

NHLWAA
Board of Directors Meeting
Local Government Center
4/20/23

Board Members in Attendance: Charleen Michaud, Amber Marcoux, Pat Murphy, Lynne Goodwin, Natalie Darcy, Jim Bingham, Trish Caruso, Karen Emis-Williams, Ellen Tully, Bob Mack, and Sarah Gerlack

Minutes submitted by Natalie Darcy

1. **Board of Directors** meeting called to order at 9:36am.
2. **Minutes for meeting 3/16/23:** Motion to accept meeting minutes as it was motioned by Pat and seconded by Charlene. Motion passed.
3. **Treasurer's Report** reviewed. Motion to approve made by Natalie and seconded by Ellen. Motion approved.
 - a. Discussion about food. Charlene stated that there would be no salad or morning water. Water and soda would be available for lunch.
4. **Executive Board of Directors**
 - a. **President's Report:** President was not at meeting as he was testifying for SB 110. No report submitted. VP Karen Emis-Williams presided over the meeting.
 - b. **Welfare Assessment Review:** Bob reported that the Governors Housing Stability Council stated that welfare needs to be fixed which became welfare reform. Ethics Resolution and SB 110 will be voted on today. Lynne commented "how this welfare job has evolved. Bob asked, "What are the expectations, as motels are not the solution to homelessness, and we need to communicate our role."
 - c. **Governor's Board on Homelessness:** Todd and Bob on this group that is discussing homelessness. It is important to stay off negative attitudes toward local welfare.
 - d. **Expansion money:** Karen asked the question of who would be receiving money and how it would be determined.
 - e. **Local Welfare Response to Homelessness:** Not enough shelters and housing to meet the need. Charlene stated that there are many differences between towns, and the response by towns. Karen added that the RSA is very broad, and there is only so much that welfare can do with homelessness. Pat added that agencies don't understand local welfare. You must know what is in your communities. Karen stated that ultimately, we want to work together for the client.
5. **Standing Committee Assignments:** Reviewed committee assignments. BJ was added to the training committee. Motion to approve committee assignments by Bob and seconded by Charlene. Motion passed.

6. Website Update: Todd has stated that we are behind on the updates. He is working with Dee to add new members.

7. Non-profit/Constant Contact: If NHLWAA becomes a non-profit, the bill would be reduced by \$10.00 per month.

8. Committee Reports

a. Legislative Committee:

1. HB 117, the bill was killed.
2. HB 261, Authorizing residential tenants to terminate their lease in instances of domestic violence or following a disabling illness or accident.
3. SB 110, awaiting a vote and will hear results later in the day.

b. Training Committee:

1. **Meeting today** featuring Melissa Hatfield and Katie Easterly. There will be a Q&A for the afternoon session.
2. **June Conference:** The Art of Welfare. The training committee is in the process of solidifying the afternoon session. Pat stated that the review of the Art of Welfare document is 2/3 the way finished, and will be completed soon.
3. **Food Costs:** Discussion about the cost of food for the conference. Charlene stated that the association has had to supplement food. Bob suggested to allow the Training Committee to authorize funding for food for the conference. Charlene made a motion and Jim seconded it. Motion approved.
4. **Length of Conference:** Charlene stated that it would save a lot of money if we decided to shorten the conference by ½ hour.

c. Survey Ad Hoc Committee: The survey is currently with Dee to see if she can send to the membership.

d. Financial Accountability Committee: Charlene is doing a great job!

9. Next Meeting: 5/18/23 @ 9:30am on Zoom.

10. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.