

## Angel Network of the Cooperstown School District

April 6, 2020 - 5:30pm

In attendance by Zoom Meeting: Georgia Meeter, Miriam Murray, Marrtha Clarvoe, Stephanie Ocegüera, Stephanie Nelen, Christine McBrearty-Hulse(left around 6pm), Veronica Pokorny Absent: Jessica Baker and Joe Senchyshyn

The first order of business was to vote in a new president. M. Clarvoe motioned and S. Nelen seconded that due to the COVID 19 pandemic, and in order for our meetings to be held digitally, and since J. Senchyshyn lacks these computer skills, M. Murray will step into the President's position. J. Senchyshyn will remain on the board. Those present all voted aye. Motion approved.

Secretary Clarvoe spoke with Joe and Jessica after the meeting and they were both in support of this change. Clarvoe encouraged Joe to have his wife set him up with a zoom meeting so he can continue participating in board meetings.

The second order was to elect Stephanie Nelen as Vice President. M. Murray motioned and C. McBrearty-Hulse seconded to elect Stephanie Nelen as Vice President. All those in attendance voted aye. Motion approved.

### District Update/Report

- What is the school and community doing to address needs caused by Covid?
  1. All counselors have sent out emails to students to see if there were any needs. Those without email were called. (School is using Google Meets.) Christina reported that her students' parents reported being happy to be home. There is concern that families with known child abuse will not be "seeable" since children are not in school.
  2. Box breakfast and lunch program is available from Cooperstown Food Pantry and those without transportation are having these delivered.
  3. Packets were sent home with all students for a month of work. Children can email if they have problems.
  4. Cooperstown Family Resource Network has digital meetings available for parents with children with developmental disabilities??
  5. Catholic Charities is providing babysitting for healthcare providers.
  6. Veronica shared that Paper Kite has a website with a lot of info for families.
  7. Cotillion is having zoom meetings for dance practice.
  8. Children 7th grade and up were given Chrome Books and elementary students can get one too.
  9. School is supposed to provide hot spots for low internet areas.
  - 10.

- What can the AN do to help support AN families at this time?

§ What would that process look like?

### Committee Reports

- My Neighbor's Closet - on hold.
- Grant Writing - Cindy Falk shared COVID 19 Grant information with Callie, May and Stephanie. Grants are \$5000-\$25,000.  
NYCON Grant will probably fund our finance workshop.  
Discussion about grant ideas:
  - A. Students won't be able to work at Dreams Park this summer, this will affect many family's income. Someone wondered if AN could pay students but C. McBrearty stated we couldn't.
  - B. Veronica stated that tutoring help is certainly needed now more than ever and especially for students with special needs.
  - C. Hygiene needs are certainly still something that AN could provide. Dishwashing liquid, laundry soap, toothpaste, deodorants, shampoo, bandages/first aid supplies, hand sanitizer(may be purchased at Cooperstown Distillery) , masks, feminine hygiene products, etc. Stephanie will speak with Kathy Chase about family's needs. Stephanie spoke with the food bank, they can do this in the future with the grant. If we are to advertise this we need to do this at the school. Our grant specifies for children and families in the Cooperstown School District. The food bank is all of Northern Otsego County.  
M. Clarvoe will check with Hartwick Food Pantry to learn if they are involved with Cooperstown Breakfast & Lunch back-pack program. Miriam will write up a survey for families to fill out to learn their needs. This will be a letter with a self addressed stamped envelope. The letter will ask for their contact information to be updated and a disclaimer.
- School
- Fundraising

Earth Festival Update - Stephanie will be doing an interview for the digital Earth Festival

Website/Mailchimp/Social Media updates and concerns -

NYCON Update- grant application submitted for finance workshop.

General Announcements - Miriam ordered an Angel Network table runner with our logo in the middle. It will be very handy for events and for advertising who we are.

Angel Network mailing address is PO Box 1186, Cooperstown, NY 13326

Meeting ended at 7:02pm

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Martha Clarvoe