

**NAMI Sacramento, Board of Directors Meeting  
May 18, 2009<sup>1</sup>**

**Members Present:**

Belinda Beckett, Caroline Caton, John Gilbert, Al Lipson, Larry Liseno, Pat Pavone

**Members Absent:**

Sherrie Sala-Moore

**1. April Minutes** – The April minutes were reviewed and approved.

**2. President's Report**

- ❖ Pat thanked everyone, especially Belinda, for the great work on the Yard Sale on April 24<sup>th</sup>. It was a huge success and resulted in more income than anyone anticipated (over \$3,000)!
- ❖ Pat sent email invitations to other NAMI affiliates in the area (El Dorado, Placer San Joaquin, and Yolo) to invite them to participate in the NAMIWalk event. So far she has heard from three of the affiliates who are all interested in participating. NAMI Placer has not responded to the email or a voice mail that she left on their main contact number.
- ❖ Pat and John both went to the Franchise Tax Board Employee Wellness Event. It was a very windy day and the event was held outside. Pat indicated that it was virtually impossible to use the new NAMI displays in these conditions because they blow over even in a slight breeze. The cloth drape with the NAMI logo was fine and provided sufficient signage for the table.
- ❖ Sontine has indicated that she will plan to return to work on June 1. The reduction in Dawn's hours will be scheduled to start in June as well.
- ❖ The Crisis Training that was scheduled for the Community Emergency Response Teams in May was cancelled. The coordinator was not sure if it would be rescheduled.

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

- ❖ The April Financial statements were reviewed. Pat made a motion to approve the statements as presented and Caroline seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- ❖ Larry reported on the meeting that he and Pat had with Naomi Gilbert, CPA. Naomi is in the process of developing a draft budget for Board review in June. She has suggested several changes to assist with our efforts to trim expenses for next fiscal year. Larry will send out the draft budget as soon as it is available so that the Board can review it before the next meeting.

**4. Old / New Business:**

- ❖ There was a discussion of Joe Teixeira's email regarding the need to rent a location for the next Peer to Peer class. Since this was not in the original budget for the course, Pat feels that Board

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<sup>1</sup> This document is submitted in lieu of official minutes based on the notes of the Board President (12/28/09).

approval may be required. She made a motion that was seconded by Caroline that the \$100 expenditure be approved. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the members present. Pat also expressed some concerns about the fact that while we have a large waiting list for the Peer-to-Peer Course, that apparently there is a significant drop off rate on the number of people who actually show up. This can result in the classes with so few participants that the benefit is significantly diminished in relation to the cost of the program. She will discuss this issue with Joe and Sontine and see if they can come up with some strategies to improve the retention rate for course attendance.

- ❖ Pat reported that she has purchased the Dreamweaver software for her husband, Bob Silva, our new “volunteer” Webmaster. Bob has also attended a one day introductory course. However, he feels that more training is required and he plans to attend a summer class at Sacramento City College to gain more technical expertise in the templates and other features that will be required for website maintenance. Bob and Pat will absorb the software and training costs to NAMI as an in-kind donation.
  - ❖ Belinda talked about the need to merge the Member Data Base with the Donor Data Base. Since Sherrie is the Membership Coordinator, and she was not at the meeting, Pat suggested that they schedule a separate meeting to discuss the details.
  - ❖ Belinda also reported on the status of the Direct Mail Campaign which is going well and should be completed around the time that Sontine returns to work.
  - ❖ Pat and Caroline attend the movie premier of “The Soloist” and they both said that the movie was a very accurate portrayal of mental illness and the difficulty of getting adequate treatment. They both found the movie to be very well acted and emotionally moving.
  - ❖ The NAMI Sacramento video is completed, but it may be awhile before it can be put on the website as it is long and may need some further editing.
5. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
  6. **Next Meeting** - The Board will meet on June 16 instead of June 15, because of a scheduling conflict.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by Pat Pavone, President

