

Angel Network of Cooperstown

Board Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2022 at 5:00pm

Those in attendance (in person and on ZOOM): Miriam Murray, Alicia Chase, Whitney Kay, Stephanie Ocegüera, Matt Monahan, Jessica Baker, Erin Rawitch, Melanie Boyer. Absent: Martha Clarvoe, Stephanie Nelen and Tabettha Rathbone

- I. Call to Order - 5:05pm
- II. Approval of Minutes - Minutes approved. All in favor, none opposed.
- III. Committee Reports
 - a. Martha Clarvoe- Martha emailed out updates for My Neighbor's Closet. The shelving and new storage containers were implemented at the store, which was funded by Angel Network. The Identity Alliance club at the High School will be returning to shop the store soon.
 - b. Melanie Boyer (representing Tabettha and the Finance Committee) - Fundraising committee would like a copy of the general Angel Network brochure (Miriam will send it over). The press release for the Fuel Campaign was very effective. Melanie offered to help with the press releases in the future.

We should seriously look into Stewart's Grants. They have grant funding and sponsorship funding and are very easy to work with. Their donation request process is rolling throughout the year, but you can also only put in a request once per year. Perhaps we could submit an ask to help cover school supplies in the Fall?

There are many, many grants available that could benefit Angel Network. Tabettha and Melanie will help to look into grant opportunities, but we will need to have specific funding requests for many of the grants.

Big, "Pie-in-the-sky" Funding Request: transportation for after-school programs. Many kids who COULD go to the Clark Sports Center on scholarship, can't go because they have no way to get home at 5pm. Transportation home at 5pm would allow many more kids to participate after school, but it would be a very expensive undertaking.

- IV. New Business
 - a. Requests - One family has two children who would like to attend the Reading Camps offered at school, and one week of Peg Wilson camp. The cost would be \$900/kid to cover both camps. Proposed \$550 per kid for the reading camp only, with a follow-up email that there could be more aid available as we get a better understanding of where our total needs for camp scholarships stand. If the family needs additional funding help, they should resubmit another request after June 1st, for the additional camp.

- b. Board member make-up/resignation announcement - Christine McBrearty-Hulse has resigned from the AN Board due to some health concerns in her family. We thank her for her service and commitment to Angel Network. Suggested that we try to find someone working at CCS, or with ties to the school, to replace her on the Board. Perhaps Sara Mileski? Jessica was reaching out to Sara to gauge her interest.
- c. Scholarships for summer activities - There are many summer camp opportunities in the community this year; many more than last year, at varying price points. We've only received one camp scholarship request to date for this summer. Do people really not need help? Why haven't we received more requests? Plan to ask people when they pick up their gas cards, "Will you be needing financial assistance for summer camps this summer?" to really gauge interest. Matt mentioned that we should also reach out to the Rotary Club for some assistance covering camp costs. The deadline for the Rotary application is June 21st.
- d. Fuel Campaign - We raised \$4,350!!! This will be divided into 50, \$75 cards. That leaves a little extra money, so if any additional families need assistance, we can purchase additional fuel cards. Matt will purchase the cards, fuel only. Families will be able to pick up the fuel cards at My Neighbor's Closet. Suggestion: Have the cards in envelopes with the family name on it. Have the person who is picking up the fuel card sign the envelope and hand it back. Note the card numbers somewhere.
- e. Summer board meetings - No meetings in July and August. We will have a meeting in June, but then not again until September. Any business that needs to be handled over the summer will be done over email.
- f. Fall enrollment forms - Jess and Miriam are going to work on creating a new Google Form. Going to try to send an email and link to the form electronically to CCS to see if they will email it out for us, rather than snail mail.

V. Next Board Meeting: June 6th at 5:00pm at the HS