

THE MAINE NILES ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 4, 2014

APPROVED MINUTES

Gayle Mountcastle called the June 4, 2014 meeting to order at 10:00 AM. In attendance were Stacy Greenfield, Golf-Maine, Tracey Anderson, Morton Grove, John Ohrlund, Skokie, Katie Gamroth, Lincolnwood, Gayle Mountcastle, Park Ridge. Absent: Tom Elenz, Niles, Don Miletic, Des Plaines. Staff in attendance: Jennifer Gebeck, Jean Gross, Barbara Saunders, Judy Ruemmele, and Cory Griffith.

Superintendent Gebeck introduced Cory Griffith, the newest M-NASR staff to the board of directors. Cory oversees the Adults with Intellectual Disabilities area of service.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by John Ohrlund and seconded by Tracey Anderson. This passed in a roll call vote as follows: Golf-Maine – yes, Morton Grove – yes, Lincolnwood – yes, Skokie – yes, Park Ridge – yes. Absent – Niles, Des Plaines.

Executive Director Bear reviewed the program report. Updates were given in each program area. Bear discussed that several overnight trips were planned for the upcoming weeks. The adults with Intellectual Disabilities will be traveling to Boston the week of August 18. The adults with Physical Disabilities will be heading up to Door County, Wisconsin on Sunday, August 10.

Public Information Manager Barbara Saunders reports that Jaffe Productions came out to M-NASR and filmed several programs. This footage will be part of the video being developed to be shown at the LiPoni Foundation dinner dance.

Development Officer Judy Ruemmele's report reviewed donations and rejections received since her last report. Ruemmele received notice that Rivers Casino will be donating \$4,450 to purchase I-Pads for use at our programs.

The board reviewed the budget report by fund as of May 31, 2014 and June 30, 2014.

Director Bear stated that the End of the Summer party is planned for Thursday, August 7. Approximately 400 registrations have been received for this event. The event takes place at Harrer Park in Morton Grove. Bear thanked board member Anderson for the use of this park.

An update regarding the LiPoni Foundation was given by Director Bear. The annual mini golf fundraiser is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13. This event will be held in Skokie.

The board discussed the challenges of providing consistent part time staff in an inclusive setting. After discussion the board agreed that the current practice in place of scheduling part time staff best serves the agency.

The board reviewed the Adult Day Program start up budget. Bear emphasized this was purely an estimate and that staff were very conservative with the expenses. Bear stated the budget did not include a facility to host the program. Discussion ensued pertaining to M-NASR's mission and if this type of program reflected the mission of the agency.

Director Bear informed the board that M-NASR would be a part of the City Tech salary survey.

At 10:29AM John Ohrlund made a motion to go into Closed Session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act section 120/2.(c)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Tracey Anderson seconded the motion. This passed in a voice vote.

Closed session ended at 10:34AM

A motion was made by Tracey Anderson and seconded by Gayle Mountcastle to reconvene the August 4, 2014 board meeting. This passed in a voice vote.

A motion was made by John Ohrlund to approve the Executive Director's contract. Tracey Anderson seconded the motion. This passed in a roll call vote as follows: Park Ridge- Yes, Skokie – Yes, Golf- Maine – Yes, Lincolnwood – Yes, Morton Grove – Yes. Absent: Des Plaines, Niles.

A motion was made at 10:37AM by Stacy Greenfield and seconded by Gayle Mountcastle to adjourn the regular August 4, 2014 board of directors meeting. This passed in a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

Jean Gross