

THE MAINE NILES ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 25, 2017

APPROVED MINUTES

John Jekot called the April 25, 2017 meeting to order at 10:00 AM. In attendance were John Jekot, Golf-Maine, Jeff Wait, Morton Grove, Tom Elenz, Niles, Don Miletic, Des Plaines, John Ohrlund, Skokie, Gayle Mountcastle, Park Ridge, Laura McCarty, Lincolnwood. Staff in attendance: Barbara Saunders, Peggy Wilson, Jennifer Gebeck, and Tom Byczek.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Don Miletic and seconded by Tom Elenz. This passed in a roll call vote as follows: Golf-Maine – yes, Morton Grove – yes, Niles, - yes, Des Plaines, - yes, Park Ridge – yes, Skokie – yes, Lincolnwood – yes. The consent agenda consisted of: Minutes of the February 28, 2017 board meeting; Executive session minutes of the February 28, 2017 meeting; Treasurers report for the months ending December 31, 2016 and January 31, 2017; Voucher list of bills presented for the April 25, 2017 board meeting in the amount of \$376,754.67

Executive Director Bear reviewed the program report. There has been an increase in the number of scholarship requests from participants and group homes. Due to the limited number of funds available, M-NASR is still granting these request but at a reduced rate. Staff is busy hiring and training part time staff for the very busy summer season.

Public Information Manager Barbara Saunders reports that work on the summer 2017 brochure is complete. The brochure was mailed out on April 13. Saunders was also very involved in creating signage, programs, and other promotional material for the recent LiPoni dinner dance.

Development Officer Peggy Wilson reports highlights grants pending and grants received. Wilson also reported that Sam Conkle from Boy Scout troop 228 hosted a 5K run/walk for M-NASR at Harrer Park in Morton Grove. \$2000 was raised which will be earmarked for new Special Olympic softball uniforms.

The board reviewed the budget report by fund as of December 31, 2016. Bear highlighted specific line items where the association may be over budget and the reasons associated with the overage.

Director Bear stated she will be attending the IAPD Legislative conference held in Springfield on Tuesday, May 2 and Wednesday, May 3.

An update regarding the LiPoni Foundation was given by Stella LiPomi. LiPomi discussed the dinner dance held in March and said overall the evening was a complete success.

Director Bear gave an update on the status of the 2016 audit. The completed audit should be available for distribution by the June board meeting.

There were no expenses in accordance with the travel reimbursement policy to approve this month.

Inclusion Manager Katie Weadly gave a presentation to the board regarding hiring two new member district inclusion liaisons⁷ for the summer months. Weadly stated that by having these two new positions our member districts will have their own point person to oversee the inclusion experience taking place in their district. The cost of each position is approximately \$7,000 and each district would be billed by the number of hours their liaison spent in their district. The board agreed that the implementation of these two positions would be a benefit to the member districts.

A motion was made at 11:02AM by Don Miletic and seconded by Tom Elenz to adjourn the April 25, 2017 board meeting. This passed in a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

Stella LiPomi