

Angel Network of Cooperstown

Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2023 at 5:00pm

In- person attendance: Stephanie Ocegüera. Erin Rawitch, Miriam Murray, Martha Clarvoe, Matt Monahan. Community members in attendance: Jeff Woepfel, Kailey and Brittany.

Absent: Jessica Baker, Whitney Macdonald, Tabetha Rathbone, Alicia Chase

- I. Call to Order - 5:06pm
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. November Minutes Approved.
- III. Public Comments
 - a. Jeff from St. Mary's Catholic Church was at the meeting and they are interested in forming a partnership between AN and the Church. The Church's Social Justice committee is exploring their options about how they can help us in some capacity.
 - i. Potential ideas included:
 1. Holiday Gift Drive help (providing physical space for our gift distribution)
 2. Back to School Supply Drive (hold a "backpack drive" for us)
 3. Snacks at School (sponsor the \$135/month cost at either the Elementary or Jr/Sr High School for snacks for students)
 4. After-school Transportation for Students (help to fund a late bus)
 - ii. Consider whether it's better for the Church to be an AN "fiscal" sponsor for specific needs rather than a collector/purchaser of physical items (much like AN does with the Deacon's Fund at the Presbyterian Church).
 - iii. Could this partnership be ecumenical (work with other congregations in the community)?
 - iv. Is the Church looking to help with a specific type of need (i.e.- kids, home repair, rent/heat assistance, etc.)?
 - v. Jeff is going to go back to his committee with these ideas and questions, and then get back to AN about how to move forward.
- IV. Finance Report
 - a. Current Total Balance: \$36,163 (Leatherstocking: \$33,305 and Wayne Bank: \$2,858)
 - b. Two deposits were made over the holidays totaling \$6,200.
 - c. Christmas gift giving expenses ~\$6,380, - wrapping paper, family shopping, gas and food gift cards.
 - d. Somehow WIX, the old website host auto-renewed in November. Erin will look into what happened and make sure it's canceled.
 - e. The United Methodist Church received a donation to their parish to be used for Christmas Gifts. They would like to donate that money to Angel Network to be used for our Christmas Gift Program.

V. Committee Reports

- a. My Neighbor's Closet
 - i. Jan Howard is donating uniform hangers to MNC.
 - ii. More gas cards were distributed over the holidays from MNC.
 - iii. Deb Taylor is going to help try to find more Saturday volunteers for the store, especially since Martha's cafe is about to open. Erin will send email looking for more volunteers.
- b. Holiday Gifts
 - i. The event was GREAT!
- c. Fundraising - No updates
- d. Grants
 - i. Miriam to talk to Whitney about the Stewart's Grant. Can we apply still?

VI. New Business

- a. Requests
 - i. Rent Assistance- A family has reached out to AN requesting rent assistance. Dad lost his job (but is actively looking for a new one). The family is one month behind on rent, \$975. AN has provided help in the past (AN provided them with grocery money in November 2022).
 - 1. Motion to approve the family for \$750. All in favor, none opposed.
Motion approved.

VII. Old Business

- a. President Vote: Vote tabled until next month. Miriam and Jess have agreed to continue as co-presidents for 2023.
- b. The Board should think about what other ways we can help the community in 2023.
- c. We need to recruit someone from CCS (teacher, social worker, guidance counselor, etc.) to be on the Board in 2023. A direct line of communication with someone working at the school and sitting on our Board would be ideal.
- d. Shelby Macleish is interested in joining the Board.

VIII. Next Board Meeting: Monday, February 6th at 5pm back at the Clark Sports Center.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 5:54pm