

Angel Network of Cooperstown

Board Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2023 at 5:00 pm

Those in attendance: Miriam Murray, Martha Clarvoe, Alicia Chase, Tabetha Rathbone, Jess Baker, Matt Monahan, Stephanie Ocegüera, Shelby MacLeish, Erin Rawitch

Call to order: 5:04pm

1. Approval of April Minutes – approved.
2. Committee Updates
 - a. MNC – Things are going well at the store. They are considering reducing the hours on Saturdays this summer due to having trouble getting volunteers. They will be getting an intern for 10 hours per week this summer, which may help.
3. Treasurer Report – attached presentation.
4. Old Business
 - a. MNC Rent – Updated rental contract has rent at \$200 / month for the year for My Neighbor’s Closet. All in favor, none opposed. Approved.
 - b. School Supplies – We need to work on getting the word out about school supplies earlier than last year. In addition, we should specify that these school supplies are only for families in the CCSD. Suggestions:
 - i. Include a flier in the “moving-up” packet that will go home with K-5th students at the end of the school year.
 - ii. Send multiple emails to current Angel Network families during the summer.
 - iii. Leave fliers at the school guidance dept for any new families registering over the summer.
 - iv. Contact Catholic Church in Cooperstown about doing a backpack drive for us. Miriam will reach out.
 - c. Requests for May
 - i. A family requested help paying for an Equine Camp for their child. The cost of the camp is \$425. Angel Network policy says that will cover 80% up to \$500. Voted to approve the 80% which is \$340. All in favor. None opposed. Approved.

- ii. A family has requested a Gas Card. Miriam is going to send them over to My Neighbor's Closet to pick one up, as we still have a few left from the Gas Card Drive.
- iii. A family has requested \$600 in rental assistance. This is not the full amount due for rent; they are only asking for a portion of what they owe. This family has requested Angel Network rental assistance once during this school year. Vote to cover the full \$600 (as it is not the total amount owed), but will also ask the family about their "plan" going forward to cover rent. Alicia offered to speak with them about programs that may help them with assistance. All in favor. None opposed. Approved.
- iv. Miriam received a new inquiry from a family needing rental assistance. She hasn't received the bill yet, so we will hold to vote until we have additional information from the bill.
- v. Campership update/ Hartwick Camp – Currently we have very few requests for help paying for summer camp. Hartwick Camp has a new Director, but has some approvals to undergo with the Health Dept before they can open. If for some reason the camp doesn't happen (due to not getting approval from the Health Dept) we may have more people asking for help with camp scholarships as parents look to find other options.

We had originally set a deadline of June 1st for any requests for help with paying for camp. Since we have so few requests to date, it was suggested that instead we vote on a set dollar amount to allocate to camp scholarships this summer. Vote to allocate \$10,000 in camperships for Summer 2023. This should cover camp for roughly 20 kids. All in favor. None opposed. Approved.

5. New Business

- a. Ommegang Mtg Recap/Volunteer Signup - Ommegang has offered Angel Network to partner with them to staff a Beer serving station at their big summer concert on August 25th (Pixies and Modest Mouse). Ommegang has a great plan in place for volunteer organizations who work these types of event. We need to find 55-60 volunteers (Ages 21+). Tabetha will recreate a document on the Google Drive that we can all fill in with volunteers that we know: Name, phone number and email.

We will need to decorate the beer tent. Matt will work on generating a QR code for tips. Cowbells? Gongs? Outfits? We will have the potential to make several thousands of dollars for Angel Network from this event.

- b. Summer Meetings – We will have a June meeting, but not one in July. We will then meet again in August. Alicia will check with the Sports Center about having our monthly

meetings in the Community Room for September forward. The meeting time will be adjusted to 5:30pm on Mondays starting in September.

- c. On May 22nd from 8:30-11am, the Community Foundation of Otsego Co. will hold a brainstorming session with other non-profits in the area at SUNY Oneonta. Shelby will be there with OCCA and will be happy to represent Angel Network also. If anyone else wants to go, let Miriam know and she will add your name to the guest list.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:05pm

Next Meeting: Monday, June 5th at 5pm at the Clark Sports Center