# NAMI DEKALB BOARD MEETING

# February 15, 2022

# Attendance: Dianne Hiltman, Jim Wright, Jade Brown, Carla Catalon-Scott, Shardea Ages, Zac Mitchell, Dave Saunders, Eric Roberts, Renee Dryfoos

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1. Approval of minutes: Minutes from January meeting approved.
2. Financial report Shardea Ages

$56,000+ cash in our various accounts; overall positive budget. Donation of $1000 received this month. It is time to have an external audit completed. Shardea will explore identification of an auditor.

Budget Proposal for this year will be sent out by Shardea for our review and vote in March meeting.

Shardea and Jade G. will coordinate set up for GA GIVES this summer to be ready in the fall.

1. PLANNING FOR MMHF JIM WRIGHT

Jim noted he will confirm the date for the MMHF with Milan Park and will be on alert to see if there are any other events occurring at the same time.

1. Old Business

-WALK Agreement has been signed by Dianne and Eric and returned to State Office

-Intern: Requested help to find one from State Office, no news yet.

-Leadership NAMI: there will be a new class starting in April. Current class ends tonight. Jim is attending the current classes.

1. New Business

-Request for funding NATCON behavioral health convention by Cynthia. Motion denied.

-Zack reported on efforts to set up a fundraiser event – potentially at Brickstore Pub.

1. EDUCATION & SUPPORT / Signature Program Report

-F2F, Family Support, Basics: Dianne noted there is good enrollment for F2F and that family support is going well.

-P2P, Connections: Eric noted Connections is going well. Books purchased for P2P and decision made for DeKalb NAMI pay for books for those enrolled related to DeKalb and other areas and have Moultrie pay for the books for those from Moultrie. We will pay for Eric’s stipend.

1. REPORT FROM JADE GRAVER, Administrative Assistant (Dianne reported on Jade’s behalf in her absence)

-New website: Jade will explore if we should stay with WIX or if we should migrate to another platform that is more flexible.

1. ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT CARLA CATALON-SCOTT

Carla notes that she, Jade B, and Imogine attended the Faith Based Mental Health Initiative meeting. Notes it is a huge movement to help people understand it is faith AND mental health – not faith OR mental health care. Notes the initiative also address social justice issues, which is very important for individuals with mental health concerns.

DeKalb Police Advisory Board is forming.

Carla requested funding to improve the Advocacy page on the Web page through purchase of professional photos @$375-$400 for photos of all the advocacy committee and board members. Sitting fee for each group is $50 per sitting (2 sitting dates). Funding approved by the Board.

1. Vice Presidents Report dAVID kENDRICK (Dianne provided report in his absence)

-Has been accepted to this year’s Leadership DeKalb

1. Presidents Report

-Bylaws and Elections:

Zack wordsmithing by-laws and will send out to the Board for review by Friday.

Proposed candidates for new Board. Current proposals include CSB liaison role – David Jordan and general board member – Carla Catalon-Scott.

Timeline: VOTING deadline April 19: publish, on website.

Announce candidates and by-laws: April 5th at latest

Vote on by-laws by next meeting.

Zac volunteered to set up Survey Monkey to complete the voting.

-Weekly Messages of Hope: Dianne will stop preparing after 2 years weekly at the end of her term; Jade G is willing to do the emails and will need to add 1-2 hours weekly to budget. Board will need to determine if we want to continue this.

-Please attend monthly Affiliate Call—First Saturday 9-10 AM---Becky and David, thanks!!!

-Dianne is speaking for CIT-Y Family Experience twice in March

-Met a past President Naomi Godfrey---she may be interested in coordinating the speakers for the Education Nights

-Unite US Meeting on February 22nd see info below: Would like for someone to attend

**Join us for our state-wide Community Information Session, co-hosted by**

**NAMI-Georgia!**

**Unite Georgia is a coordinated network across the state that connects health and**

**social service organizations through a shared technology platform, to send and**

**receive trackable referrals. Come learn how Unite Us is addressing social determinants of health through a trauma-informed care approach. During our Community Information Session, you will have a chance to learn more about this initiative, identify areas of alignment, collaboration, and understand the steps to participate. Be sure to register and save your spot- you won't want to miss it!**

-Dianne notes she is willing to continue to represent NAMI DeKalb at several regular meetings

Weekly: Clarkston Coalition

Monthly: VA Peer Support, Care Community