BDAI Board Meeting | MINUTES

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| Meeting Called By | Tom Bousamra | **Board Members Present**: Tom Bousamra, Ruth Anderson, Dawn Bauer, Ruth Cilke, David Clinton, Toni Stanfield, Darcie Pickren, Marybeth Novak, Deb Zerafa**Board Members Absent**: Pam H. Kaiser, Jill Zofia, Charles Rand**Guests**: Jason Swantek, Anna Dituri, Rev. Chris Lane |
| Type of Meeting | Monthly Meeting |
| Facilitator | Tom Bousamra |
| Secretary | Ruth Cilke |

April 16, 2019| 6:00pm | CRS Office, 2240 South Airport Rd. Traverse City, Michigan

Approval of February 19, 2019 Minutes: David Clinton motion to approve, Ruth Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report: Checking and Savings account has been set up at TBA Credit Union. Mary Beth is taking over as treasurer from Stephanie. Current balance not available.

**Administration/ Tom Bousamra**

* **Volunteer Coordinator**: Nancy Bryant has agreed to be volunteer coordinator. She is seeking volunteers for the future mentor program which will launch around the same time as the BDAI secured housing arrangements are finalized. Tom has lists of previous peer support mentors to contact. The hope is to use the newly remodeled “attorney rooms” in the jail for mentors to initiate contact before inmates are released. Toni made a motion that a committee be formed to develop the mentor training curriculum. Darcie seconded. Motion carried. A tracking program to measure success will also be needed. Nancy can be reached at nancywhitebryant@gmail.com.
* **Grant Writing**: Marybeth and committee are diligently working on grant writing. A “pre-approval” form needs to be submitted to **United Way**. They are also in the process of writing a grant for the 2% Grand Traverse Band. Grant proposal is due May 31st. Kathy Sanders is assisting with formatting. (Sand.Kathy@gmail.com). Future possibilities include Impact 100 (1000?) and Rotary Charities.
* **Inmate support:** BDAI funds have purchased vouchers for clothing, food and BATA transportation. Chaplain Tina and the Barbozas are coordinating the distribution. Cherry Capitol Cab will take a newly released inmate to a transition house. The company is then reimbursed by Keys to Freedom.
* **Badge Issuing:** Twelve people were trained by Sgt. McPeake in the last session. No badges have been issued. Tom will ask Sgt. McPeake to issue one to Nancy McDonald.
* **Volunteer Appreciation Week:** Reminder the NMAVA volunteer movie at the State Theater is coming up April 27th. ***“Mary Poppins” …***Although free, registration is required.       [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeE7RqsCRHXQAJWZALJfe9EA51SnLcPq3RzPmr6v0Tg3fin4Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeE7RqsCRHXQAJWZALJfe9EA51SnLcPq3RzPmr6v0Tg3fin4Q/viewform%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)
* **IRS-990 N form** has yet to be filed.
* Tom mentioned the backpack project done by Father Fred. Future idea for BDAI?

**Advocacy and Communication**

* Mary Beth suggested that sub-committees would be helpful to have for *Speaking* and also *Fund Raising.*
* **ACLU event**: Anna announced that the launch party for Smart Justice Campaign in Traverse City will be May 11th from 4-6pm at the State Street Market. There will be 4 launch sites across the state on the same day. Promotion will occur via Facebook and “People Power”. Darcie made a motion that BDAI co-sponsor this event. Toni seconded. Motion carried. Anna indicated that it would be very helpful if BDAI board members would sit at different tables and promote conversation. Key issues include Sentencing reform, Bail reform, Prosecutorial reform, Parole and Release reform and Re-entry challenges due to legal restrictions. For more detail regarding their initiatives go to: <https://www.aclu.org/issues/smart-justice>
* **October 3, 2019 BDAI event**: The next planning meeting will be May 13th at St Francis. Central Methodist has given approval to hold the event in their sanctuary. (seats 600) There was discussion about promoting the event via the Ron Jolly show, The Ticker, WKLT. Committee will look at strategies to engage more volunteers and other advocacy organizations. Darcie and Kathy Sanders have been working on a flyer and will share final draft with the board. The board is encouraged to monitor the BDAI Facebook page and “invite” people to like it.
* **Norway film**: Darcie will share the link to this film about correction reform in Scandinavian countries.

**Mental Health/Addiction**

* Tom and David reported that they did a presentation for Christian Women United about BDAI’s presence in the jail, and specifically the life skills classes being offered. They received favorable feedback.
* Based on level of participation, Jill and Toni recommend that the **Women’s’ Support Group** be initiated in the jail with inmates in order to foster relationship building before they are released.
* Family support dinners are going well.
* Toni reported that a NAMI conference is being held May 20-22 at the Grand Traverse Resort. For more information go to <https://namimi.org/events/nami-michigan-annual-conference> .

**Next meeting will be 6 pm, May 21, 2019 at the CRS location.**