



# THOMAS M. WERNERT CENTER

FOR MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY & SUPPORT

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## Minutes

Board of Trustees, Thomas M. Wernert Center (TMWC)  
Tuesday, April 26, 2022, Board of Trustees Meeting  
4:30 pm – Thomas M. Wernert Center

**Call to Order** – Lisa Urrutia called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

**Roll Call** – Evamae LaVoy

### Trustees Present

Jesse Baum, Taylor Burns, Tim Cummins, Amanda Denniss, Warren Frary, Georgia Humbarger, Evamae LaVoy, George Monger, Theresa Nelson, Deborah Riley-Jackson, Lisa Urrutia.

### Staff Present

Patti Robb, Executive Director, Tonalee Tucker, Finance and Operations Director (Virtual), Debbie Wawrzyniak, Administrative Assistant

### Recognition of Visitors

- Linda Waters – PhD. (Guest Speaker/Presentation) (Slides Attached)  
“Using Person First Language to Address Mental Health Stigma”
- Jim Wheeler – (Virtual)
- Jonathan White (TMWC Member), Beatrice Beane (TMWC Member),  
Brian O’Connor (TMWC Member, MHRSB Board Member)

**Thomas M. Wernert Center Mission Statement** was read by Jesse Baum

### Approval of March 22, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes

Lisa presented the minutes for approval from the March 22, 2022 board meeting.

*Amanda Denniss made a motion to approve the March 22, 2022 minutes, seconded by Warren Frary. The motion was unanimously approved.*

## **Committee Reports**

### **Finance Committee – George Monger**

- Financial Committee met on March 14 to review March Financial Statements
- MHRSB Allocation is over for the Capital and Training Grant.
- Grant Income is the Lovell Foundation for Communications Specialist and Expanded Transportation.
- Donations include Mr. & Mrs. Eigensee (Oswald in April)
- Total Income is \$126,986, over budget by \$511. YTD we are over income budgeted by \$91,227.
- Payroll is low due to open positions, employee on unpaid leave, and other issues.
- Staff expenses are over budget due to the Trauma Informed Care Training covered by the MHRSB Grant and Supervisory Training for Member Services Director.
- Transportation costs have increased with the use of both vehicles and the price increase for gas.
- Program supplies are currently under budget but will be used by end of year.
- Building Expenses include Increase in monthly service from Toledo Building Services, Installed panic bars on gates in backyard, replace a burner on stove, deep cleaned all tile floors, preventative maintenance on all HVAC units, established a pond maintenance contract and plow bills.
- Total expenses for March are \$107,459 under budget by \$39,800. YTD we are under budget by \$190,060.

*George Monger made a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the March treasurers report as presented in the April 26, 2022 board meeting packet. Amanda Denniss seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

### **Governance Committee – Lisa Urrutia**

- Patti handed out Committee chart to confirm members are listed on right Committee
- Strategic plan to be reviewed for accomplishments, and timeline
- Elections –
  - One person has shown an interest in serving as president of TMWC. Patti and Lisa have met with that person and we will be sending out some information before the next board meeting.

- We have had two trustees express an interest in the vice president role. Patti and I will be meeting with them individually and will be sending out information on them as well.
- Due to the resignation of Tammy Hochradel, we are in a position to elect one additional voting Member Trustee to complete her term – which is through November 2024. The Code of Regulations states that her position must be “filled by another ‘voting member’ trustee.”
- Board is able to appoint someone who is interested and qualified, without having to hold a ‘special meeting.’
- Patti will schedule a meeting of all Voting Member elected Board Members to discuss how to get the word out to members. We can accept applications by mid-May, review, and meet with those interested and also elect those individuals in May or June, depending on the timing. Several members have already shown an interest.

#### **Program Committee – Jesse Baum**

- Scheduled a meeting with Jesse, Wendy Shaheen, and Patti to determine some specifics about the program committee. Since this is a new committee, we determined that we need to start with a committee purpose so that those participating would understand what we are doing and why.
- The Purpose of Program Committee is: To assess and evaluate existing programs, assist with new program and best-practices development, and to facilitate discussions about program priorities for the agency.
- We also determined that the Program Committee will be chaired by a member of the TMWC Board of Trustees), with other trustees serving.
- In addition, TMWC program staff will be invited to participate as committee members, as will TMWC members, and professionals from the mental health community.
- Looking at dates for our first meeting – hopefully soon – and we are looking for community members who we think would fit well with our purpose. It may be that they only attend one meeting – or all meetings.

#### **Development and Communications Committee – Tim Cummins**

- Committee met on April 19 at TMWC.
- Discussion revolved around the committee’s goal of finding ways to support the mission of the center through development – which includes fundraising and events, and through communications efforts.
- Patti updated the committee on where we are currently – and she distributed a copy of the 2020 Strategic Plan and how development and communications is making progress on goals listed in the plan, despite the pandemic.

- There was some discussion on when to next update the Strategic Plan – will need to determine by fall.
- Currently, we have applied for a \$50,000 grant from the David C. & Laura M. Lovell Foundation, Submitted on March 1. We should hear sometime in June/July.
- There are several types of ‘fundraising’ happening, including the Celebrity Wait Night put on by Heart & Soul. The event has sold out.
- In addition, we are looking to launch an annual campaign – possibly in May, which is Mental Health Month.
- We discussed doing some additional, small types of fundraising events.
- Next meeting is Tuesday, May 17.

## **Executive Director’s Report – Patti Robb**

### **New Hires**

- Robert Serna – Temporary Vehicle Driver
- Bianca Cortes-Ferreira – Activities Specialist
- Katie Phillips – Director, Peer Education Program

### **Open Positions**

- Two Full-time Peer Supporter/Program Specialist

### **Program**

- Spring Supper Club was a great success. 140 lunches – most stayed here to eat.
- Yogaja Yoga day – about 30 participants. Towels, mats, and smoothies.
- Expressive Arts participants have made visual art for Heart & Soul Silent Auction
- Gardening Club is gearing up for the season.
- ABLE and LAWO attorney presentation on Housing and Group Homes Tenant Rights

### **Development**

- Heart & Soul is scheduled for May 10
- NAMI Walk – sponsoring to get our name on the t-shirt
- Donation from Oswald Company

### **Communications**

- May Newsletter is produced and in the mail.
- Working on Donor Electronic Newsletter
- Launching a second round of Recovery Together campaign.

### **Community Relations**

- Press Conference for Citizens for Mental Health Levy 3 Kick-off – March 28
- Coffee with Deb Flores, CEO, Zepf
- Met with Ann Ebbert, CEO/President, Cherry Street Mission Ministries
- Coffee reception for Margaret Osborne, Regional Representative for the Northwest Ohio Hospital Region, OhioMHAS
- Press Conference for Citizens for Mental Health Levy 3 – April 28

### **Social Media**

- Facebook: 732 Likes Instagram: 245 followers
- **Reach:** (Refers to the number of people, who saw content from or about our Page, including stories, photos, statuses, and ads at least once.)
  - Facebook: 2,344 accounts (66.7% increase compared to February - March.
  - Instagram: 163 accounts (A 45.5% increase compared to February – March.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 5:56 p.m. by Lisa Urrutia**