has submitted a report of what changes were made and a copy of the new bylaws for us to read over and approve. Plans are to present the revised bylaws to membership at the January meeting for reading and consideration for a February vote. There was a lengthy discussion on the wording on some of the bylaws as rewritten. There will be further discussion via e-mail by the board.
A company approached us asking to promote their program of clinical trials to our members. The board decided that clinical trials for new medications is not an

area that NAMI Tarrant County will sanction/recommend.

ELECTIONS: The elections committee will be presenting the slate of candidates to the General Membership at the January General Meeting. The membership will then have a chance to vote on who they want on the board. Rachel motioned to have elections in January barring any special circumstances. Ed seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0

MONTHLY MEETING Jan 15th: Angie Burris: Suicide Prevention
PROGRAM TOPICS: Feb 19th: Judge David Cook
Mar 19th:

BOARD COMMITTEES: Newsletter: Deadline for articles or artwork to be 25th of each month
Membership: We need to gain more active members.
Food: Every board member needs to bring something to the pot luck at the monthly meeting.
Budget: we will begin scheduling committee members after we select new treasurer.

NAMIWALK MANAGER: NAMIWalks Manager Training is March 6-8 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Julia is forming committees for the Walk now. Sherry wants Julia to speak to the pharmacist at Walgreens on Hulen, Sherry believes they want to be a major sponsor. We have had several donations that will be used for this year's Walk prizes. One of the rugs from Tom Siasi and a Coach purse are two of the items. Rachel wanted to know if some of the events should be included in the Newsletter; Julia said after the training she will know more what kind of advertisement is needed.

EDUCATION: There will be Peer-to-Peer and Family-to-Family classes this Spring. No dates set in stone just yet.

ADVOCACY/LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Elle will be holding weekly meetings in the Alfred Saenz Conference room to prepare for Capitol Day on February 19th. Come one, Come all and discuss how you can make an impact on your legislators.

MEMBERSHIP: Nine new/renewals through NTC; three online new/renewals

Opportunities: Elle wants to talk to NAMI Dallas about us doing some events or at least advertising together. This would help get our name out into the community. Jerri mentioned that we used to join NAMI Dallas' Walk until we started our own Walk.
TCC NW Health & Resource Fair March 4th (10am to 2pm)
Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure – April 25th, 2015
NAMI Texas Capital Day – February 19th, 2015

Items to be considered for the Agenda for the next board meeting must be submitted to Sherry by the 28th of each month.

Tabled Items: New Meeting Location possibility
Discussion on members selling things they make at the NAMI meetings.
Discussion on MHMR Visions donation to be given.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m. Next meeting is on February 5th, 2015.

Respectively submitted,

Jennifer Nunley, Secretary