



Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, December 19, 2023
4:30 pm – Thomas M. Wernert Center

Call to Order – Deborah Riley-Jackson

Roll Call – Evamae LaVoy

Recognition of Visitors – Deborah Riley-Jackson

Thomas M. Wernert Center Mission Statement

“To improve the quality of life for persons living with a mental illness by offering hope and peer-driven programs that address recovery through education, advocacy, and peer support.”

Approval of October 26, 2023 and November 17, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

- 1. Motion to approve the October 26, 2023 and November 17, 2023 (annual meeting) board meeting minutes as presented in the December 19, 2023 board meeting packet.*

Committee Reports

Finance – George Monger

- Treasurer’s Report – October and November 2023 Financial Statements.
- 1. Motion for the Thomas M. Wernert Center Board of Trustees to approve the October and November 2023 Financial Statements as presented in the December 19, 2023 board meeting packet.*

Governance – Deborah Riley-Jackson

- Introduce New Board Members
- Election of Officers and Committee Updates for January Meeting

Program – Jesse Baum

Development and Communications – Tim Cummins

New Business – Deborah Riley-Jackson

- TMWC Security Issues -
- Juneteenth Holiday Addition

Executive Director's Report – Patti Robb

- Strategic Plan Draft Review

Open Session – Trustees or Visitor

Adjourn to TMWC Board of Trustees and Staff Holiday Celebration

Dates to Remember:

- Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 – TMWC Closed for Holiday
- Monday, January 1 and Tuesday, January 2 – Closed for New Year Holiday
- Monday, January 15, TMWC Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- Tuesday, January 23 – Board of Trustees Meeting – 4:30 p.m. at TMWC
 - Election of Officers
- Tuesday, January 30, MHR SB Levy Kickoff at Noon (tentative)



Minutes

Board of Trustees

Friday, November 17 Annual Meeting Board Minutes

11:00 p.m. – Thomas M. Wernert Center

Call to Order – Deborah Riley-Jackson called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Roll Call – Evamae LaVoy

Trustees Present

Tim Cummins, Raina Dawson, Amanda Denniss, Troy Deters, Warren Frary, Henry Hartford, Crystal Heft, Georgia Humbarger, Evamae LaVoy, Deborah Riley-Jackson.

Excused: Jesse Baum, George Monger

Thomas M. Wernert Center Mission Statement was read by

Welcome/Introductions – Deborah Riley-Jackson

- Deborah welcomed the membership and introduced all current board members present.
- Deborah also introduced the member candidates running for the open positions on the board of trustees and she explained the voting process.
- Candidates are Linda Austin, Cecilia Carter, Lucy Dias, and Gwen Hoskins.
- Special thanks to Trustee Evamae Lavoy for the time and effort she put into helping find candidates and helping them navigate the criteria. We really appreciate your efforts.

FY2023 Audit Report

- Crystal Heft reported on the center's financial status for FY2023 in place of George Monger, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair who was unable to attend. She explained to the membership why TMWC uses a fiscal year, due to our agreement with the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board – our primary funding source.
- Crystal 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.
- TMWC audit for Fiscal Year 2023 stated the following:
 - The total amount received from the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County was \$1,456,560

- The income from the mental health board funds club room and other activities, outings, Transportation, PEP classes, support meetings, expressive arts, fitness center, and the computer lab.
- Funding from the MHR SB 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: Halloween@Hensville and Celebrity Wait Night
- TMWC's Total Income for Fiscal Year 2023 was \$1,640,818.
- Expenses totaled \$1,701,689.

Member Statistics – Amanda Denniss

- 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:
 - 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.

Board Recognition

- Deborah recognized several outgoing board members and presented them with a gift from TMWC:
 - Warren Frary was first elected to the board to complete another member's term. Since then he has been elected to three two-year terms, which means he has been on the board for seven years or longer. Warren has served on various committees, most recently the finance committee. We will miss Warren on the board and hope he will continue to stay involved with TMWC.
 - So, last year we thought we were saying good bye to Amanda Denniss. At that time she warned us that we wouldn't be rid of her that easily – and lucky for all of us, she was right. Due to some unforeseen changes on the board, she was asked to remain one additional year as vice-president. Now at the end of her seventh year on the board, Amanda has been a great asset to the board and to the Wernert Center. We look forward to seeing Amanda at committee meetings and at the center as she continues her work on behalf of members.
 - Although he has agreed to stick around until we can find someone to fill his shoes, we want to take this opportunity to recognize our board treasurer and chair of the finance committee. George Monger has completed six years on the board – now going on seven. We are looking for a replacement, but finding someone with George's skills and dedication is not easy. Thank you George.

- One of our newer board members will also be leaving the board. In his short time, he has truly made a difference – including sacrificing his position on the board so we could hire his daughter Maddie to be the new activities specialist. Tim – Thank you for all you do for TMWC. I hope you will remain active with us and that we will continue to see you at TMWC events.

Executive Director – Patti Robb

- Patti thanked everyone for attending and recognized a number of members for their commitment to the Wernert Center and to their recovery. She presented certificates to those members who significantly volunteered their time during FY2023.
- Patti also recognized staff for their dedication to the members and the mission of TMWC.

Election Results – Deborah Riley-Jackson

- Deborah announced Lucy Dias and Gwen Hoskins as the newly elected Member Board of Trustees.
 - **Lucy Dias** is a talented artist, who enjoys gardening and spending free time with her family. Lucy is a 2004 graduate of Owen’s Community College Police Academy, an advocate for the LGBTQ+ community, and is passionate about helping others. She has offered her time and talents to St. Vincent Medical Center, St. Anne Hospital, Toledo PET Bull Project, New Order Human Rights Organization, Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC), and participates in outreach for TMWC. She is also recently certified as a facilitator of Mental Health First Aid.
 - **Gwen Hoskins** is a regular TMWC attendee who participates in support groups and has completed multiple Peer Education classes. She is very involved in the art and fitness programs, and recently completed training as a Mental Health First Aid facilitator. Gwen has a great understanding of what she needs to do to help her succeed in recovery and effortlessly shares that understanding with her peers. In her spare time, Gwen is a caretaker and role model for her young nieces.

Meeting Adjourned @ Noon by Deborah Riley-Jackson

Thanksgiving Lunch was served to all in attendance.