

Angel Network of Cooperstown

Board Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2022 at 5:00pm

In- person attendance: Jessica Baker, Erin Rawitch, Miriam Murray, Martha Clarvoe, Whitney Macdonald, Matt Monahan, Tabetha Rathbone, Alicia Chase, Jill Feury, Shelby Macleish, Bill Hayes

Absent: Stephanie Ocegüera

- I. Call to Order - 5:07pm
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October Minutes Approved.
- III. Finance Report
 - a. After expenses, the "Mix and Mingle" will have raised approximately \$4,200. See details below under "Fundraising" update.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. My Neighbor's Closet
 - i. By January 1, 2023, My Neighbor's Closet is on track to have reached 1000 shoppers to date.
 - ii. A "Thank You" breakfast was held for MNC volunteers.
 - iii. Angel Network will order \$150 worth of detergent for MNC to be able to give out to shoppers.
 - b. Holiday Gifts
 - i. 35 families registered so far, but this number will likely increase. Jess and Miriam are meeting with Maryann to pair up sponsors and families. Families will pick up their gifts at the United Methodist Church in Cooperstown (new location this year). Gifts are to be dropped off at the church by sponsors on Tuesday, December 6th. On Wednesday, December 7th, Angel Network board members will check gifts to make sure needs were met. Pickup by the families will be on Thursday, December 8th, drive-thru style from 3:30pm-6pm. We will need volunteers on the 8th from 3-6pm. We had several people sign up to be family sponsors at the Mix and Mingle.
 - ii. Mariann has asked to have someone shadow this year as she decides if she wants to hand this off in the future. Miriam (and Erin) have volunteered to shadow.
 - iii. Matt will buy more thank you notes and stamps to be sent out to sponsor families after the event.
 - c. Fundraising
 - i. The Gala was great! It was the perfect amount of people (roughly 100). It definitely generated interest for Angel Network. It was a mixed crowd- older and

younger. The Rotary Club was very supportive and many of their members came to the event. \$3,050 was raised during the Silent Auction. \$2,700 was received in donations that night. Credit Card reader worked well. Folder has been created on Google Drive called "2022 Mix and Mingle" where everyone can upload any docs from the event.

- ii. Donations for Christmas gifts are coming in. Miriam and Jill will do a press release for Christmas gift donations.
- iii. Matt and Erin will look into switching Square vs. Cheddar-up for the website as a way to collect donations.
- iv. We should ask Rotary and Otsego County Community Foundation for money.
- v. Let's do something for Giving Tuesday- send out an email and Facebook post about supporting AN.

V. New Business

a. Requests

- i. None this month.
- ii. We are anticipating future heating bill assistance requests.

b. Thanksgiving Dinner

- i. Typically AN has done assistance with Thanksgiving. Last year a local church did it. We typically get a donor to help provide Thanksgiving. Christ Episcopal is doing a Community Thanksgiving dinner. One family has asked for Thanksgiving help. Miriam will get in touch with them telling them that we can help them OR they can go to the Church dinner.

c. Betsy Hayes LPN Scholarship

- i. This scholarship is for things that financial aid doesn't cover (like application fees, fees to hold your place in the program, equipment, attire, etc.) Bill Hayes is going to work directly with the LPN program, but is asking if AN can help to get the word out about this program - to kids who are thinking about going into this program. Just keep it in mind if we get any of these types of requests.

d. CSS Communication

- i. Keep lines of communication open with the school district. Do we need regular monthly check-in with counselors and Sarah Spross? Perhaps an email about what we're up to, and things that they need to know.

e. Executive Board Vote for 2023

- i. Board will tentatively remain the same.
 - 1. Matt will remain as Treasurer.
 - 2. Erin will remain as Secretary.
 - 3. Alicia will remain as Vice President.
 - 4. Jess and Miriam will chat about next year and what they want to do with the President position.
- ii. Shelby Macleish has offered to join the board.

VI. Next Board Meeting: Monday, December 5th at 5pm back at the Clark Sports Center.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

