

Angel Network

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

6/1/20

5:30pm Called to order

Those in attendance: Miriam Murray, Georgia Meeter, Martha Clarvoe, Stephanie Nelen, Stephanie Ocegüera, Cindy Falk (concerning grant writing) and Maureen Murray (Interest in My Neighbor's Closet)

Approval of Minutes 5/4/20 - Stephanie Nelen motioned to approve the minutes for 5/4/2020 and Georgia seconded, all votes aye.

Officer Reports - Miriam suggested that we share officer reports and committee reports with google drive prior to the monthly meeting. Miriam will also be putting all "Board Binder" documents in this folder for all to view.

Committee Reports

- Fundraising - submitted by Jessica Baker, she was absent from the meeting. But Miriam read her written report and our current balance as of June 1, 2020 is \$58,437.17.
- Stephanie O. and Miriam discussed an online campaign to educate people about Angel Network for a friendraising/fundraising virtual event. Gala would normally be in November, we have a date and DJ (Justino) and a location (Otesaga) but will it actually be able to happen?
- My Neighbors Closet- Cindy recommended I look at retail on NY State Forward Safety Plan website. Maureen offered to help me with regulations. A group including Ryan Miosek, Andrew Marietta, Christine McBrearty, and Stephanie Nolan and MNCloset volunteers should get together to discuss the future of My Neighbor's Closet. Questions: How to keep anonymity of AN families? Possible opening of MNCloset prior to school opening, hours of operation, collection of items, storage location, etc. Maureen Murray expressed her interest in wanting to volunteer for MNCloset.
- Hygiene supplies for AN Families and others will be provided by Cooperstown Food Pantry thru a grant from the newly formed Community Foundation of Otsego County.
- Grants - The AN Grant Writing Committee, made of Callie Wright and May Leinhart, wrote a grant and in one week, with Stephanie Nelen and Miriam Murray's help, began a tutoring program with SUNY graduate students under direction from Dr. Avery and help from Cindy Falk and Tina Barber (who is she with?). Within one week of receiving the \$5400 grant (4 weeks of coverage from Community Foundation of Otsego County) tutors and students were having virtual meetings. S. Nelen stated, "Children are really loving it!" Tutors are being paid \$30/hour and meeting 1-5 hours per week with the students. The schedule for tutoring is determined between the tutors, the students and their parents. A press release is being drafted by Callie Wright and Dr. Avery for release soon. Twenty two families signed up for this tutoring help; the majority have K-6 students in their families.

SUNY Oneonta provided an in-kind donation of \$10,000 for the grad students' time. SUNY students are benefiting because they need the teaching hours and students are benefiting because they need

the tutoring hours. So it's a win-win for everyone! This program will last 4 weeks until the end of school. It may also be part of the extended school year since that will be virtually held too.

Treasurer, Jessica Baker, recommended that this money be moved into a separate account so that it is very clear that these funds are used for this program and only this tutoring program. This will make things more transparent and easier to track. S. Ocegüera motioned and S. Nelen seconded the motion that the \$5400 be placed in a separate account. All board members attending the meeting voted "aye" for this motion, no "nay" votes. Motion passed.

- Christmas - tabled
- Review of Bylaws Article IV - Tabled for next month when more board members are present.
- Follow up meeting with NYCON - Two hour meeting needed. Dates of June 5, 11, and 12 were offered and will be shared with all board members to learn which date works for most along with Andrew Marietta.
- Internet need - Stephanie Nelen has learned that 3 families are in need of internet access. She will learn of their names, addresses, exact needs and we will research the costs to provide internet to each family. This is a service that is supposed to be provided by the school or by internet provider. Several board members wondered if we could just pay their bill for next several months, until things improve. More information to come. Clarvoe is also looking at option of opening the Community Workspace which has wireless internet at her building.

Chrome books are available to all students who need them. Wifi hot spots are available at Town of Hartwick office parking lot; Kinney Memorial Library, and Otsego Electric parking lot.

Secretary, Clarvoe had to leave the meeting at 7:10pm.