



## THOMAS M. WERNERT CENTER

FOR MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY & SUPPORT

### **Annual Meeting Minutes**

Board of Trustees, Thomas M. Wernert Center

Monday, November 21, 2022

TMWC Clubroom – 11:00 a.m.

#### **Call to Order**

Deborah Riley-Jackson called the 2022 Annual Meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

#### **Trustees Present**

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

**Absent** – Taylor Burns

**Staff Present** – Patti Robb, Executive Director and all other TMWC staff.

#### **Recognition of Visitors**

Deborah introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the 2022 Annual Meeting. Deborah introduced those board of trustee members present. She also asked for a moment of silence for the many things we have to be grateful for, including being back together in-person at the center.

Deborah informed members that member Lucy Dias who was recently appointed to the board has resigned her position due to a conflict of interest. She thanked Lucy for her commitment to the center and willingness to serve. Lucy has told us she will continue to serve on board committees, and we plan to hold her to that promise.

#### **Financial Report**

Deborah invited Board of Trustees Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair George Monger forward to report on the center's financial status for fiscal year 2022.

- George reported on the center’s audited financial report for fiscal year 2022, explaining to the membership why TMWC uses a fiscal year, due to our agreement with the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board – our primary funding source
- George also explained that as part of our agency agreement, we are required to have an independent audit to ensure all financial statements are fairly stated.
- Our audit for Fiscal Year 2022 stated the following:
  - The total amount received from the MHRSB of Lucas County was \$1,428,000.
  - We received an additional \$74,952 for capital items.
  - The MHRSB provided 92% of TMWC’s income.
  - The MHRSB income funds club room, activities and outings, Transportation, Peer Enrichment classes, support meetings, art studio, fitness center and computer lab.
  - Funding from the MHRSB also funds management and general expenses, such as salaries, supplies, building operations, mortgage, and other operating needs.
- The Wernert Center also receives income from other sources, including:
  - Toledo Community Foundation - Lovell Foundation
  - Individual and Corporate Donors
  - Memberships
  - Heart & Soul Fundraisers including Halloween at Hensville and Celebrity Wait Night
- TMWC’s Total Income for Fiscal Year 2022 was \$1,640,818.
- Expenses totaled \$1,701,689.

### **Member Statistics**

Member Elected Trustee and Vice President Amanda Denniss gave a report on member statistics, covering the number of members who attended the center and how many participated in various activities. The highlights are:

- Expenses totaled \$1,701,689.
- TMWC served 478 individual members.
- A total of 207 unduplicated members participated in the Peer Enrichment Program (PEP)
- Duplicated members – those who participated in many different activities were 648.
- 71 members participated in Peer Enrichment Classes.

### **Voting Member Elections**

Deborah reminded those in attendance that the Wernert Center board is required to have an equal number of ‘voting member’ trustees as ‘community’ trustees in order to complete the business of the center. The Board of Trustees Governance Committee followed the criteria outlined in the Code of Regulations, including soliciting member nominations, completion of board applications, interviewing candidates, and ensuring all have met the criteria.

Deborah explained to the member that it was not necessary to take an actual vote since there

is only one qualified candidate for two open positions. This not always the case and a vote would normally take place at the annual meeting.

Deborah invited Voting Member Trustee Evamae LaVoy forward to present the new voting member trustee. Evamae announced Henry Hartford as the new Voting Member effective immediately.

- Henry Hartford has returned to TMWC most recently as a member. Previously he was a member of the Board of Trustees before resigning to take a position with TMWC in transportation. He has worked in the behavioral health field as a peer support specialist and through volunteering for the Toledo State Hospital Cemetery Reclamation Project, NAMI, and the Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital. He currently works part-time at Cracker Barrel and owns a recycling and hauling business.

### **Board Recognition**

Deborah welcomed Henry to the board. She then recognized three outgoing board members and presented them with a gift from TMWC:

- Lisa Urrutia was recognized for her service and commitment to the mission and members of the Thomas M. Wernert Center. Lisa has been a member of the board for more than seven years. She has served on committees, as vice president, and as president. As the board was transitioning to a new executive director and new board members, she remained in her leadership role, guiding the agency through the pandemic, reopening, and other significant changes within the agency. Lisa will attend her final board meeting in December. We will miss her wisdom and her dedication to the members and staff of TMWC. Please join me in recognizing Lisa for a job well done.
- Also exiting the board this year is Amanda Denniss. Amanda has reached her sixth year of service with TMWC; however, as she likes to state, ‘we won’t be rid of her that easily.’ Amanda has truly been a voice for members. She lets the board know what members are thinking about certain issues and she makes sure we all understand how decisions made at the board level affect all of you. She has been a great asset to the board and to the Wernert Center. It is our hope that she will stay engaged with board committees and other volunteer activities. Please join me in recognizing Amanda for her work on behalf of Wernert Center members.
- Taylor Burns will also be leaving the board. Taylor is an attorney with Legal Aid of Western Ohio who has served on the board for several years. She has made presentations to members on topics such as Housing, Group Homes, and your rights and duties as a tenant. We are grateful to Taylor for her years of service and wish her well.

### **Executive Director**

Patti Robb thanked everyone for their presence at the Annual Meeting. She made a special thanks to Elected Voting Members of the TMWC Board of Trustees, acknowledging the commitment it takes for them to attend board and committee meetings.

Patti also recognized those staff members with milestone years of service at TMWC, including:

- Tonalee Tucker – 10 years
- Stacey Stubblefield – 22 years
- Katie Phillips – 22 years

Patti wished everyone in attendance a Happy Thanksgiving.

Meeting Adjourned @ 11:50 a.m. by Deborah Riley-Jackson