

Angel Network of Cooperstown

Board Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2023 at 5:33 pm

Those in attendance: Miriam Murray, Martha Clarvoe, Alicia Chase, Shelby MacLeish, Erin Rawitch, Melanie Boyer, Stephanie Ocegüera, Matt Monahan (conference call), Merrilyn (from Methodist Church), Jeff and Betsy (from St. Mary's Catholic Church)

Absent: Tabetha Rathbone, Jess Baker, Whitney Kay

1.) Approval of June Minutes – approved. All in favor, none opposed.

2.) Public Comments

- Merrilyn from the Methodist Church: The Methodist Church has a parishioner who wants to donate \$1000 to be used for clothing for children in need. An idea was proposed that perhaps this money could help cover the cost for winter coats for kids in conjunction with AN's annual holiday gift program? AN will revisit this idea in September/October when we start planning for the holiday gift program.
- Jeff Woepple from St. Mary's Church: The Social Justice Committee at St. Mary's Church generously donated \$1500 to cover the cost of new backpacks for our back to school drive. So far, AN was able to purchase 48 backpacks (for a variety of ages K-12) for \$1360. St. Mary's has offered to fund the remainder of the backpacks that we need (around 10) to cover all school supply requests. AN will send photos of the school supplies to St. Mary's when they are all put together. St. Mary's also offered to help with volunteers for both collating and distributing the school supplies.

3.) Financial Report for Summer Enrichment (Matt)- Matt will give us his update at our September meeting.

- AN received a \$200 donation from the local quilting club.

3.) MNC updates (Martha) – Chloe, MNC's summer intern who has worked over 100 hours this summer will be returning to college at the end of August. Martha and Stephanie would like to give Chloe a going-away gift. Board decided that a \$200 Amazon gift card was appropriate. Board voted: all in favor, none opposed. Martha will coordinate with Matt to get the gift card to Chloe.

4.) Old Business

- School Supplies
 - 58 kids (14 MS/HS and five 6th graders)
 - Location/time: Saturday, August 26th 8am-10 am (stuff the backpacks) 10am-1pm (families pick up). Will tentatively schedule for the Cooperstown Elementary School, but St. Mary's has offered us space as well.

- Volunteers – will need 6 -7 people to help collate and distribute the supplies on August 26th. St. Mary's has offered to help with volunteers.
 - Miriam will send reminder email to families
 - Martha and Alicia will go through the lists of both leftover school supply inventory at MNC and the grade level school supply lists and figure out what we still need to purchase. Martha has offered to go to Walmart and Miriam to Albany to get any supplies that we need. Stephanie also said she'd help with shopping. Online shopping is also an option, since we have time.
 - Erin will send out an email asking people for new or gently used donations of backpacks and athletic bags to be brought to MNC.
- Ommegang Concert Update (Melanie)
 - Angel Network now needs to provide 100 volunteers (up from original 50-60).
 - We currently have about 40 volunteers. Ommegang has offered to reach out to their own list of volunteers to help us find more people to help. Melanie is going to contact Ommegang and ask them to help with their volunteers.
 - Melanie would like to send an email to our current list of volunteers with initial info:
 - Be at Ommegang no later than 3pm on Friday, August 25th to help setup and train for pouring.
 - Wear an **Orange** tshirt and closed toe shoes. Bring an additional change of clothing as you may get quite wet from pouring beer. Melanie will make stick on nametags for all volunteers.
 - There will be designated volunteer parking (actual location TBD).
 - The show is scheduled to begin at 7pm and will end by 11pm.
 - Food trucks will be available for food purchases.
 - Carpooling is encouraged!
 - 6,500 people expected to be at concert.
 - Miriam volunteered to be at Ommegang by 2pm/2:30pm to help check in the volunteers.
 - Other responsibilities will be helping to check people in and helping to escort VIP ticket holders to their designated area.

- Miriam, Alicia and Stephanie will work on creating signage for the event with our AN logo and QR codes so that people can give us tips via Venmo and Zelle, as well as cash. Erin will email out the AN logo.
- Wednesday, August 16th at 4:30pm AN will hold an internal conference call just for this Ommegang event.
- If needed, we can also hold a conference call on Monday, August 21st at 5:30pm. Will wait to schedule this meeting until after the August 16th meeting.

Save the Dates:

Sept 11th- Next Board meeting @ 5:30pm Clark Sports Center

Sept 16th - 8am-12pm Savannah Bananas Baseball Parking (Railroad parking lot). Will need a few people to help park cars, maybe in shifts? Martha has small sandwich boards that we can use for parking signage.

6:50pm meeting adjourned